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# The Future of Minority Studies Summer Institute

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## Queer Politics in Transnational Contexts

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What would it mean to think queer in transnational contexts at this historical moment? This seminar takes up this question by examining the geographic, epistemic, and metaphoric conditions in which a wide variety of queer practices become visible. We will problematize the term queer, tracking how, why, and where it travels; examine the methodologies that generate truly grounded and comparative analyses of the struggles it has enabled, the political and intellectual spaces it has opened up as well as the spaces that challenge its entry; and consider why political and economic questions matter in how we think queer. Texts for study will be drawn from literature and culture, history, popular media, and social science research.

The seminar incorporates 2–3 workshops taught by visiting scholars and activists.

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**Seminar members** will participate in the two-day FMS colloquium on July 31st and August 1st.

**Eligibility:** Doctoral students who have completed at least two years of their Ph.D. work, recent Ph.D.s, and junior faculty in temporary or tenure-track positions who are working on minority issues, are invited to apply to the 2009 FMS Summer Institute. Minority scholars and those who are at HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions are especially encouraged to apply. For the 12–14 scholars selected to participate in the summer institute, subsidy will be available to cover room, board, and (if needed) travel costs. Application deadline: January 15th 2009; results announced by March 9th 2009.

**The 2009 FMS Summer Institute will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Updated information about the summer institute, especially the workshops and the colloquium,  
will be available at: [www.fmsproject.cornell.edu](http://www.fmsproject.cornell.edu), or email Alice Cho, Coordinator,  
FMS Summer Institute, at: [fmsproject@cornell.edu](mailto:fmsproject@cornell.edu)**

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