Center Seminar for Graduate Students

The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College invites applications from graduate students interested in the intersection of interfaith dialogue and social or economic justice. The Center seeks participants in the Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology) and the Humanities (Classical Studies, Romance languages, English, German, History, Philosophy, Theology), as well as the professional schools (including seminaries).

Poverty and the Poor, Between Justice and Charity: An Interreligious and Inter-Disciplinary Exploration

The seminar fosters interreligious and interdisciplinary dialogue among graduate students studying the issues of poverty, charity, and justice as they have been developed in each of the three Abrahamic faiths. It strives to highlight arenas of cooperation, how these have been or may be theorized, and how this might shed light on contemporary efforts both to confront poverty and to build a culture of inter-religious collaboration. Its goal for the 2016-2017 academic year is to build foundations for the broader task by selecting and analyzing the most relevant theoretical accounts on poverty and uncovering instructive instances of inter-religious cooperation related to work with or on behalf of the poor.

Seminar participants may avail themselves of the following benefits:

- The opportunity to engage with students of diverse religious and disciplinary backgrounds and share your ideas in a supportive and collaborative environment.
- An annual stipend of $1,250.

Responsibilities of seminar participants include a commitment to:

- Attending monthly seminar meetings during the 2016-17 academic year.
- Leading up to two seminar’s sessions over the course of the 2016-17 academic year.
- Contributing to an ongoing discussion about the seminar’s activities and projects.
- Attending the events organized by the Center during the 2016-17 academic year.
Application Procedure

Applicants should submit to cjlearning@bc.edu the following materials:

- A brief statement of interest including how the applicant feels he or she can contribute to the work of the seminar.
- An updated resume or curriculum vitae.
- University or seminary transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
- A writing sample no longer than 20 pages.

Applicants should be aware:

- The success of this seminar requires that:
  - All three Abrahamic faiths be represented.
  - Material not necessarily available in English be made accessible to participants.
- This means that selection preferences can be thoroughly decoupled neither from the religious or cultural background of the applicant nor from his or her linguistic skill set (e.g. knowledge of Latin, Romance languages, German, Hebrew, Arabic, Farsi, etc.).
- Though students from nearby institutions are encouraged to apply, preference must be given to Boston College students.
- Ph.d students will also be given preference.

Deadline

Application materials should be submitted to cjlearning@bc.edu by August 22, 2016.