

Dear colleague:

I am writing today to ask that you encourage your students who intend to pursue graduate studies to apply to our program in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at the Ohio State University. This program offers specializations in Iberian Studies and Latin America in Literatures and Cultures, as well as Hispanic Linguistics. Our PhD program also includes a second area and minor in Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Cultures. I particularly hope that you will encourage any students interested in Spain, and Iberian studies, generally, to consider our program. We currently have nine faculty in Iberian studies, including specialists in the Classical period (medieval and Golden Age), and in the modern period (eighteenth- twenty-first centuries). The Graduate School is evaluating a proposal for an MA-PhD degree in Literatures and Cultures of the Portuguese-speaking world, which we hope to have up and running by AY 2012-2013.

The *Iberian Studies* MA and PhD program centers on the deep, historical interconnections between center and periphery in the literatures and cultures of the Iberian Peninsula, and on the global interconnections between Spain, Portugal, and the “rest of the world”, not just in the modern period but in the medieval and early modern periods; areas of interest include Transatlantic and Transoceanic Studies, Migration Studies, Galician Studies, Cultural Studies and Film.

Iberian Studies has recently hired Prof. Pedro Pereira to teach Portuguese literature and culture, as well as Luso-Brazilian topics. Prof. Jonathan Burgoyne (Medieval Studies, currently Associate Director of OSU’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies) was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

We offer graduate teaching assistantships to admitted students, which involve teaching one Spanish course per quarter. Stipends range from about \$14,535 to \$15,750 per year, and up to \$19,380 to \$21,000 if summer courses are taught (we have been able to guarantee summer teaching to most of our students in the past). The graduate school offers fellowships for exceptional students ranging from about \$17,400 to \$21,900 per year. In

addition to the above-mentioned stipends, tuition waivers are granted to all graduate students. The Department, the College, and the University also offer a range of competitive grants to support our students' research and professionalization. I invite you to direct your students to our website, <http://sppo.osu.edu>. They can apply online at <http://gradadmissions.osu.edu>. Of course, they are welcome to contact me directly at pereira.37@osu.edu.

Many thanks,

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