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**The Fulbright Chair in Italian Studies  
at the Northwestern University  
Department of French and Italian  
Academic Year 2018-2019**

**General Grant Information**

- Grant Length: Two quarters (ten weeks each)
- Requested Discipline: Interdisciplinary, including Italian Studies with any other field in the Humanities
- Specialization(s): Open specialization  
Past scholars have come from Art History, History, Philosophy, Cinema, and Comparative Literature. Other possibilities: Political Science, Classics, Gender Studies, Performance.
- Number of courses: Two, one undergraduate course per quarter (in English, or one in English and one in Italian)  
One public lecture
- Preferred Terms: Winter/Spring quarters 2019
- Since Northwestern is on a quarter system, Fulbright scholars typically visit for 2 consecutive quarters, Winter Quarter 2019/Spring Quarter 2019.
- Dates: January 8 - June 15, 2019
- Reporting date: January 1, 2019

**Language**

Good to excellent spoken English required.

**Grant Activity**

**Course 1**

- Focus: Course topic will be proposed by the scholar, in the scholar's specialty, and will preferably include some component including Italian Studies
- Type: lecture format; however, it includes in-class discussion
- Level: undergraduate
- Teaching load: 3 hours per week, entailing either three 50-minute lessons, or two 1 hour-20 minute lessons

Average class size: approximately 15.

Syllabus requirements: Syllabus should include a brief course description, learning goals, reading list, list of assignments, and a week-by-week outline of the readings and topics for each class session ready for students to consult on the first day of class. More detail will be provided upon request.

## **Course 2**

Focus: Course topic will be proposed by the scholar, in the scholar's specialty, and will preferably include some component including Italian Studies

Type: lecture format; however, it includes in-class discussion

Level: undergraduate

Teaching load: 3 hours per week, entailing either three 50-minute lessons, or two 1 hour-20 minute lessons

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No additional duties. Scholar is requested to provide 1 hour per week to meet with individual students by appointment. Scholar will be invited to give a talk on a topic of the scholar's choosing to faculty, students and the university community.

## **Opportunities offered to the scholar**

Abundant opportunities to meet and share with peer scholars depending on the scholar's interests and availability.

Fulbright Lecturer is warmly invited to seek out contacts and collaborations with other institutions.

Efforts are made to introduce Fulbright Lecturer to local and university community

Fulbright Lecturers have offered talks within the Northwestern community, at other academic institutions in Chicago, at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Chicago, and at other universities nationally

## **University Resources and Facilities**

Individual office, secretarial assistance, library facilities, access to computer network and other IT resources, access to university canteen, facilitated access to sports and cultural facilities. A personal computer can be provided if needed.

## **Housing**

Furnished rental housing available off-campus. Assistance provided to locate suitable housing. The Homestead Inn has typically been the preferred choice, as they offer studios and one-room apartments starting at \$1.700 per month.

## **Additional Benefits**

University ID card provides library privileges, free use of Evanston-to-Chicago shuttle bus. We have made no arrangement for educational benefits for dependents.

## **Stipend Payment**

Northwestern will pay \$9,000 via University payroll in six monthly installments for the term of the appointment (FY18: January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019) which covers the winter and spring quarters. The University will provide in addition a reimbursement fund of \$6000 for housing/research expenses.

The administrative requirements to be fulfilled by the grantee are confirmation of authorization to work in the U.S. and completion of the required payroll paperwork. Scholar will be required to obtain appropriate visa before entering the U.S. and a Social Security Number after arriving in the U.S.

For further information please contact Department Assistant, Liz Murray. (Contact information at the bottom of this form.)

<p><b>The Fulbright Commission will pay its financial contribution of \$9.000 to the Visiting Scholar in one lump sum upon his/her arrival in the United States.</b></p>
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## **Host Institution**

Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois, 60208

**Academic calendar:** Fall Quarter: September to early December; Winter Quarter: January to March; Spring Quarter: late March to 2nd week June. Fulbright scholar will be in residence during Winter & Spring Quarters teaching one course in the Winter and one course in the Spring.

[http://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/calendars/2018-19\\_University\\_Calendar.html](http://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/calendars/2018-19_University_Calendar.html)

## **Host School/Department/Center:**

Department of French & Italian,  
KRG2-375, 1880 Campus Drive,  
Evanston IL 60208,  
847-491-5490

**Web address of host institution:** <http://www.frenchanditalian.northwestern.edu/>

Helpful links: <http://www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/>

<http://www.frenchanditalian.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/italian/>

### **Primary contact person for applicants' questions**

Professor Domietta Torlasco, Associate Professor of Italian: [d-torlasco@northwestern.edu](mailto:d-torlasco@northwestern.edu)

### **Secondary contact person for applicants' questions**

Liz Murray, Department Assistant, [elizabeth.murray@northwestern.edu](mailto:elizabeth.murray@northwestern.edu)

### **Additional Information**

The distinguishing characteristics of the Northwestern Fulbright are interdisciplinarity and undergraduate teaching in English.

Interdisciplinarity: The courses offered by the scholar will be co-listed in two departments: in Italian, and in the department of the scholar's specialty. Northwestern Fulbright scholars have come from Social and Economic History (both modern and contemporary), Art History, Cinema, Comparative Literature and Philosophy; we are open to scholars from fields with which we have not thus far collaborated, such as Political Science, Classics, Social Sciences, Gender Studies, Performance.

Undergraduate Teaching: The Northwestern Fulbright is designed to put the scholar in touch with undergraduate students who may not yet have specialized knowledge in the scholar's field. The scholar will therefore be willing to present the course content in a way that is accessible to the sort of student who might be called a bright beginner.

We would be glad to provide more information upon request.

### **Current Italian faculty at Northwestern:**

Professor Alessia Ricciardi: <http://www.frenchanditalian.northwestern.edu/people/faculty/ricciardi.html>

Interests: French and Italian contemporary literature, cinema, political philosophy, psychoanalysis and gender studies.

Associate Professor Domietta Torlasco:

<http://www.frenchanditalian.northwestern.edu/people/faculty/torlasco.html>

Interests: film theory and practice, with a specific interest in European cinema, psychoanalysis, phenomenology, feminist theory, and time-based visual arts.