

Lioneld Jordan Fellowship in Arkansas Labor and Working-Class History

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LAWCHA member Michael C. Pierce passes along a notice about an opportunity to study labor and working-class history in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Lioneld Jordan Fellowship includes \$500 in reimbursements for research and travel expenses in the Special Collections of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Special Collections at the University of Arkansas Libraries is now accepting applications for the Lioneld Jordan Fellowship in Labor and Working Class Studies, which conveys reimbursement of expenses for up to \$500 incurred while using Special Collections' materials related to Arkansas labor history, labor culture, labor education, labor lore, occupational folk life, trade union traditions, and worker culture, during the period of March 1, 2013, to February 28, 2014.

The fellowship is intended to encourage innovative study in the historical problems, identities, philosophies, and especially, the expressive cultures of working people in Arkansas. A special purpose of the fellowship is to support research that will result in publications (traditional or online) from scholars who are exploring important, innovative topics relative to the lives of working people that might fall outside of the parameters of traditional academic research and funding.

The stipend can be used for any purpose related to the research project, including reproduction of materials, oral history interviewing, and traveling and lodging. Documentation will be required for reimbursements. The successful applicant will be required to submit a final report within one month of completing the Fellowship.

Applicants may be from any relevant academic discipline, including but not limited to anthropology, art, communications studies, cultural studies, drama, English, folklore, geography, history, journalism, labor studies, literature, political science, sociology, or gender studies.

The Lioneld Jordan Fellowship in Labor and Working Class Studies was established to honor

the leadership and vision of Lioneld Jordan, the current mayor of Fayetteville, Ark. Jordan was an undergraduate student at the University of Arkansas, a carpenter with the university department of facilities management (previously known as the physical plant) for 26 years, president of Local 965 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, president of the Northwest Arkansas Labor Council, and an advocate for the interests of working families.

Applications should include the following:

- A written proposal, of no more than 1,000 words, describing the proposed research project and its significance
- The research question and methods to be used
- A projected timeline
- An estimated budget
- A preliminary bibliography
- Applicant's curriculum vitae

To apply, send all application materials in paper format to: Jordan Fellowship Committee, Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, 365 N. McIlroy Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701-4002. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2013 and Fellowship awards will be announced no later than March 1, 2013. For more information, please contact the Jordan Fellowship Committee at 479-575-5577 or specoll@uark.edu.

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