The Department of American Studies and the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program is seeking a Graduate Assistant for the 2020-2021 academic year. This graduate assistant will serve as an editorial assistant for the academic journal, Transgender Studies Quarterly (TSQ). The University of New Mexico, is the new home of the academic journal Transgender Studies Quarterly (TSQ) published by Duke University Press.

What is TSQ?

Over the past two decades, transgender studies has become fertile ground for new approaches to cultural analysis. TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly offers a high-profile venue for innovative research and scholarship that contest the objectification, pathologization, and exoticization of transgender lives. It publishes interdisciplinary work that explores the diversity of gender, sex, sexuality, embodiment, and identity in ways that have not been adequately addressed by feminist and queer scholarship. Its mission is to foster a vigorous conversation among scholars, artists, activists, and others that examines how “transgender” comes into play as a category, a process, a social assemblage, an increasingly intelligible gender identity, an identifiable threat to gender normativity, and a rubric for understanding the variability and contingency of gender across time, space, and cultures. Major topics addressed in the first few issues include the cultural production of trans communities, critical analysis of transgender population studies, transgender biopolitics, radical critiques of political economy, and problems of translating gender concepts and practices across linguistic communities.

The graduate assistant will work 20 hours a week at .50 FTE appointment, for 10 months. Salary depends on classification, and includes a tuition waiver. The editorial assistant will be under the supervision of co-general editor of TSQ, Francisco J. Galarte. The editorial assistant duties include will providing support to the journal in the form of corresponding with authors, maintaining a log of journal submissions via the journal submission system, and maintaining the journal’s online web presence.

Start date: September 2020

Who is eligible: Graduate students who have demonstrated a knowledge or interest in Transgender Studies are eligible for this position. Excellent communication and advanced computer skills are required. Applicants should be prepared to correspond with a wide range of audiences via email, such as senior professors, junior faculty, graduate students, artists, activists and community members. Graduate students who are currently enrolled for a minimum of six hours in approved courses, have a 3.0 grade point average, and be within the time limit for degree completion.

How to apply: applicants should submit a letter of interest, a two–page CV, and the names and contact information for two references. The letter of interest should address the following: reasons for wanting to work on an academic journal; any prior editorial experience, a background (including coursework or research) in Transgender Studies; computer proficiency and organizational skills. Please include both telephone number and e-mail contact information. Preference will be given for those with a demonstrated interest in Transgender Studies, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and interdisciplinary programs.

Applications are due August 21, 2020

Send all materials to Dr. Francisco J Galarte via e-mail: galarte@unm.edu, For more information, email Dr. Galarte.