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Octavius V. Catto (1839–1871) and Caroline LeCount (1846–1923) were scholars, educators, and civil rights leaders in Civil War era Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following the war, Catto and LeCount led a campaign of civil disobedience and legislative lobbying to win passage of a state law outlawing segregation on public transportation in Pennsylvania. They were engaged to be married when Catto was murdered by a white supremacist on Election Day in 1871. More than 5,000 mourners attended his funeral, honoring his and LeCount's commitment to liberty and equal rights for all.

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THE Catto-LeCount Fellows Program

FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION

March 21–23, 2024

Penn State
University Park, Pennsylvania

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Monday, January 15, 2024

FREE program for undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds interested in pursuing a doctorate in history.



George and Ann Richards
Civil War Era Center



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During this three-day, in-person program on Penn State's University Park campus, Penn State faculty and graduate students demystify the graduate school admissions process and educate participants about the academic profession.

Students will participate in workshops on a variety of topics, including writing, research, and graduate student life. All expenses including travel, housing, and meals are provided. Upon completion of the program, students also will receive a \$250 stipend.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE

- What is the history profession?
- What do professors do?
- What is the statement of purpose?
- Navigating admissions
- Choosing a program
- Penn State's dual-title doctorate in history and African American studies or history and women's, gender, and sexuality studies

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE

- Programming and instructional materials
- Travel, housing, and meals
- \$250 stipend after completion of all program workshops

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Advising about graduate admissions, research methods, and more
- ✓ Professional development
- ✓ A behind-the-scenes look at Penn State's history graduate program and strengths in Black, Latina/o, and Native American studies
- ✓ Exposure to a community of scholars committed to diversifying the academy

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ A U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age
- ✓ From a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented in the discipline of history
- ✓ A graduate, third-year student or fourth-year student of a degree-granting program at a U.S. college or university in spring 2024
- ✓ Have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ Have a strong interest in pursuing a doctorate in history

HOW TO APPLY

- 1) Complete registration form found at: richardscenter.la.psu.edu/programs/Catto-LeCount-fellows-program/application
- 2) A one- to two-page letter of application stating your academic/ career goals and research interests
- 3) An unofficial transcript
- 4) One letter of recommendation submitted by a faculty member

Letters of recommendation should be submitted to Barby Singer at bgs6@psu.edu by Monday, January 15, 2024. For questions about the program or application, please email RichardsCenter@psu.edu.

MORE INFORMATION AT:
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