

COLLEGE FELLOW IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Harvard University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Position Description: The Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, an interdisciplinary honors program in the social sciences at Harvard College, seeks applications for a College Fellow to join our intellectually vibrant undergraduate program. Our faculty are drawn from disciplines across the social sciences, history, and philosophy and share a commitment to the pedagogical goal of equipping our students with the critical capacity to investigate and analyze human action in social contexts. Central to this endeavor is the study of social theory. All of our students have a shared foundation in understanding how major thinkers over time have grappled with central questions of how societies are produced and transform. Additionally, all Social Studies students write a senior honors thesis and center their academic inquiries around a primary topic, idea, or social phenomenon that they explore through interdisciplinary coursework and develop in discussion with their academic adviser.

The College Fellow will teach one tutorial in Social Studies 10, our yearlong course for sophomores on social theory, and one Social Studies 98, a semester-long junior seminar ('junior tutorial') focused on a social scientific or historical topic that also provides instruction in primary source research. This is an open search, but we are particularly interested in candidates who both have a strong background teaching social theory and can also teach and/or advise students on how to conduct empirical research on topical areas including urbanism, social movements, education, inequality, postcolonialism, climate and technology, or migration and diaspora.

The appointment is expected to begin on July 1st, 2024. Besides teaching, the Fellow will advise one senior thesis and serve as an academic adviser. Additional responsibilities include contributing to other academic needs of the program, such as attending faculty meetings and departmental events and participating in our thesis grading and oral examination processes. Twenty-five percent of the appointment will be reserved for the Fellow's own research.

College Fellow positions are for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year after a successful first year review. For more information about Social Studies, please visit [our website](#).

Basic Qualifications: Doctorate in the Social Sciences, History, or Philosophy required by the time the appointment begins. Candidates are required to have a Ph.D. or an equivalent terminal degree by the expected start date. The program is limited to applicants who have received their Ph.D. no earlier than 2020.

Additional Qualifications: Demonstrated excellence in teaching and advising undergraduate students is desirable. Candidates whose research covers transnational approaches or global perspectives are particularly welcome.

Special Instructions: Please submit the following materials through the ARIeS portal by January 7th, 2024: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/12877>

1. Cover letter
2. *Curriculum Vitae*
3. At least one and up to three junior tutorial proposals. Each proposal should include a course title, 2-3 paragraph description, and list of books to be consulted.
4. A full set of teaching evaluations for at least one course, including a summary page if available. Please limit total teaching evaluations to 10 pages.
5. Names and contact information of three references (three letters of recommendation are required, and the application is complete only when all three letters have been submitted)
6. A letter from your dissertation chair confirming that you will receive your Ph.D. by June 30th, 2024.

The health of our workforce is a priority for Harvard University. With that in mind, we strongly encourage all employees to be up-to-date on CDC-recommended vaccines.

Harvard is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, protected veteran status, disability, genetic information, military service, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, or other protected status.

Contact Information:

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