

## Resident Scholars Program 2017 - 2018



2012-2013 Resident Scholars meeting. From Right to Left: Felicia Lucht, Alina Cherry, Yuson Jung, Walter Edwards, David Fasenfest, guest, Zach Brewster and Jennifer Olmsted.

### Eligibility

All full-time faculty in the humanities, arts, and related disciplines are eligible to apply, including those who are on sabbatical for all or part of the academic year.

### Funding

Each resident scholar will be eligible to apply for up to \$800 to support his or her approved project. The resident scholar may use this money for travel to conferences to report on his or her approved project, or for payment for research assistance. This amount will be prorated for residents who are appointed for periods shorter than one full academic year.

### Conditions

Each Resident Scholar must agree to:

1. Establish office hours at least twice a week for a minimum of three hours per session; or three times per week for two hours per session. *This is the central requirement of the program since it provides the opportunity for residents to interact frequently and, thus to influence each other's work and develop collaborative projects.*
2. Spend his/her office hours working on his/her research project, or interacting with other resident scholars having office hours.
3. Participate in roundtable sessions with other residents when these are arranged.

### Application

Applicants should submit three (3) copies of a proposal with the following content no later than July 7th, 2017.

1. A description of the project that the applicant would be working on during the period of his or her residency.
2. A statement indicating how the residency would enhance the professional career of the applicant.
3. A commitment to keep regular office hours throughout the residency.

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**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017**

The Humanities Center of Wayne State University announces the continuation of its Resident Scholars Program. The aim is to create a community of humanities and arts faculty from different disciplines working in the same physical space at roughly the same time. Such an arrangement could facilitate the formation of valuable research networks and promote interdisciplinary collaborations and joint grant applications. Resident Scholars meet periodically to share progress, experiences, and emerging conclusions from their research or creative work. Resident Scholars will also be expected to keep office hours at the Center, making research collaboration possible. The program should be attractive to all full-time faculty, but faculty on sabbatical leave should find it particularly appealing. Each office is equipped with a personal computer, and office furniture. Additionally, resident scholars have access to a network printer, the internet, a photocopier, and a fax machine. The Center also has a conference area.

### Testimonials

*"Thank you for an extraordinary year as a Resident Scholar of the Humanities Center. During my year's leave, you and your staff have provided an interdisciplinary home away from my home in the History Department. Regular conversations with other resident scholars—like Avis Vidal, Sarah Swider, Alisa Moldavanova, and Stine Eckert have enriched my own scholarship. Having an urban planner, a labor sociologist, a journalism professor with a specialization in social media, and a specialist in public administration read my work, opened by eyes to a variety of different intellectual perspectives on my current project. I also have enjoyed the challenging monthly seminars when each of the scholars presents work to the group. Finally, although I have often attended and presented at the Humanities Center's brown bag series in the past, this year I made a special effort to attend a wide array of brown bag presentations, and enjoyed an intellectual feast. Finally, thank you for the quiet space to think and to write. The combination of time and space, enabled me to co-author a report on civic engagement in Michigan, write a chapter on citizenship in Detroit for a volume on *The Changing Meaning of Citizenship*, edited by Bryan Turner and Jürgen Mackert and to be published by Routledge, to edit a volume on governance and citizenship (in progress) and advance research on a study of citizenship in 21st century Detroit."*

Marc Kruman, Professor, History & Director, Center for the Study of Citizenship

*"My residency at the Humanities Center allowed me to complete my research project examining the communicative complexities and processes related to implementing resource management policy on the ground, in the U.S. Arctic. Communication is a vital part of negotiating the seemingly intractable conflicts of environmental policy—building productive collaborations among stakeholders, deliberating political and economic policy, and designing effective messages for broader publics. The findings of this study should benefit informed decision-making not just in the Arctic, which is a key strategic and environmental resource for the U.S., but in other fragile systems affected by climate change (e.g., the Great Lakes region). During my residency, I analyzed the gathered qualitative data (in-depth interviews, field notes from participant observations, and policy texts) with my research assistant, and compiled a research paper for submission to a scholarly conference and academic journal. A white paper was presented at the monthly meetings of the Humanities Center Residency Scholars, and at a research colloquium organized by the Department of Communication."*

Rahul Mitra, Assistant Professor, Communication

*"It is hard to describe how wonderful my year as a Resident Scholar at the Humanities Center has been. Having returned from a sabbatical conducting fieldwork on accountability institutions in Mexico to new service and teaching responsibilities in my department, the Humanities Center provided a quiet space - and an uncluttered office - where I could focus on my research and writing. My commitment to spend two mornings a week in the Center allowed me to carve out time to keep my research moving forward. I met colleagues from across the campus and gained a new appreciation of the depth and breadth of the work we do at Wayne. I benefited from their generous and insightful interdisciplinary feedback on my own work, found new opportunities for collaboration and made new friends. Walter Edwards and the staff and program assistants create a warm and supportive environment. My only regret is that I did not apply to be a Resident Scholar sooner!"*

Sharon Lean, Associate Professor, Political Science