Navigating the Academic Job Search in Humanities and Fine Arts

Wednesday, March 23 - Campus Center – Room 162
12:00PM – 1:30 PM (Brown Bag Lunch)

Are you preparing for the academic job search and looking for tips to set you apart from the pack? Join our faculty panel discussion to get the “inside scoop” about the job search process and learn about the factors that influence candidate selection across a variety of institutions. Pre-registration is required: bit.ly/JobsHFA

Panelists

Mara Dodge, PhD
Professor of History, Westfield State University
Dr. Mara Dodge received her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997. She has taught U.S. History at Westfield State University for 14 years. Dr. Dodge’s research interests include labor history, women’s history, legal and constitutional history, and the history of crime and punishment. Her book, "Whores and Thieves of the Worst Kind": Women, Crime, and Prisons, 1835-2000, received an outstanding book award and was republished in 2006. For many years she coordinated the History Education program at WSU training secondary school history teachers.

Kim Hicks, PhD
Dean, Arts and Humanities Division, Holyoke Community College
Dr. H Hicks received her Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in American Literature and Composition Studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She began her career at Holyoke Community College in 1995, as an adjunct instructor in the English Department. She was hired full time at HCC in 1997, began working as the Coordinator of the HCC Honors Program in 2001, and became Dean of her academic division in 2013.

Daphne Lamothe, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, Smith College
Professor Lamothe received her Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of California at Berkeley and teaches African-American and Anglophone Caribbean literatures. She published Inventing the New Negro: Narrative, Culture and Ethnography in 2008. Her more recent publications and research focus on contemporary narratives of Caribbean immigration, focusing on transnational migration and urbanization as loci for ideas of black pessimism and futurity.

Manisha Sinha, PhD
Professor and Graduate Program Director of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Manisha Sinha was born in India and received her doctorate from Columbia University. Her research interests lie in early United States history, especially the transnational histories of slavery and abolition and the history of the Civil War and Reconstruction. She has published prolifically on these topics, including her most recent book The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition (Yale UP, 2016). In 2011, she was awarded the Chancellor's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on faculty at the University of Massachusetts and delivered the Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

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