

Public Humanities Fellow Position at Wartburg

Sarah Lawrence College in partnership with Wartburg invites applications for a Public Humanities Fellow starting in August 2021. This three-year fellowship is funded by our recently awarded grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (<https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/news-events/news/2019-09-26-sarah-lawrence-awarded-1.2-million-mellon-foundation-grant-to-advance-civic-engagement-in-westchester-county-nr.html>)

This position will both enhance the work at the Wartburg and extend curricular and pedagogical innovation for the college.

The Public Humanities Fellow will lead several key pieces of work to help residents link their past with the future-to become more connected to their family members, staff and the wider world. Both storytelling, an ancient oral tradition for sharing personal histories and traditions and technology, a new medium to share stories, interests, music, and more will be integral to the work of the Public Humanities Fellow. Working closely with residents and staff members, initiatives will include; the development of an interactive, oral history program that includes a multi-media platform. Story-telling methods might involve writing, film, photography, theatre etc; the implementation of Soundmind, a virtual concierge system, a new technology (similar to Alexa), to keep seniors informed, engaged, and connected to their families, friends and wider Wartburg community. Technology will help to change the face of geriatric care for both staff members and for the lives of residents. We hope such initiatives will promote increased emotional health, social engagement and lifelong learning for seniors at Wartburg as we bring technology more into their lives.

The successful candidate will combine a Ph.D. and/or MFA or equivalent professional accomplishment in a relevant field with experience in community engagement. The candidate will be passionate about working with the elderly. Understanding the role of full-care senior facilities, like Wartburg, in the evolution of society and the importance of increasing communication on multiple levels for residents, their families and the staff will be important for a successful candidate. Good interpersonal skills, patience, imagination and the desire to improve communication with and for the elderly are essential to this work.

The Public Humanities Fellow will also teach courses at the College that will build on this work. While the Fellow's area of specialty is open, we envision courses based in the arts (digital media, writing/story telling, theatre) and/or some aspects of the social sciences (psychology, gerontology, public policy, sociology, journalism, public policy) that will involve our undergraduates in oral history projects and/or archival and community research.

The candidate will create an equitable and respectful environment for all community members from various constituencies. We invite interested candidates to submit a

statement of interest and possible directions that they might take the Fellowship along with a CV, three letters of recommendation, relevant evidence of teaching (such as syllabi or a statement of teaching philosophy), and a sample of their work either in print or in a multi-media format. Consideration of applications will begin on March 15, 2021.

To apply go to: <https://slc.peopleadmin.com/postings/1456>

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Sarah Lawrence College is located in southern Westchester County, 25 minutes by train from midtown Manhattan, NYC. For information on Sarah Lawrence College, our curriculum, teaching methods, and philosophy of education, please see our web site at <https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/>.

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior residential and healthcare services. Unlike conventional retirement communities, Wartburg provides a wide range of services to both residents living on its beautiful 34-acre campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, its continuing care approach has earned Wartburg a trusted reputation in Westchester. Wartburg also provides caregiver support at every stage with an array of options to find the level of care that considers the whole family. Wartburg was named one of the “Best Nursing Homes in New York State” by *U.S. News & World Report* for the ninth consecutive year in 2020. In addition, Wartburg received the 2016 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators and the 2015 Legacy Award from the Westchester County Chapter of the Links.

Wartburg is an equal opportunity employer seeking dedicated, diverse, and caring individuals to contribute to our commitment of a standard of excellence and exceptional care. We pledge to expand our talent pool by the recruitment and retention of a racially and culturally diverse staff. Every employment opportunity is viewed as a chance to increase and expand on our vision in accordance with our goals. Please visit our website at www.wartburg.org