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Mini-Grants for Race, Gender Studies Available

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Aug. 15, 2008) – Multidisciplinary outreach is paying off at the University of Kentucky, as the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, in its fifth year of offering mini-grants to support faculty research, has branched out this year to co-sponsor a mini-grant with the African American Studies and Research Program (AASRP). In addition to the co-sponsored mini-grant, AASRP and CRVAW will offer their own individual mini-grants.

“The mini-grant program is an exceptionally important part of CRVAW's mission to facilitate interdisciplinary research across the campus of UK. We are particularly pleased that this year's program allows us to support the tremendous potential of junior faculty and that it also provides us a first time opportunity to join AASRP in focusing on the intersection of race, gender and violence,” said Carol E. Jordan, assistant provost and director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women.

This is the first year for the African American Studies and Research Program mini-grant program, and faculty from all areas are invited to apply.

"As a means of expanding research and knowledge specific to the myriad issues impacting African Americans, African American Studies and Research Program is chartering new ground by offering mini-grant opportunities. This is an exciting opportunity for two very important research units to explore mutually relevant issues," said Sonja Feist-Price, AASRP director.

Mini-grants from both the CRVAW and AASRP offer an award of \$15,000 designed to support research over an 18-month period. The grant opportunities, open to UK faculty from any college and discipline, are as follows:

Co-sponsored mini-grant from AASRP and CRVAW

- To focus on the intersection of race, gender and violence against women of color
- Application deadline of Sept. 30, 2008
- For more information access the websites of either program:
www.research.uky.edu/crvaw/ or www.uky.edu/AS/AASRP/

CRVAW mini-grants for junior faculty

- To focus on issues surrounding violence against women, including but not limited to: criminal justice and the legal aspects of violence against women; the health or mental health effects of victimization; substance use and the victimization of women; the impact of adult violence on children; incidence and prevalence of abuse among underserved populations; and human trafficking or other global implications of violence against women.
- Available to faculty at the rank of assistant professor or recently promoted associate professor
- Application deadline of Sept. 30, 2008
- For more information visit <http://www.research.uky.edu/crvaw/> or contact Carol Jordan, CRVAW director, at carolj@uky.edu.

AASRP mini-grant for junior faculty

- To focus on issues of importance to the African-American community, including but not limited to: criminal justice and the legal system; health or mental health issues; substance use and abuse; low academic achievement; incidence and prevalence of abuse among underserved populations; and/or policy implementation and modifications that positively impact African Americans.
- Available to faculty at the rank of assistant professor or recently promoted associate professor.

- Application deadline of Sept. 30, 2008
- For more information visit <http://www.uky.edu/AS/AASRP/> or contact Sonja Feist-Price, AASRP director, at smfeis@uky.edu.

This is the fifth year the mini-grant program has been offered by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. In previous years, the center has funded projects in the departments of Psychology and Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences; the departments of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine; the Department of Oral Health Science in the College of Dentistry; the Gerontology Program in the College of Public Health; the College of Social Work; and the College of Communications and Information Studies.

The AASRP seeks to promote research that expands knowledge on the implications of race, class, gender, culture, politics, and law pertinent to people of African descent. Their primary mission is to promote interest and opportunities to enhance the well-being of African Americans through research, scholarship and public service. In an effort to enhance what we know about African Americans, and discern ways of positively impacting their welfare, AASRP awards mini-grants to faculty across colleges to support small research projects.

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