
SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS (2009) IN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY AND POLICY, CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Center for Contemporary History and Policy <www.chemheritage.org/about/about-cchp.html> at the Chemical Heritage Foundation <www.chemheritage.org/index.html> in Philadelphia seeks proposals for summer fellowships in the Environmental History and Policy Program <www.chemheritage.org/about/about-cchp-environment.html>. While in residence, fellows will conduct research projects contributing to the program's project, "Controlling Chemicals." Outcomes will include the completion of a white paper to be published in the program's series, "Studies in Sustainability", as well as the identification and compilation materials to be included in the web-based home for the project.

"Controlling Chemicals"

The focus of the Environmental History and Policy (EHP) Program's "Controlling Chemicals" project is to explore the ways in which societies seek to achieve a balance between the production and use of chemicals and the inherent risks they may pose to human and environmental health. Through historical and contemporary analysis, we aim to understand the various ways in which societies seek to exert control over chemicals in production and use.

We aim to make our studies immediately available in formats that will allow a variety of user groups to utilize the results. The white paper is our more formal mode of communication (see, for example, "Assessing Community Advisory Panels" <www.chemheritage.org/pubs/Assessing-Community-Advisory-Panels.pdf> and "New Chemical Bodies" <www.chemheritage.org/pubs/New-Chemical-Bodies.pdf>"). This research report is designed to be produced and delivered individually, offering access to the specifics of a research project. Environmental History and Policy white papers are published within our series, "Studies in Sustainability".

We are also constructing a web interface that will allow users to explore more organically the diversity of materials relevant to the control of chemicals. The website will offer users the opportunity to access a collection of materials brought together from a variety of sources as well as the ability to explore the nuances of our case work in a multi-media format.

Research and Proposals

Fellows will be tasked with developing materials appropriate for the Controlling Chemicals project, including the writing of a white paper (5000-7500 words) on a topic related to their own work and assisting the program staff with identifying and collecting materials for a web-based version of their project (e.g., maps, interviews, videos). Fellows will present their work to the EHP group and other members of the CHF community at the end of their tenure.

Suggested themes and topics include:

- Industry/market-based initiatives developed in response to or to obviate the need for government regulation of chemicals;
- The role of community activism in garnering support for regulation or used because of a lack of regulations;
- Initiatives undertaken by scientists/engineers to re-design for safety;
- Cases exploring government initiatives that lead to regulations or other means by which chemicals could be controlled;
- Case studies that examine collaborations between two or more groups (industry, government, communities, scientists/engineers) involved in the regulatory process; and
- Cases focused on the role of NGOs in these processes.

We welcome applications/project proposals from researchers at all stages of their careers and from a diversity of fields: STS, sociology, anthropology, history, philosophy, environmental or science policy, science and engineering.

Additional Details

The White Paper

each fellow's research will be published in the "Studies in Sustainability" series. Both print and electronic versions will be produced. Fellows will retain the copyright to their materials and will be encouraged to publish the results of their research in other scholarly outlets.

Duration, Community, and Support

In an effort to create an atmosphere of collaboration and community, fellows will serve in residence for 10 weeks of the summer. Fellows will receive access to working space as well as CHF research libraries and tools. EHP fellows will be welcomed into the broader CHF community <www.chemheritage.org/research/research-nav3.html> of fellows and scholars.

Fellows will receive a modest stipend to support the individual's expenses. No other support (e.g., travel) will be available.

While CHF cannot guarantee housing for fellows, we do offer support in searching for appropriate accommodations.

Application

To apply, please send 1) a two page cover letter that includes a description of the proposed project and how it fits within your current research activities; and 2) a one page CV. For graduate students, please arrange to have one letter of recommendation sent directly to the CHF.

Proposals (and recommendations) should be submitted electronically to Jennifer Dionisio (jdionisio@chemheritage.org). Please direct questions to Jody Roberts, program manager (jroberts@chemheritage.org). All materials should be submitted by 15 April 2009. Decisions will be made no later than 1 May 2009.

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW TO WORK ON TOPICS RELATED TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND AFRICA

The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-range Future invites applications for a post-doctoral research fellow to work on topics related to human development and Africa. The research fellow will help develop an Africa-focused research program at the Pardee Center, around the theme of Africa 2060. We are interested in candidates with strong analytical skills, substantive knowledge and experience, and an interest and ability to study continent-wide (or sub-regional), longer-range trends and prospects in human development in Africa.

The post-doctoral research fellow will have the ability to develop his/her own research projects (including collaborative initiatives) and will conduct original research, produce scholarly publications, and disseminate findings at the Pardee Seminar Series and other venues. The research fellow will also be expected to participate in other Pardee Center research activities and to participate in the general intellectual life of Boston University. A range of human development issues with a focus on Africa can be pursued, including global and regional trade, governance, human security, food and agriculture, energy, technology, health, or knowledge.

Applications for the research fellowship are welcome from recent recipients of PhD or equivalent degrees. In special circumstances applications from advanced ABD doctoral candidates may also be considered. The post-doctoral fellowship is a full-time position for up to twelve months. Boston University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Candidatures will be considered until the position is filled. Please submit a letter of intent and research interests, a CV, samples of written work, and names of three academic references to: Lindsey Jones (jonesli@bu.edu), Center Administrator, Pardee House, 67 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215.

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