

Clarke Forum Theme / Faculty Seminar Series

In the interest of promoting a vibrant intellectual culture at Dickinson, we are inaugurating a semester-long faculty seminar series. Each of these faculty seminars will operate in conjunction with a new one-semester Clarke Forum theme.

These seminars, which will be interdisciplinary, and, whenever practicable, cross-divisional, are intended to facilitate faculty interaction with one another as intellectuals and encourage scholarly achievement. Each seminar will be convened around a topic sufficiently broad to speak to and draw from a number of different fields, research agendas, and teaching interests.

The theme of each semester's faculty seminar will also be the Clarke Forum theme for that semester. Seminar participants will work with the Clarke Forum to select four outside speakers to complement both the seminar and Clarke Forum programming. In most cases, these speakers will participate directly with the seminar in some fashion as well as deliver a typical Clarke Forum public lecture.

Seminar proposals will be solicited a year in advance and selected by a subcommittee of the Research and Development Committee. One of the criteria that the subcommittee will use in its selection process is the suitability of the topic as a Clarke Forum theme.

To ensure that proposals have broad faculty support, group proposals will have preference over proposals by individual faculty members. There will be a maximum of ten participants per seminar; each will receive a stipend of \$1000. Seminar texts will be provided.

Although formal, semester-long participation in the seminar is limited to ten, seminars can, if the participants wish, open their sessions to other members of the Dickinson community. The first faculty seminar will take place during the spring 2013 semester. Proposals are due January 15, 2012.

A proposal for a faculty seminar should include a 250-word description of the topic, including a rationale for why the topic is well-suited to cross-disciplinary scholarly inquiry and curriculum enhancement, a list of the faculty who are interested in participating in the seminar, and the names of five potential speakers who might be invited to campus as Clarke Forum speakers and guest seminar participants.

You should send proposals to the Clarke Forum at clarke@dickinson.edu. If you have questions, please contact Cotten Seiler, American Studies, or Harry Pohlman, current executive director of the Clarke Forum.