



Don Kelly Research Collection of Gay Literature and Culture Fellowship Announcement

Fellowship in all aspects of LGBTQ Studies: *From history through the visual arts*

The Texas A&M University Libraries/Cushing Memorial Library Archives (CMLA) and the College of Liberal Arts are proud to announce the Don Kelly Research Fellowship for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The fellowship is for a period of three weeks to three months for work based on resources within the Don Kelly Research Collection of Gay Literature and Culture housed in CMLA. Research topics can include, but are not limited to, the following areas relative to the LGBTQ communities: pulp fiction, literature, film, protest movements, culture, art, popular literature, serials, international, Andy Warhol, beat poets, artist books, race, and gender.

Fellowship stipend: \$500/week, from \$1,500 (three weeks) up to \$6,000 (three months) for the duration of the fellowship. The amount is taxable. Any expenses incurred beyond the amount of the fellowship are the responsibility of the fellow.

Benefits of the Fellowship: The CMLA Don Kelly collection contains national and international topics related to the LGBTQ communities. Fellows will have work space provided and supervised stacks privileges will be available, along with photocopying and other imaging capabilities. The library is well-regarded by various scholars throughout the world. Please visit cushing.library.tamu.edu for further information about the library and its collections.

Requirements:

- Fellowships are open to scholars and artists, including independent scholars, whose research area focuses on LGBTQ issues covered in the Don Kelly collection.
- Strong preference will be given to applicants who live at least 60 miles away from College Station. The Texas A&M University System employees are not eligible.
- Successful candidates will hold at minimum a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a field relevant to their desired fellowship research topic.
- The fellowship is for a period of three weeks to three months. Please specify the desired fellowship length in your application.
- Fellows will be expected to work at the Cushing Library at least four full days each week, for the duration of their fellowship.
- Fellowship is for research purposes and for individuals only.


- Applicants must be citizens of the United States or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident.
- A background check is required.
- **Applications are due December 2, 2016, and awardees will be notified by December 16, 2016.**

The 2016-2017 Fellowship residencies will take place between February 6 and August 31, 2017. Applications will be reviewed by the Fellowship Committee:

- Dr. Leroy Dorsey, Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives & Graduate Instruction, Department of Communication
- Rebecca Hankins, Curator, Women's and Gender Studies, CMLA
- Dr. Francesca Marini, Associate Dean for Special Collections and Director, CMLA
- Dr. Krista May, Associate Editor, World Shakespeare Bibliography

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit completed applications, via email, or in PDF format, to DonKFellows@tamu.edu, comprised of the following:

- Application checklist (use form provided).
- A cover letter.
- A concise and well-written proposal of 500 to 1,500 words, single-spaced, 12-point font. Please detail how the Don Kelly collection is critical to the candidate's project. Provide concrete examples of materials to be used over the course of the fellowship. The Don Kelly collection is currently being cataloged, but a list is available at: <http://www.librarything.com/profile/donkelly68>. When discussing use, please keep in mind that some materials are copyrighted. Please discuss how the project is relevant to LGBTQ studies or advocacy.
- A one-page plan and time-line outlining expected deliverables. Please specify the desired fellowship period (between three weeks and three months).
- Up-to-date résumé or CV, including a list of prior publications, if applicable. Arts applicants should include between one and three representative examples of their work (i.e., performance programs, recordings, photos, writings, etc.).
- Names and contact information of two references.
- Two signed letters of recommendation sent directly to DonKFellows@tamu.edu, by the December 2, 2016 deadline. Letters should speak to the applicant's qualifications and research or artistic agenda.
- A brief budget on how award funds are to be spent. GSA Per Diem rates are listed at: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>; please enter either College Station or Bryan, Texas. Information about College Station: <http://www.cstx.gov>; information about Bryan: <https://www.bryantx.gov>. Public transportation is effective around the Texas A&M campus, although there are fewer buses available during the summer months.



Applications will be judged on the basis of project significance, work plan, relationship to the applicants' interests, and relevance.

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Expected outcomes:

- A public lecture or presentation at Texas A&M University, on the Fellow's topic of research, to be delivered at the end of the residency, in agreement with the Fellowship Committee.
- A one-page outline of activities.
- Within a year from the completion of the fellowship, Fellows are expected to submit a full report. The report should discuss how the fellowship helped them in their work, and outline outcomes to date: for example, conference presentations, publications, performances, etc.
- If additional products are subsequently created, Fellows should supply a copy of any publications resulting from their fellowship work: book, journal article, etc., for the Cushing Library's holdings. Artists should provide digital copies of artwork or other evidence of work produced.

Fellows are expected to acknowledge the Fellowship, in print publications and other products, using the following language: "This [publication, performance, etc.] was supported by the [year] Don Kelly Research Collection of Gay Literature and Culture Fellowship, co-sponsored by the Texas A&M University Libraries/Cushing Memorial Library and Archives and the Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts."

For inquiries, please contact Rebecca Hankins at rhankins@library.tamu.edu or Dr. Francesca Marini at fmarini@library.tamu.edu.