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## **Postdoctoral Fellowship in African American History**

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, in collaboration with the Center for Africana Research at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, invites applications for its residential Postdoctoral Fellowship in African American History. Funded, in part, by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Postdoctoral Fellowship provides one-year of research and professional development support for a recent PhD recipient in African American history or related fields. The fellowship is for 10-months starting August 1, 2016 and is non-renewable. Scholars who have completed their dissertation within the last five years are eligible; PhD must be in hand before the start date of the fellowship.

The Fellow is expected to reside at the Museum and at the University; to work closely with the Chief Curator at the Museum (on research articles and publications which disseminate information to the general public about the collections and exhibitions at the Museum); to give at least one presentation on her/his research project at each institution; to teach one undergraduate seminar at the University (to be offered in a special session); and to contribute to the intellectual life of the Museum and of the University. The Fellow will split their time between the Museum and the University (with approximately 80% of their time to be spent at the former). The Fellow will be housed in the Department of Africana Studies at the University, but will also be provided opportunities to build community with Baltimore and D.C. partners and to network with faculty and associates throughout the University. The Fellow will teach a spring 2017 course at the University.

Along with access to the collections and library resources held at the Museum and at the University, the Fellow will receive a stipend, health benefits, mentored scholarly/research and teaching training as well as courses and workshops to enhance their skills in research and in curatorial practice and collections, office space (at both institutions), a computer, and funding for conference travel and professional development.

While we prefer scholars with a research interest in the lives of African American Marylanders, the fellowship is not limited to applicants with this particular expertise and interest. We seek scholars with a broad interest in examining and interpreting the history of peoples of African descent. We especially welcome applicants who can contribute their talents to bridging the gap between scholars, the local community and two collaborating institutions. We also welcome

applicants who are committed to diversity in the academy, and who can assist the Museum's efforts to strengthen community engagement and intergenerational conversations.

**Stipend and Benefits:** \$72,000 salary over a 10-month period, including health insurance package. Additional \$4,000 in salary support for teaching and \$1,000 for research expenses.

**To Apply:** Submit application materials of a cover letter, c.v., three letters of recommendation, 1-page research proposal, 1-page statement of teaching experience and philosophy, official transcripts from graduate school, and a scholarly writing sample (no more than 30 pages) to Roni Jolley at [roni.jolley@lewismuseum.org](mailto:roni.jolley@lewismuseum.org). **Application materials must be submitted by April 15, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST.** Tenured and tenure-track faculty at the University of Maryland Baltimore County are not eligible to apply.

**About the Museum:** The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture is Baltimore's premier facility highlighting the history and accomplishments of African Americans with a special focus on Maryland's African American community. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum is the East Coast's largest African American museum occupying an 82,000 square-foot facility with ample permanent and special exhibition space, interactive learning environments, auditorium, resource center, oral history recording studio, museum shop, café, classrooms, meeting rooms, outside terrace and reception areas. The museum is located near Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the corner of Pratt and President Streets. The mission of the Museum is to be the premier experience and best resource for information and inspiration about the lives of African American Marylanders. Additional information about the Museum can be found at: <http://www.lewismuseum.org/>.

**About the University of Maryland Baltimore County:** UMBC, which is classified as a Research University (high research activity) by the Carnegie Foundation, enrolls nearly 14,000 students, including approximately 2,600 graduate students. UMBC is one of the 12 campuses of the University System of Maryland, and is located on 500 wooded, rolling acres just outside of Baltimore and about 45 minutes from Washington, DC. BWI-Thurgood Marshall International Airport is five minutes away, as are MARC Rail, AMTRAK and light rail stations. UMBC is especially proud of the diversity of its student body, and we seek to attract an equally diverse applicant pool for this position. We have a strong commitment to increasing faculty diversity, and encourage applications from women, members of minority groups, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. UMBC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Additional information about the University can be found at: <http://www.umbc.edu/>.