



# Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

University of Missouri

## Call for Applications

### *Kinder Postdoctoral Fellow in American Political History*

The Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri is currently accepting applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in American Political History, beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, with the possibility of yearly renewal through AY 2024-25. Founded in 2014, the Kinder Institute is an interdisciplinary, signature academic center at MU dedicated to promoting research and teaching on the philosophical foundations and complex history of constitutional democracy, with particular emphasis on the ideas and events of the American Founding and their reverberation across time and around the globe.

A Ph.D. in History or American Studies is required by the time the fellowship begins in August 2022. Candidates' work should align with the Kinder Institute's scholarly mission, and we are especially interested in applicants whose research is very strongly rooted in the political or intellectual history of 18th or 19th-century America, broadly construed, and would be enriched by working with a faculty mentor or mentors at the Kinder Institute and the MU Department of History. Teaching duties will be 3 courses per year, determined jointly by the Kinder Institute and History Department, and will include the small, discussion-based undergraduate seminars on the era of the American Revolution and/or the Early American Republic that are part of the core curriculum for the Kinder Institute's Constitutional Democracy B.A. The position comes with a research budget and private office space in historic Jesse Hall, in addition to a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package.

To apply, please submit the following materials: a letter of interest, research proposal of no more than 10 pages, curriculum vitae, and two emblematic examples of written scholarship (preferably published or publishable). If you have had the opportunity to teach or design your own course, please include a syllabus for that as well. In addition, applicants should supply three letters of recommendation, sealed or under separate cover, or emailed directly by the referee. All materials should be sent to Kinder Institute Associate Director and Professor of History Jeffrey L. Pasley, electronically at [PasleyJ@missouri.edu](mailto:PasleyJ@missouri.edu), using "Kinder Postdoctoral Fellowship" in the subject line, or by post to: Jeffrey L. Pasley, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, 409 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO, 65211.

Review of applications will begin on **March 15, 2022**, and continue until the position is filled.

## **Kinder Postdoctoral Fellowship Responsibilities & Expectations**

The Kinder Institute's Postdoctoral Fellowship program is designed to provide appointees with an opportunity to further their scholarly and professional development by working closely with faculty mentors at the Institute. Specific responsibilities and expectations associated with the position include:

- Maintaining an active research agenda as well as a regular meeting schedule with faculty mentors at the Kinder Institute and/or the MU History Department to discuss progress made on scholarly projects;
- Teaching 3 courses per academic year as determined by the Kinder Institute in consultation with the MU Department of History. In addition, Postdoctoral Fellows will work in close consultation with faculty mentors during the first year of the fellowship on the development of an upper-level undergraduate seminar in the appointee's area of specialty, to be taught in the third or fourth semester of the appointment;
- Presenting research to colleagues a minimum of two times over the course of the fellowship: a public talk in the fellowship's first semester that provides an overview of the appointee's research agenda; at least one workshop of a completed chapter or article draft to be led by an outside commentator invited by the Institute;
- Active participation in intellectual life at the Kinder Institute, including participation in the quarterly meetings of the Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History and the regular events associated with the Institute's History Colloquium Series and other speaking events and workshops.

All Kinder Postdoctoral Fellows are expected to be in residence at the University of Missouri for the academic year. We encourage applicants to consult the faculty profiles on the Kinder Institute website, [democracy.missouri.edu](http://democracy.missouri.edu), for more information about faculty research interests and to contact potential mentors and/or collaborators individually during the application process.

## **Kinder Postdoctoral Fellowship Appointment Terms**

The following terms and conditions apply to all Postdoctoral Fellowships offered by the Kinder Institute.

- Title: Postdoctoral Fellow
- Salary: \$55,000 annually (to be paid monthly during the appointment period), with possibility of more commensurate with experience
- Professional Development/Travel Funds: The Institute will provide all Postdoctoral Fellows with \$3,000 in E&E funds at the beginning of the appointment that may be applied to conference travel, costs associated with research, and/or other approved professional expenses
- FTE: 100%, full-time, 9-month appointment
- Appointment Period: August 15, 2022 – May 31, 2023
- Teaching Responsibilities: 3 three-hour courses per academic year in the Department of History or at the Kinder Institute, including History 2100: Revolutionary Transformation of America and History 2120: The Young Republic.
- Tenure Status: Not eligible for tenure
- Renewal Status: Renewable twice (for a total of three academic years), with the renewal decision made in January for the following academic year.

**Note:** As 1.0 FTE employees, Postdoctoral Fellows are eligible to receive health insurance and other benefits offered by the University to full-time employees. For more information about University benefits, visit: <https://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards>

The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran employer. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. To request ADA accommodations, please contact the university's ADA Coordinator Amber Cheek (CheekA@missouri.edu or 573.884.7278).