

**Application for the 2008 FMS Summer Seminar – July 28-August 8**

**“Thinking Transnationally: *Feminist Visions*”**

**Seminar Leaders: Beverly Guy-Sheftall and Chandra Talpade Mohanty**

**SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:**

Over the past several decades, feminists around the world have variously and successfully transformed lives, communities, and institutions. Nevertheless, questions of social and economic justice, identity and self-determination, psychic and social decolonization, and solidarity and alliance-building across class, race, sexual and national borders, remain at the heart of feminist work. This seminar explores interdisciplinary theoretical frameworks for addressing the above issues, focusing directly on the challenge academic researchers face to “*think transnationally*” without losing sight of local contexts and issues.

For a more detailed course description (and to download a 8 x 11 poster), visit [www.fmsproject.cornell.edu](http://www.fmsproject.cornell.edu)

The seminar will include workshops led by:

- **M. Jacqui Alexander** (Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Toronto)
- **John (Jack) Kuo Wei Tchen** (Asian/Pacific/American Studies, New York University)
- **Mark Anthony Neal** (African American Studies, Duke University)

Seminar members will participate in the two-day colloquium organized by the Future of Minority Studies Research Project on August 1-2.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Doctoral students who have completed at least two years of their Ph.D. work and junior faculty in temporary or tenure-track positions who are working on minority issues. Minority scholars and those who are at HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions are especially encouraged to apply. For the 12-14 scholars selected to participate in the summer institute, subsidy will be available to cover room, board, and (if needed) travel costs. FMS does not charge tuition or fees.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Application Form (2008ApplicationForm.pdf). All applicants must complete steps a. & b.
  - a. Complete the application form on Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Professional. Print the form (File → Print, or click the “Print Form” button on the top right). Sign, date, and mail the form to the following address:

Alice Cho, Coordinator  
FMS Summer Institute  
250 Goldwin Smith Hall  
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- b. Click the “Submit by Email” button. Select your email option. You will then see an email message from you to [fmsproject@cornell.edu](mailto:fmsproject@cornell.edu), with your data attached in .xml format. Enter your last and first name in the subject heading of the email, and Send. Ignore the generic text that may show up in the body of your email.

\* Please note that you cannot save a completed copy of the application form with Adobe Reader; you may only save your data from Acrobat Professional. If you complete the form on Acrobat Reader, you may want to print an extra copy for your records.

2. In addition, send **BY EMAIL (AS ATTACHMENTS)** to [fmsproject@cornell.edu](mailto:fmsproject@cornell.edu) the documents listed below. To facilitate the collation of your materials, please include the following subject line in each email you send to us containing application materials: LAST NAME, First Name: Application for FMS Summer Institute.

**Statement of interest:** Attach a one to two-page double-spaced essay outlining your scholarly interests in minority studies and indicating how you would benefit from attending the FMS Summer Institute. Please be as specific as possible.

**CV:** Please attach a short curriculum vita (two-page maximum), listing relevant publications and teaching (if applicable).

**Writing sample:** Attach a writing sample that is indicative of your interest in minority studies and of your research and writing ability. Graduate students may send in papers written for a course they have taken. Recent PhDs and junior faculty should consider sending a 15-20 page section of a dissertation chapter or a pdf of a published article.

**Letters of recommendations:** We need two confidential letters of recommendation from faculty members who can speak knowledgably about your scholarly abilities as well as your interests in minority studies. Indicate the names, institutions, and email addresses of your two recommenders on the application form. Please arrange to have the two letters sent directly by your recommenders via email to [fmsproject@cornell.edu](mailto:fmsproject@cornell.edu). Ask your recommenders to include the following subject line (with your name) in the email they send to us containing your letter of recommendation: LAST NAME, First Name: Application for FMS Summer Institute.

**RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS NOTED ABOVE: JANUARY 15, 2008**

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