

# **HBI SEMINAR SERIES – Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law**

## **January – May, 2013**

### **Guidelines**

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The HBI (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute) invites applications for its spring 2013 Scholar-in-Residence program on the topic "Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law." Up to three scholars will be chosen to be in residence while investigating topics related to this area of research. Scholars working on exploring conflicts between women's claims to gender equality and legal norms justified in terms of religious and cultural traditions, and those examining the status of women under religious law, either within a single tradition, or using cross-cultural or interdisciplinary approaches are invited to apply.

Senior and junior scholars, and activists, in the fields of law, social science, and religious studies are eligible for this semester long residency.

### **II Program structure**

This program will allow scholars an opportunity to pursue research using the resources of Brandeis University while engaging in dialogue with other Scholars-in-Residence and Brandeis faculty. Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, Director of the HBI's Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law, will lead bi-weekly group meetings. The semester will culminate in a concluding public conference.

Each Scholar-in-Residence will receive a \$3,000 monthly stipend to support her/his research. In addition, recipients will receive (shared) office space at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

Scholars-in-Residence will participate in the concluding public conference as well as present their research to the greater Brandeis community in individual talks. They will also contribute a working paper to the HBI's Donna Sudarsky Memorial Working Paper series.

### **III Eligibility Requirements**

Post-doctorate scholars at all stages of their academic career, and individuals with professional degrees, are welcome to apply. Applications (in English) from outside the United States are welcome. Open to applicants regardless of gender or religion.

### **IV Application Requirements**

Please submit each of the following items:

- a) Letter of introduction
- b) Project abstract (250 words maximum)
- c) Project proposal (750 – 1000 words)
- d) Literature review (if appropriate)
- e) Curriculum Vitae
- f) Three professional letters of reference
- g) One published writing sample (essay or article)
- h) Three suggested topics for a public and/or academic lecture (*note that these are only tentative topics and may be changed if deemed appropriate by both the HBI and the scholar.*)

**V Submitting Proposals & Deadline**

A. MAIL TWO HARD COPY PROPOSALS TO:

Debby Olins  
Program Manager  
The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute  
MS 079  
Brandeis University  
Waltham, MA 02454-9110

B. Proposal MUST also be sent AS AN E-MAIL ATTACHMENT IN MICROSOFT WORD to:  
dolins@brandeis.edu

**Deadline: Arrival at HBI Offices by 5pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2012**

**EACH PROPOSAL MUST BE COMPLETE AND FOLLOW THE PROPOSAL GUIDELINES.  
INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**For further information please contact Debby Olins, HBI Program Manager.  
(dolins@brandeis.edu)**

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