

THE ELLA DELORIA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Department of Anthropology is pleased to announce the Ella Deloria Undergraduate Research Fellowships: departmentally funded ethnographic research fellowships for Columbia Anthropology majors pursuing fieldwork during the summer between their junior and senior years. The fellowships are intended for research in preparation for writing a senior thesis or in connection with an independent study project. Awards will be made based on the quality of an applicant's proposal as well as an applicant's preparation for the proposed research. Resources permit fellowships of up to approximately \$1000.

While the Ella Deloria Undergraduate Research Fellowship program is designed to support research among Columbia Anthropology majors, it is intended as well as a way of honoring the memory of Ella Cara Deloria (1889-1971), member of a prominent Sioux family, a graduate of Columbia University (B.A. in education, 1914), one of the first truly bilingual, bicultural figures in American anthropology, and an extraordinary scholar, teacher, and spirit who pursued her own work and commitments under notoriously adverse conditions. (At one point she lived out of a car while collecting material for Franz Boas.) Her publications include the definitive linguistic works *Dakota Texts* (1932) and *Dakota Grammar* (1941), coauthored with Franz Boas; the ethnographic classic on Dakota culture, *Speaking of Indians* (1944); and the virtually avant-garde *Waterlily*, a novel/ethnography (begun in the 1940s but not published until much later, posthumously in 1988) which pushed the boundaries of academic writing: an "exquisite evocation, in novelistic form, of the life of a female Dakota (Sioux) in the mid-nineteenth century, before whites settled the plains. . . . An unself-conscious and never precious or quaint pairing of scholarship and fiction" (Kirkus Reviews). (See the "Notes on Ella Deloria" link for a more detailed biographical account.) It is to Ella Deloria's spirit that the Department of Anthropology's undergraduate research fellowship program is dedicated.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit a proposal articulating the purpose and significance of the project, the particular skills, experience, or studies the applicant brings to the project, and a detailed description of exactly how the project will be carried out. The proposal should include a project title as well as a brief budget; the complete proposal should be no longer than four double-spaced pages. Five copies of the proposal should be submitted to the designated box in the Department of Anthropology office (452 Schermerhorn Extension) no later than 1 pm Friday March 25, 2011.

Questions concerning this research fellowship may be addressed to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Pemberton (jp373@columbia.edu), or any other faculty member in the Department of Anthropology.