The Future of Minority Studies Research Project

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SEMINAR
Theory from the Periphery: Minority Struggles for Social Justice

SEMINAR LEADERS

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In this two-week, intensive summer seminar, we will be concerned with analyzing, evaluating, and producing theory from the perspective of minorities struggling for social justice. Some of the questions we will ask include: How can theorists both develop theory praxically and extrapolate it to larger contexts? How do we move from individual experiences to larger social meanings? How might we analyze broader social movements while attending to individual subjectivities? How do our social contexts affect our personal choices? The readings for the course will be drawn from the disciplines of sociology, philosophy, literary theory, and psychology, and will feature such thinkers as Linda Martín Alcoff, Manuel Castells, Daniel Little, Maria Lugones, Walter Mignolo, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Satya Mohanty, Tobin Siebers, Julia Sudbury, Rosemarie Garland Thomson, and Alison Wylie.

The seminar incorporates two workshops, one taught by the poet, essayist, and activist Minnie Bruce Pratt (Syracuse University), and the other jointly led by the social psychologists Hazel Markus, Dorothy Steele, and Claude Steele (all from Stanford University).

Seminar members will participate in the two-day colloquium organized by the Future of Minority Studies Research Project on July 28-29.

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 twelve 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 deadline: December 20, 2005.

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