Critical Sexuality Studies Course Development Grants Summer 2013

Purpose: After more than a decade offering courses on LGBT issues, last spring the Gender and Women’s Studies Program developed a new minor in Critical Sexuality Studies (CSST). To encourage the development of new courses for the minor, The Gender and Women’s Studies Program is offering a summer stipend to provide faculty and departments with funds for curriculum development. Grants provide support for faculty interested in expanding the (inter)disciplinary range of courses at UMBC that offer critical perspectives on sexuality as it is lived, theorized, narrated, etc. Funding is for course creation, revision, and implementation of courses to be taught in Winter/Spring/Summer/Fall 2014.

Eligibility: All full-time UMBC faculty. The faculty member will participate in a 1-2 hour interdisciplinary workshop on the CSST curriculum in the following year.

Amount: $3,000 summer stipend

Review Process: Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the CSST curriculum subcommittee of the Gender and Women’s Studies Program, which includes affiliated and core GWST faculty.

Criteria: Proposals will be reviewed for:

• Quality of the proposed course
• Significance to the field of Critical Sexuality Studies
• Whether and how it expands upon existing courses (for the full list, please visit http://gwst.umbc.edu/csst-minor/)
• Availability of faculty to offer the course in the 2014 calendar year
• Sustainability of the course

To apply: Complete the attached application and submit it by April 19, 2013 by email to the Director of Gender and Women’s Studies at elle@umbc.edu.
Critical Sexuality Studies Minor
Course Development Application
Summer 2013

We are excited that you are interested in developing a course to be included in the Critical Sexuality Studies minor offered within the Gender and Women’s Studies Program. Below are a set of questions we ask you to address and materials we ask you to provide in application for the Summer 2013 Course Development Grant. For best consideration, please submit your proposal to elle@umbc.edu by April 19th.

We ask that courses designated GWST be informed by contemporary gender and women’s studies scholarship, and courses that will count for the Critical Sexuality Studies minor be informed by LGBT, queer, and sexuality studies scholarship. We also recommend that courses reflect the complexity of political, social, and cultural life. To that end, the stipend is provided to support the development of faculty expertise. We would thus appreciate it if you would send us the following:

I. Course Description: Attach a brief (approx. 100-words) course description defining the purpose, content, and interdisciplinary nature of the course.

II. Preliminary Course Outline:

A. the course description.
B. your information as the instructor.
C. the major topics/themes/components to be covered in the course.
D. student learning outcomes.
E. a “representative” list of texts, media, articles, etc. that will be used in teaching the course.

III. Field Statement:

A. a brief description of your background and preparation for teaching a CSST course.
B. a brief description of how the course focuses on gender and sexuality in your discipline.
C. a brief statement of how this course will integrate insights of feminist and queer scholarship.
D. any additional materials that might help in assessing the course’s suitability for inclusion in the CSST curriculum.

IV. Support Statement: Attach a brief statement of support from your department chairperson indicating that the department will offer the course on regular basis.

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