

Robert Penn Warren Center

FOR THE HUMANITIES

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William S. Vaughn Visiting Fellowship

“Pre-Modern Others: Race and Sexuality”

Co-directors: **Professors Leah Marcus** (English) and **Holly Tucker** (French)

The Warren Center will host a year-long faculty seminar to consider issues relating to race and sexuality from the classical period through 1700. While there has been broad interdisciplinary scholarship in modern constructions of race and sexuality, the problems and possibilities of imposing more recent theories on earlier periods are only beginning to be addressed. How (if at all) can we talk about racial and sexual identities in pre-1700 cultures? To what extent are Eurocentric models challenged by non-Western evidence and theory? What are the particular interdisciplinary advantages of considering pre-modern race and sexualities together?

The Warren Center invites applications from scholars in all disciplines whose lively presence will help to focus our work and stimulate discussions. The seminar meets weekly and will allow the visiting fellow ample time to pursue a major research project. The visiting fellow and the Vanderbilt faculty fellows will shape the program. We envision that some of the seminar's participants will concentrate on issues of race, while others will engage primarily in a study of pre-modern sexuality, but the fact that the two are considered together will give participating fellows the opportunity to consider a range of valuable research tools, theories, and methodologies that they might not otherwise have assimilated into their own particular field of inquiry.

The visiting fellow is provided with a spacious office within the Center's own building. The fellowship pays a stipend of up to \$40,000 and provides \$2,000 in moving expenses.

For more detailed information and application forms, please contact:

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Completed applications must be postmarked by January 18th, 2005

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