Visiting Scholar
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
Northeastern University
Call for Applications, Academic Year 2023-2024

Each year the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) program at Northeastern University hosts a group of 1-3 competitively selected scholars to be in residence at the University for a period of one academic year. The unfunded program is open to scholars of all disciplines and ranks who have obtained their terminal degree and who would enjoy working in an interdisciplinary environment that encourages critical feminist exploration addressing intersections of gender and sexuality with race, class, nation, religion, ability, and a wide range of social justice issues. The WGSS program at Northeastern (www.northeastern.edu/wgss) has a vibrant feminist community, an active undergraduate minor, and an established graduate certificate program. We collaborate closely with the Graduate Consortium in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality (GCWS), a group of nine area institutions of higher education, housed at MIT. Northeastern and the WGSS program are the editorial home of Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society (http://www.signsjournal.org).

Scholars in Residence provide their own financial support during the residency, though the program may support modest research expenses such as conference travel or registration; undergraduate student research support can also be arranged. Scholars will have access to the Northeastern University library and to shared office space (so long as public health protocol permits) and email privileges. They are invited to participate in all program events and to collaborate with colleagues through research clusters, reading groups, a feminist writing collective, and seminars. We connect each scholar with a faculty liaison to help integrate them into the feminist community on campus and in Boston.

Scholars are expected to engage with the Northeastern campus community and the public on their ongoing works-in-progress during their residency, via a public presentation or workshop with curated and invited colleagues, intended to assist the scholar in furthering their work. There are no formal obligations outside of this public presentation, and scholars are welcome to attend any events, reading and writing groups, or other community programs during their time at Northeastern. Scholars are in residence from September 2023 to May 2024, but are welcome to remain in residence throughout the summer of 2024. Of course, we will monitor the public health protocols surrounding COVID-19 and may adjust expectations of residency based on public health guidelines. Decisions regarding the residency expectations will be made with plenty of advance notice.

Applications should include a current curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page letter describing the research activities the scholar will conduct during the residency, and 2 letters of reference. We may, as the process develops, request writing samples as well. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2023. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of WGSS faculty, including program director Professor Suzanna Walters.

Send all materials by email attachment to:

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