Center for Regional Studies
2017- 2018 UNM Graduate Fellowships

Spanish American Digital Collections Fellowship (2 positions)
Latin American Collections
The University of New Mexico

The Latin American Collections (LAC) offers a post-custodial Spanish American Collections graduate student research fellowship. This fellowship continues a tradition of partnering with international archives and organizations to make important Spanish-language historical documentation available through UNM. They modernize this precedent however, by enabling an open access environment that adopts a post-custodial archives model. This model replaces physical acquisition of documents with digital management of materials that remain in the custody of their creators.

LAC oversees collection development in Spanish and Portuguese language texts and in Latin American, Chicano and American studies. It also provides advanced bibliographic instruction and research mentorship to UNM scholars in these programs. In addition, this library program oversees events such as exhibits and colloquia. To enhance access to and knowledge of unique resources at UNM, LAC collaborates with the Center for Southwest Research (CSWR) and Special Collections on acquisitions and processing, and with campus programs like the Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAII), the Center for Regional Studies (CRS) and the Southwest Historical Research Institute (SHRI).

Duties and Responsibilities
The Spanish American Digital Collections Fellow will assist the Curator with the following:
- Specialized collection development requiring work with non-UNM partners
- Spanish to English metadata creation
- Content DM uploads
- Collaborative project development in lecture series, exhibits or workshops

This multifaceted position addresses an important need for building post-custodial collections that facilitate access to digital surrogates (rather than Photostat copies like those acquired historically) of documents held elsewhere by UNM partner institutions. The purpose is to make shared collections available across national boundaries in an open access platform at UNM. These projects build on already established collections' strengths at UNM addressing topics like the Mexican Revolution, Spanish Colonial relations, and UNM programs in Latin America and the Southwest. They are the perfect marriage of special collections and instructional partnerships.

Terms of the Award
The award is for $15,000. The fellow will work 20 hours each week during the fall and spring semesters including finals week. University-wide holidays are excepted. The fellows are required to give a short research presentation in Spring 2018 relating to the work accomplished during the fellowship.

Participation in this fellowship will benefit the successful candidate by strengthening his/her critical interdisciplinary thinking skills while placing him/her within a broader discussion of collections ownership and access. This level of involvement in digital collections creates for the fellows a tangible example of their work within academe, contributing to their success after graduation. Any publication that evolves out of this work will credit the fellows as co-authors. The project will also enable the fellows to interact with and understand the importance of collaborative projects highlighting archival collections and initiatives.

Selection Criteria

Required:
- Graduate student at UNM (currently enrolled in good standing) in residence at the University of New Mexico
- Knowledge of Spanish-language documents, Dublin Core metadata and Content DM
- Research and writing skills; a short (1-3 pages) writing sample is required
- Excellent communication, organization and time management skills in English and Spanish
- Legal authorization to work in the United States

Preferred:
- Knowledge of concepts in Language Literacy and Socio-Cultural Studies or Linguistics or History
- Experience working with library print and electronic materials (ContentDM)
- Experience with collaborative projects/events management
- Basic knowledge of or interest in learning basic HTML encoding practices

Application Requirements
- Letter of application specifically addressing the selection criteria
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's academic and work experience; letters should include telephone numbers for verification
- Copy of a recent research paper (first 1-3 pages only)
- Applicant's resume/curriculum vitae
- Completed application form

Request additional information and/or send your completed application packet to:
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Deadline for receipt of application is Friday, June 30, 2017

(All fellowship awards pending final budget approval before fall semester)