

Call for Applications, Post Doc position with the Borders and Boundaries Research Team, University of Pennsylvania, 2023-2024

The Borders and Boundaries Project is concerned with boundaries between organized human communities, broadly understood. International borders, border regions and border crossings have multiple significance as designations of state authority, security buffers, expressions of social meaning and opportunities for economic integration.

Border regions and activities speak to national and local encounters with neighbors and the rest of the world. This project is concerned with how humans demarcate the space between “us” and “them.” It contextualizes border architecture, infrastructure and institutions as expressions of various social, political and economic anxieties associated with globalization. This research team will concern itself with a broad range of questions relating to “bordering” in world politics. The project team is run by [Professor Beth Simmons](#), Andrea Mitchell University Professor in Law, Political Science, and Business Ethics.

Research Postdoctoral Fellowship

Applicants with an interest in territorial politics; migration and movement across borders, especially in the context of climate change; development in and across border regions; border-related law, cooperation, and institutions; transnational crime, human trafficking and law enforcement across borders; and related issues are welcome to apply.

Qualifications

Applications are welcome from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees since June 2022, or who expect to complete their degree by June 2024. Theoretical thinking is highly valued. Skills in empirical spatial analysis, GIS technologies, mapping technologies, experimental analyses, computerized textual and imaging analyses, and similar technologies are a plus, as are computer programming skills and experience using large computer databases and statistical software.

Responsibilities

The postdoctoral fellow will split their time between their own research and Borders & Boundaries project research. Postdoctoral fellows will be expected to work 25% of their time on project research. There are no mandatory teaching responsibilities. Postdoctoral fellows will be expected to give a presentation during the academic year in the Perry World House Seminar Series, engage with Perry World House’s Undergraduate Student Fellows, and attend regularly scheduled seminars. Perry World House will also introduce each postdoctoral fellow to related faculty and leaders of centers and institutes at the University of Pennsylvania.

Application Instructions

Applications will be reviewed starting Monday, January 25, 2024. To receive full consideration, applications and letters of recommendation should be received by that date. To apply, please go to <https://apply.interfolio.com/137505>. Applicants will be asked to complete a short form as well as upload a cover letter, CV/resume, one-page research statement, writing sample, unofficial Ph.D. transcript (only required for current graduate students), and contact information for a letter writer, who will be asked to submit a confidential letter of recommendation through Interfolio.

General Information

Upon proof of conferral of the Ph.D. degree, all postdoctoral fellow positions pay a stipend of \$65,000 plus relevant fees and health insurance. The position also provides \$4,000 in research support.

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