Call for Applications for Post-Doctoral Fellows, Fall 2012
Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race and Politics in the South
Newcomb College Institute
DEADLINE: January 15, 2012

Tulane University's Newcomb College Institute is proud to support the development of the Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race and Politics in the South, led by founding director and Professor of Political Science Melissa Harris-Perry. One of its primary goals is to foster the professional development of outstanding doctoral students who are women and scholars of color. This position is intended for a scholar that has secured research funding and is seeking an academic home and professional mentoring. Additional funding is not available. Fellows will have access to office space, administrative support, and library access, as well as computer hardware and software. Post-doctoral Fellows will devote their energies to the further development of their own research agenda, yet will be encouraged to work collaboratively with faculty and their peers.

In the fall of 2011, Melissa Harris-Perry joined the Tulane University community. Her most recent book, *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes and Black Women in America*, is now available from Yale University Press. In her previous academic position, Harris-Perry taught politics and African American studies at Princeton University, and has carved out a name for herself in the public sphere as a columnist for *The Nation* and a regular commentator on MSNBC programs like The Rachel Maddow Show and The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell. Under her direction, The Anna Julia Cooper Project takes an intersectional approach to research and scholarship. The postdoctoral program is only a component, with other elements including student media projects, an endowed lecture series, and the development of a journal.

Ambitious in scope, the project is sponsored by Tulane’s Newcomb College Institute under the direction of Executive Director and Newcomb Endowed Chair Sally J. Kenney, another recent addition to Tulane. Kenney took on her role at NCI in January 2010. She was previously a professor of public affairs and law and the director of the Center on Women and Public Policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota where she ran a successful postdoctoral program on Race, Gender, and Public Policy and operated a special graduate concentration in women and public policy. Kenney is author of the forthcoming book, *Gender and Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter* (Routledge Press, 2012). Kenney is active in the Law & Society Association and interdisciplinary legal studies. She co-chairs a collaborative research network on gender and judging and looks forward to working with postdoctoral students interested in gender, race, discrimination, law, and politics.

Postdoctoral Fellows will have the opportunity to work closely with both these scholars, as well as to leverage the location of the campus for their own research. Tulane University is located in New Orleans, a city with tremendous historical and contemporary significance in America’s racial landscape. Tulane boasts many scholars working in what might be called Intersectionality studies, from historians who work on slavery, to public health scholars looking at Latina immigrants. This new program offers an opportunity to join this vibrant interdisciplinary community, connected with scholars as well as a vast network of other postdocs and visitors.
teaching in African and African Diaspora Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the traditional disciplines. Affiliated faculty includes Nghana Lewis and Beretta Smith-Shomade, as well as others committed to the production of knowledge on the intersection of race, gender and nation.

The Anna Julia Cooper Project in Gender, Race, and Politics in the South will position Tulane University at the forefront of investigations of politically meaningful identities and social cleavages in a way that will distinguish it from peer institutions. Inaugural Fellows would have the unique opportunity to be a part of this burgeoning effort while at the beginning of their academic career. For more information about the Newcomb College Institute and the Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race and Politics in the South, see http://tulane.edu/newcomb.

For consideration, please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and research proposal to Laura Wolford at lwolford@tulane.edu. Deadline for submission is January 15, 2012.