

Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Community Leadership Fellowship

The Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (CRRJ) at Northeastern University School of Law is accepting applications for the Community Leadership Fellowship. **Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.**

About CRRJ

The Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (crrj.org) engages in cutting edge research, innovative teaching, and multi-level advocacy to address the history of structural racism in the American justice system. At the heart of CRRJ's work is the **Burnham-Nobles Digital Archive**, a collection of over a thousand cases of racially-motivated homicides from the mid-twentieth century southern states. This repository is comprised of primary source documents as well as still images and interviews.

When a case is unearthed, CRRJ works with the families of the victims and their communities to support measures to redress the harms, including prosecution, truth and reconciliation proceedings, state pardons, and apologies by state and private entities who bear responsibility for the harms. The Archive includes material on these reparative initiatives.

CRRJ's excavation of history brings voices from the past into the current conversations about race and justice, serving as a resource for scholars, policymakers, organizers, and educators involved in initiatives seeking justice for these crimes. Scholars from a range of disciplines – including law, criminal justice, history, sociology, political science, and the creative arts – are engaged in CRRJ's empirical research and on the ground reparative projects.

CRRJ is now expanding this work to engage with others in the U.S. and elsewhere regarding next steps in the fight against contemporary racial violence and in the project of remediating past injustices.

Location:

Northeastern University School of Law is located in downtown Boston. With major funding from the Ford and Mellon Foundations, CRRJ occupies a floor of the law school with a staff of 11. The Burnham-Nobles Digital Archive is housed within the University's Library.

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This Fellowship program is designed to give **activists working for community and nonprofit organizations** the opportunity to investigate the Burnham-Nobles Archive and to interact with scholars, journalists and other activists who are focusing on historical American racism and avenues for redress. There are no academic requirements for selection for this fellowship; applicants with a history of anti-racist activism are encouraged to apply. The length of the fellowship is flexible and to be determined on an individual basis. Several successful applicants may be accepted for the same period of time, in order to increase the communication between and among the parent organizations.

Office space, library and technology support will be available. Regular meetings will be held with CRRJ staff, faculty, and students. Meetings may also be arranged with local activists for successful applicants who come from outside Boston.

At this time, direct financial support is not yet available. Arrangements should be made with home organizations to maintain salary support during the fellowship.

To Apply:

Applicants should send a resume, a letter of reference from a recent employer, together with descriptions of their organization, their own work in anti-racism, and what they hope to accomplish while visiting at Northeastern to Lauren Hawkes:
l.hawkes@northeastern.edu.



The law school is known for its long-standing commitment to public interest law and for its experiential curriculum that includes multiple off campus work placements (called "co-ops") for all J.D. and LLM students.