Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce a third round for our small grants competition. We have been able to redirect funds in order to give three individual grants of \$5,000 each.

The deadline is Thursday, April 30th, 2009.

For more information about the Observatory, about the 2007 and 2008 grant recipients, as well as the working papers from the 2007 grant recipients, please visit: www.observatoryla.org

Instructions for small grant applications

We are looking for individuals who are trying to break new ground on inequality, preferably with inter-disciplinary approaches, and with policy implications. The funds are open to both scholars (including graduate students) and practitioners/professionals from any country. We particularly encourage individuals from institutions in Latin America to apply.

Applications can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese. You can apply either via email or by regular mail. To apply, please send your CV (maximum length of four pages), a two-page research plan that includes the title of your proposal and describes your broader research project(s) as well as what you plan to do with this award. A detailed budget must be submitted as well. Please have two reference letters sent separately.

The awards must be used within 12 months of receipt. Successful recipients are expected to submit a brief report upon completion of their research as well as a working paper on their research findings which will be included in the observatory's working paper series.

Please also indicate in your application whether you would like to have your name, the title of your project, institutional affiliation and contact email included in our database of scholars working on inequality, see http://www.sitemason.com/files/j2qZEs/Database20072008.pdf

Email applications: please send them to **observatoryla@miami.edu** (reference letters need to be sent separately from the recommender's email address).

Regular mail applications: please send them to Observatory on Inequality, Center for Latin American Studies, Memorial Building 125, 1111 Memorial Drive, Room 125 L, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2302.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or José Flores, the project Administrator, at observatoryla@miami.edu

Yours sincerely,

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