2014–2015 Working Groups

The Obermann Center Working Groups program provides space, structure, and discretionary funding for groups of faculty and advanced graduate students with a shared intellectual interest. Groups have used this opportunity to explore new work and to share their own research, to organize a symposium, and to develop grant proposals. This program allows participants from across the campus and beyond to explore complex issues at a moment when cross-disciplinary collaboration is crucial to address shifting domains of knowledge and a rapidly changing world.

To apply to lead an Obermann Working Group in the coming academic year, please send a description of your topic that concisely explains its significance and your desired objectives for the group, a CV for the director or co-directors of no more than 2 pages, and a list of probable participants to obermann-center@uiowa.edu.

For an application checklist go to: http://obermann.uiowa.edu/programs/working-groups
Eligibility

• At least one director must be a UI tenure or tenure-track faculty member, a clinical faculty member, or a P&S staff with a terminal degree in an area related to the proposed topic.

• Upper-level graduate students may serve as co-directors or participants.

• Current Working Groups may reapply; the application should indicate that yours would be a continuing group.

Recent Working Groups:

• **Intergenre Explorations**
  Lisa Heineman, Co-Director (History and Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies); Kim Marra, Co-Director (Theatre and American Studies)

• **Women’s Health and Empowerment**
  Kimberly Leslie, Co-Director (Obstetrics & Gynecology); Michael O’Hara, Co-Director (Psychology)

• **Art, Humanities and Technology Interdisciplinary Collaborative**
  Jon Winet, Director (Art & Art History, Digital Studio for the Public Humanities)

• **Circulating Culture**
  Mary Lou Emery, Director (English)

Award

The director or co-directors of the Obermann Working Groups are selected by a group of UI faculty, including members of the Obermann Advisory Board, based on the promise of the proposed topic to attract a committed group who will benefit from meeting monthly. The award includes time and space at the Obermann Center, some administrative support, and up to $1,000 in discretionary funds.

To learn more about the Obermann Working Groups, go to: http://obermann.uiowa.edu/programs/working-groups

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