DATE: August 8, 2014
TO: Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs
FROM: Sarah C. Mangelsdorf, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
RE: Mellon New Directions Fellowships for faculty in the Humanities
     Nominations due: Wednesday, August 27, 2014

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has invited the University of Wisconsin-Madison to nominate one outstanding
faculty member for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowships. The purpose of the program is to
provide support for faculty members in the humanities who would benefit from acquiring systematic training outside their
own disciplines. Candidates are to be between 6 and 12 years from receiving their Ph.D. (i.e., degree received between
May 1, 2002, and June 30, 2008). Those named will receive approximately one year’s academic salary, two summers of
additional support at the equivalent of two-ninths of the previous academic year salary, and tuition or course fees or
equivalent direct costs associated with the fellows’ training programs. Funds may be expended over a period not to
exceed three full academic years following the date of the award.

The principal criteria for the awards are 1) the overall significance of the research, 2) the case for the importance of extra-
disciplinary training for furthering the research, 3) the likely ability of the candidate to derive satisfactory results from the
training program proposed, and 4) a well-developed plan for acquiring the necessary training within a reasonable period
of time. Mellon will select approximately 10 to 15 finalists to present to the Foundation’s Trustees.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate or nominate a candidate, please send the nomination information to
Laurie Mayberry in 117 Bascom Hall, or via e-mail to mayberry@wisc.edu. The packet of information should contain
the following materials:

1. A brief descriptive overview of the candidate’s research trajectory, his/her accomplishments to date, an outline
   of the proposed program of study, and the candidate’s plan for future research. (Maximum length 600 words.)

2. A proposal (maximum length 2,000 words) and a summary of the proposal (no more than 300 words).

3. A substantial letter of appraisal from the department chair (or other informed senior colleague) that describes the
   importance of the candidate’s proposed future research and evaluates the proposed program of study. A letter of
   recommendation from a colleague in the new field is optional, but would be welcome.

4. The candidate’s brief curriculum vitae (no more than 5 pages).

5. A proposed budget including salary and standard fringe benefits, projected training costs, project-related travel,
   and in certain circumstances (such as vital professional meetings and short site visits) lodging. No overhead or
   indirect costs are permitted, and no funding for staging conferences, symposia, seminars or events related to the
   project are allowed. (See: http://www.mellon.org/grant_programs/grantmaking-policies-guidelines/grant-
   proposal-guidelines)

Nomination materials are due to Laurie Mayberry in the Provost’s Office by August 27, 2014. A committee of senior
faculty will review the nominations and select one to be forwarded to the Mellon Foundation.

Please see the attached document for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mayberry at
262-5246 or mayberry@wisc.edu.

cc: Michael Bernard-Donals, Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff
    Laurie Mayberry, Assistant Vice Provost

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