

Documentary History of Black Studies

The Proposal: We want to recruit you to begin a documentary project on your campus — where you are a student, doing research, or perhaps your alma mater, etc.

There are many options:

- Class assignment
- Work study, student research assistant
- By product of an existing or past research project
- One format for a (auto)biographical documentation
- Collaboration with the campus library
- Honors project

The Incentives:

- Your work would be of great historical importance, and have a long shelf life.
- It would provide a by line on a research monograph
- We are providing \$300 for each of the first 10 project proposals accepted
- There would be great visibility in the profession of Black Studies
- Important companion volumes for studies of a particular campus

DO NOT DELAY

Deadline for Fall 2010: May 1, 2010

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DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF BLACK STUDIES

Recording the History of African American Studies

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After 40 years of success we are proposing a collaborative research project to gather a comprehensive documentary history of Black Studies. Every story needs to be told, campus by campus, and generation by generation. In the spirit of the slave narratives we are reaching out to the 500 or so institutions that have ever had some kind of Black Studies program. It is time to gather the primary documents and historical trend data to institutionalize a national data set that empirically describes the Black Studies project.

Project: Gather 300-400 pages of documentary evidence of Black Studies on a specific campus

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What have we done so far?

We have been generating empirical information on the discipline of Black Studies:

Degree programs nationally

<http://eblackstudies.org/su/complete.pdf>

Degree programs in New York

<http://eblackstudies.org/ny/alkalimat-new-york-complete.pdf>

Degree programs in California

<http://eblackstudies.org/ca/complete.pdf>

Black Studies journals

<http://eblackstudies.org/may2009/draftentry.html>

Given these national trends, we are now digging into the trenches and focusing on the Black Studies experience campus by campus. We want to turn this history upside down – let our feet talk for a change.

We started this project with a team of four graduate students in Department of African American Studies @ the University of Illinois UC. Each of them has compiled and edited a campus volume that is posted as a PDF <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/14913>

Northwestern University

University of Illinois @ Springfield

Loyola University

South Suburban Community College

We are in the first year of a three year project to do 20 institutions in the state of Illinois.

Your invitation to participate ...

Send an email to mcworter@illinois.edu that answers three questions:

- **What campus experience will you document?**
- **What is your relationship to this campus/ Why this campus?**
- **When would you do this research?**

Please join us in this great historical project.

See back page for more information.