2006/2007 Warren Center Fellows Program

“Between Word and Image”

The Topic. The 2006/07 Fellows program at the Warren Center will examine the topic “Between Word and Image.” The project directors are Carolyn Dever (Professor of English) and Gregg Horowitz (Associate Professor of Philosophy).

The seminar will provide the opportunity to explore the cognitive, social, and affective spaces between word and image where fields of scholarly inquiry are being reconfigured. Participants will explore questions such as: How are shifting social and cultural relations between word and image transforming critical practices in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences? What are the key differences among the diverse strands of contemporary inquiry into the relation of word and image? What guiding questions bind these diverse strands of inquiry into shared scholarly projects? What is at stake in maintaining current disciplinary distinctions even as scholars of the relation of word and image profit from the flexibility afforded by interdisciplinary practices?

The Program. Each year, the Warren Center sponsors a Fellows program with a particular thematic focus involving VU faculty members and one year-long visiting fellow. Fellows meet weekly and may have offices in the Center. In some cases workloads can be adjusted in consultation with the department and the Dean. Individual research funds in the amount of $4,000 are available to the selected participants. In addition, program funds provided by the Center can be used by the group for visiting speakers, conferences, or other appropriate, program-related expenses. The seminar provides an unusual opportunity for faculty members with a variety of specializations to work cooperatively on a common issue in a sustained manner.

The Participants. The Warren Center operates under the aegis of the College of Arts and Science, and in past years participants in its Fellows program have been almost exclusively faculty members from within the College of Arts and Science. Although the majority of the participants in the 2005/2006 program will also come from the College, we also encourage participation from faculty members from the other divisions of the University. We seek applications from our colleagues in the other schools, and look forward to welcoming individuals from those units as Warren Center Fellows.

Application Process. Applicants should send to the Warren Center a copy of their vita and a statement of one or two pages in which they describe the relation of the topic to their own scholarly work. Applicants should also notify their department chairs. Applications are due by Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

Questions? If you have questions about the program or the application process, feel free to contact the Warren Center (343-6060) or the program co-directors Carolyn Dever (carolyn.dever@vanderbilt.edu) or Gregg Horowitz (gregg.horowitz@vanderbilt.edu). You may also speak with the Center’s director, Helmut Smith (helmut.w.smith@vanderbilt.edu) or the executive director, Mona Frederick (mona.frederick@vanderbilt.edu).

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