Attention Graduate Students: Apply to be a Graduate Teaching Fellow in the IHC Prison Correspondence Course, deadline 6/1/18

The Interdisciplinary Humanities Center seeks graduate students to work as instructors in a correspondence program on “Foundations in the Humanities” for people incarcerated in California Men’s Colony and Kern Valley State Prison. The curriculum for the course consists of short works of fiction, poetry, and essays.

Graduate Teaching Fellows will work with the IHC Director and meet four to five times during the year to read and discuss research on prison education and to discuss course goals, pedagogical techniques, and best approaches to evaluating and responding to participants’ work. Each Teaching Fellow will work with up to ten participants and provide written comments to participant response essays.

Instructors in the “Foundations in the Humanities” program will have an opportunity to explore issues of civic engagement and social justice, as well as to gain experience teaching in the humanities, working with non-traditional students, and alternative course delivery. Graduate Teaching Fellows are also asked to participate in the public programming series for the 2018-19 academic year by attending at least four events in the series, most of which will be held at 4 pm on Thursdays.

Graduate Teaching Fellows will receive a stipend of $750 for the year, for a cumulative 35 hours of work. Fellows must have prior teaching experience in humanities courses in which they have provided critical feedback on student essays devoted to close reading. To apply, please submit a CV and letter of application expressing your interest in the project and describing relevant prior experience to ihcucsb@gmail.com by Friday, June 1, 2018. Please also have a faculty member submit a letter of reference that speaks to how this work will support your graduate studies, the quality of your responses to student assignments, and your reliability. Recommenders should send their letters directly to ihcucsb@gmail.com by Friday, June 1. Please feel free to contact IHC Associate Director Erin Nerstad at nerstad@ihc.ucsb.edu with any questions about this program.