

## Faculty International Travel and Course Development: South Asia

The College of Fine Arts, the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, and the College of Arts and Sciences seek applications from faculty members to develop course modules on South Asia.

The Southwest Michigan Educational Initiative on the East Indian Ocean (SMEIEIO) is a new program funded by the Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Grant directed under Alexander Cannon, Assistant Professor of Music of Music History and Ethnomusicology in the College of Fine Arts; and Jane Blyth, Interim Associate Provost and Executive Director of WMU's Haenicke Institute for Global Engagement.

Over three years, the SMEIEIO will provide a foundation at Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College to support more extensive scholarship, research, and teaching on South Asia and Southeast Asia.

For 2017-18, the SMEIEIO will focus solely on South Asia. This region holds present day states on the eastern side of the Western Indian Ocean: Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, India, Burma, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Maldives Islands, and Sri Lanka.

For the faculty training aspect of the SMEIEIO, we will select four applicants in a competitive university-wide search. The successful awardees will receive the following benefits for developing South Asia-centered content in existing courses:

- I. Training in India, December 8-22, 2017, paid for by the SMEIEIO
- II. \$2,500 honorarium for course development resources
- III. Course development guidance under two faculty members who specialize in the academic study of South Asia

Successful applicants will be required to:

- I. Attend two mandatory meetings per month over Fall 2017 at a mutually agreeable time.
- II. Read assigned texts.
- III. Produce three detailed and annotated course modules or units to fit into existing courses, due May 31, 2018.
- IV. Obtain permission from chair and college dean to be absent for finals week.

Course development topics will widely encompass the following issues:

1. Travel and trade
2. Governance, (post-)colonialism, and capitalist expansion
3. Religion and sovereignty
4. Hindu and Sufi textual practices

Dr. Carol Anderson, Kalamazoo College, Dept. of Religion and Dr. Nathan Tabor, WMU, Dept. of History, will facilitate curriculum development and lead the trip to India.

To apply, please submit a two-page letter of interest detailing your present and developing courses and how they could benefit from a greater understanding of the academic study of South Asia. Be sure to detail your goals, background, and research interests.

The SMEIEIO seeks scholars from across disciplines.

Send any questions and letters of interest to [nathan.tabor@wmich.edu](mailto:nathan.tabor@wmich.edu).

Deadline: May 31, 2017