

# DR. SOFIA PATEL

## Postdoctoral Fellowship



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### To Dr. Thomas Reinhart

University of Chicago

Dear Dr. Reinhart,

I am writing to express my interest in the Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities at the University of Chicago. I recently completed my PhD in Comparative Literature at Princeton University, where my research centered on diasporic identity and memory in contemporary Caribbean literature. I am excited by the opportunity to further develop my scholarship within a vibrant, interdisciplinary environment such as the Center for the Humanities.

My dissertation, *Fragments of Home: Language, Loss, and Reclamation in Caribbean Women's Narratives*, explores how linguistic hybridity and cultural dislocation shape narrative voice in works by authors including Edwidge Danticat, Dionne Brand, and Jamaica Kincaid. Portions of this work have been published in *Small Axe* and *Callaloo*, and I am currently revising the manuscript into a book that positions Caribbean literature within broader conversations around migration, trauma, and postcolonial identity.

I am particularly drawn to the University of Chicago's cross-departmental approach to humanistic inquiry. The fellowship's emphasis on collaborative scholarship aligns with my ongoing project examining multilingual literary expression across Afro-diasporic traditions. I look forward to engaging with faculty in Comparative Literature, African Studies, and Gender & Sexuality Studies, and contributing to interdisciplinary colloquia and workshops.

In addition to research, I have taught undergraduate courses in World Literature and Literary Theory at Princeton. I aim to create classrooms where students analyze global texts with intellectual curiosity and cultural sensitivity.

Enclosed please find my CV, research proposal, writing sample, and letters of recommendation. I would be honored to bring my work to the University of Chicago and contribute to the Center's dynamic scholarly community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

