



**RESEARCH LECTURESHIP IN AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALERNO**

A.Y. 2010 – 2011

AWARD #0299 GRANT CATEGORY: Lecturing/Research

NUMBER OF AWARDS: 1

DEADLINE: August 1, 2009

DISCIPLINE: American Cultural Studies

SPECIALIZATION (s): American thought (Puritanism, Transcendentalism, issues of Multiculturalism, etc.) - multidisciplinary approach. See detailed description in GRANT ACTIVITY.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOLAR

Senior lecturer with teaching experience in graduate programs. Flexibility in lecturing to students for whom English is not their first language.

HOST INSTITUTION: **Università di Salerno**
Dipartimento di Studi Linguistici e Letterari
Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere

LENGTH OF GRANT: 3 to 4 months

GRANT START DATE: February 2011

GRANT ACTIVITY

As a lecturer in *American Cultural Studies*, the guest professor is required to interpret the most relevant qualities and explain the multifarious characteristics of American culture, using the most recent methodologies and tools of Cultural Studies. Stress should be put on the main currents of American thought (Puritanism, Transcendentalism, issues of Multiculturalism, and so on) which contributed to shape contemporary America. In a multidisciplinary approach, examples should be taken from the visual arts, literature, architecture, cinema and the performing arts in general. Lectures will thus be useful to specialists and non-specialists of American literature alike. The use of visual material will be highly appreciated. A multi-ethnic perspective will also be welcome, if time allows it.

The visiting scholar will lecture above all to graduate students attending the doctoral program in modern western literatures. Some students choose to specialize in American literature and culture, others do not; all of them, though, must have a good knowledge of the essential trends of American culture.

Other (simpler) lectures on the same topics will be addressed to undergraduate students of courses in modern western literatures and theatre which more or less correspond to American BA and MA courses. More specifically, such lectures will give a solid background to a few courses in English and American Literature which will be taught by Italian professors.

Much importance will be given to tutorials, student advising, paper correction, and bibliographical assistance to students writing their dissertations or graduation theses.

Lecturing assignment includes:

- One course for graduate students, 2 hours each Wednesday for three months (total=25 hours), about 15 students, lectures or seminars;
- Lectures to undergraduate students of other courses, 1½ hours each week (total=20 hours), about 40 students.
- Approximately 25 hours will be devoted to tutorials and student advising. If desired, all teaching activities can be organized with the assistance of Prof. Michele Bottalico.

DIDACTIC MATERIAL

Students usually purchase unexpensive books or use library books; faculty can make one xerox-copy of articles or short texts, from which students make copies.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ASSIGNED TO THE GRANTEE

The visiting scholar will be invited to participate in seminars and conferences organized by other professors of the University of Salerno.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Lecturing is in English. Conversational Italian is required.

AWARD AMOUNT

The grant amounts to €14.500. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of €12.000, a settling-in allowance of €1.000 and a travel allowance of €1.500. The grantee will be covered by Health and Accident Insurance for the whole grant period, provided by *United States Department of State*.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Candidates are not required to submit a letter of invitation from the University of Salerno.

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

Assistance will be given in finding accommodation. Furnished flat: € 6/700 per month; university lodging on campus will be available in 2011. Lunch at cafeterias on campus: €5 for full meal. Tennis courts, indoor swimming pool, etc. on campus at reduced price for faculty. Research facilities available in Salerno, Naples (1 hour by bus), Rome (2 hours by train).

ENTRY VISA TO ITALY

The Fulbright scholar will need to obtain a visa for study purposes (*visto per studio*) for the whole duration of his/her stay in Italy

CONTACT PERSON(S) AT THE HOST INSTITUTION (for applicants' questions about this award):

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