

Announcing the fifth year of "OASIS-Orientele American Studies International School," a one-week school that will take place at Università Orientale's conference center on the island of Procida, off the coast of Naples, May 24-May 29, 2020.

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Seminar leaders (afternoon seminars):

Jonathan Arac (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
Jane Desmond (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA)
Donald E. Pease (Dartmouth College, USA)

Compact seminar: "How to Get Published"

Gordon Hutner (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, editor of *American Literary History*)

We invite applications from doctoral students, recent Ph.D.s, and junior faculty in American Studies, English, Comparative Literature, and related fields.

The school will run from Sunday to Friday, included. Every day will feature 2 plenary 45-minutes lectures from distinguished scholars in the morning, each followed by discussion, and afternoon sessions, which will be devoted to presentations of participants' individual research projects, followed by discussion. Participants will be divided in seminar groups of about 10, each led by a scholar. One afternoon will feature a compact seminar on "How to Get Published" offered by Gordon Hutner, editor of a major American literature journal. Program space will be also devoted to plenary discussion of participants' papers. Lunch will be catered and consumed on site, followed by a short break for rest and group conversation: we thus hope to build a friendly intellectual atmosphere and constructive dialogue among the participants.

The fee for the School (covering registration, tuition, housing, breakfast, and lunch) is **€ 620 for the whole week**. Accommodation will be provided in residences and B&Bs in downtown Procida (in double rooms or shared apartments, depending on availability; the fee covers a maximum of 7 nights, starting May 23). Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses. Fees will be due on arrival or payable by national or international money order to the school administration. Depending on financial resources, **one fellowship** covering tuition and accommodation will be awarded. Preference will be given to applicants outside of Italy who are unable to get funding from their own institutions.

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2020; successful applicants will be notified by **March 31**. Applicants who need early notification in order to apply for visa and/or funding are advised to mention that explicitly in their application, specifying the latest date by which they need formal notification of acceptance.

Applications should include:

- a current CV
- a two-page abstract of applicant's dissertation or book project, including a description of the section to be presented and discussed during seminars
- the name and contact of a referee
- information about the candidate's eligibility/non eligibility for funding from own institution

Please send all of the above materials (PDF or Word format) to oasis@unior.it .

OASIS is a project inspired by the Futures of American Studies Institute at Dartmouth College, and aiming to create a similarly vibrant and generative institutional venue for the younger generations of American Studies students and scholars. OASIS is the first school of its kind in Italy; it is also the first such school to be held in southern Europe, and it is hosted by a university whose unique tradition of transnational dialogue with and focus on non-European cultures can be traced back to the eighteenth century. By establishing an American Studies school at "L'Orientale," and by convening it in a Mediterranean island such as Procida, we hope to create a venue that is attractive to American Studies scholars and students not just from Italy but from the Mediterranean area at large. We especially hope that our school may prove attractive to Americanist students from the nearby Arabic countries of North Africa and the Middle East. By bringing together scholars from different areas of the world and at different stages of their career, we hope to create the conditions for a productive, truly global dialogue in American Studies.

More info at: www.oasis.unior.it