

Summer 2004

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The end of the academic year brings celebration of achievements and gratitude for the support that the graduating Fellows have received from the College, their mentors, and their families and friends. The Fellows have honored the College and the Fellowships Program with their many awards. In addition, eight of the graduating Fellows will enter graduate school in the fall, and two former Fellows will also begin PhD programs after having taken a break. Congratulations and best of luck! We will miss you all. I know I can speak for the Fellows in saying that their successes would not have been possible without the fellowship community and stipends, the many hours of mentoring from faculty mentors, and the faith and encouragement of family and friends. They have thrived not just because of their hard work, but also because the College invested in them. I am confident that their future achievements will make the College proud.

As the graduates move on, I am delighted to welcome six new City College Fellows, three new Irani Fellows, and five new Mellon Mays Fellows who come from all the divisions of the College. We look forward to your participation, your energy, and the infusion of new perspectives that will enrich our community. If I may, I will quote one Fellow who expresses a widely shared sentiment: "What makes the program so important is its feeling of community. I think that's what attracted me and excited me so much. I feel like I belong. I'm around people who take their work seriously. I'm with people who really care about something and are motivated. The Fellows have goals. They've come from such diverse backgrounds. They prove that hardship has its later rewards. I doubt I'll ever be part of something so wonderful again." This was certainly the feeling at our second annual research conference at which fifteen Fellows presented research on the most varied topics, from supernova to a little known Puerto Rican poet. Their poise, intelligence, and passion make it difficult to be pessimistic about the world.

Have a healthy, productive, and fun summer!

Susan Besse

NEW FELLOWS

It is with great pleasure that we announce and welcome our new Fellows. From a most competitive pool of applications, 14 new Fellows have been selected to join the City College Fellowships Program in the fall semester, 2004; 3 are Irani Fellows and 5 are Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows.

The new City College Fellowship Fellows are:

Kianny Antigua (Spanish)
James Faghmous (Computer Science)
Angela Francis (English)
Keegan Goodman (English)
Eder Izaguirre (Physics)
Laura Ligouri (Music)

The new Irani Fellows are:

Elizabeth Bustamante (Music)
Frank Cifarelli (Music)
Roy Coopervasser (Music)

The new Mellon Mays Fellows are:

Bernadette Davis (Sociology)
Darren Echols (English)
Kasaun Henry (Music)
Glenn (Paco) Mahone (Music)
Pamela Mena (Anthropology)

Summer Projects 2004

The Fellowships Program is pleased to be sponsoring (in part or fully), the following Fellows in their summer pursuits:

Dana Agmon-McCarrick (PSC/PHIL) will conduct research on the impact of generational differences on the prospects for peace in Israel-Palestine, by conducting interviews in Israel and Palestine.

Juan Alduey (HIST) is attending the American Indian Language Development Institute at the University of Arizona.

Eileen Chanza (ENGL) is attending the Accord Language Institute in Paris, France.

Bernadette Davis (SOC) is attending Wesleyan University's Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Summer 2004 Program.

Darren Echols (ENGL) is attending the Accord Language Institute in Paris, France.

Kasaun Henry (MUS) will conduct research under the guidance of his mentor, Prof. Pieslak, on significant

compositional trends of the 20th Century up to the present. Glenn (Paco) Mahone (MUS) is conducting research under the guidance of his mentor, Prof. Alonso, in preparation for writing a biographical study of Jimmie Blanton, a bassist in the Duke Ellington orchestra.

Pamela Mena (ANTH) is studying the Quiché Maya language at Projecto Lingüístico Francisco Marroquin, in Antigua, Guatemala.

Marika Michalos (HIST) will travel to the University of Maryland to conduct research on Ambassador John Emil Peurifoy's career in the State Department, specifically his tenure in Greece and Guatemala.

Juan Montana (PHIL) is researching the Computational Theory of Mind (CTM) and the Language of Thought Hypothesis (LOTH) under the guidance of his mentor Prof. Tartter.

Shams Rashid (EE) will work under the guidance of his

mentor, Prof. Crouse, to investigate cell adhesion (including neural cells) to semiconductors and transmission/reception of signals between neurons and semiconductors.

Mark Rodriguez (HIST) will be studying intensive Latin at the Graduate Center, CUNY.

Brenda Ryan (ENGL) will conduct research under the guidance of her mentor, Prof. Soliday, on the linguistic phenomenon of "code switching" by studying Alice Walker's novel, *The Color Purple*.

Aron Szekely (BME) will work in Prof. Sheldon Weinbaum's laboratory on his project concerning lift generation in highly compressible porous media. Applications range from the flow of red blood cells through arteries to train tracks.

Papa Tall (SOC) will work under the guidance of his mentor, Prof. Krinsky, to conduct a comparative study on how immigrant Senegalese communities in the U.S. and Italy have voted and influenced national elections in Senegal.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Fellows' Activities and Awards, 2003-2004:

Our graduating seniors:

Kabir Amir (ECON) graduated Summa Cum Laude. He will attend the Yale School of Management and pursue a MA. He was awarded the Economics Department's Carl Dunat Scholarship and the College's Rothman Scholarship.

Joanne McCracken Antoine, who graduated Cum Laude in 2001, will enter Syracuse University and pursue a PhD in Latin American History.

Gabriella Czukker (HIST) graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received from the College the Barash Scholarship Award as well as a certificate in Ethno-Nationalism and Genocide Studies.

Michel S. DeMatteis, who graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2003, will enter the Graduate Center, CUNY to pursue a PhD in Philosophy.

Rodley Ferguson (ECON) graduated Magna Cum Laude. He was awarded the Economics Department's Carl Dunat Scholarship and the History Department's Juliette Bronzo Fellowship.

Ali Kharrazi (MATH) graduated Summa Cum Laude and will be attending Carnegie Mellon University. He was awarded the Economics Department's Weinman Medal and from the Student Affairs Department's Murray C. Gelman Award.

Jane Lee (Am Studies) graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was awarded the English/Theatre Department's Jacob A. Weiser Playwriting Fund Award.

Karl Levy (MATH) graduated Summa Cum Laude. He is attending the Weizmann Institute in Israel this summer and will begin PhD studies in Mathematics this fall at the Graduate Center, CUNY. He was awarded the Math Department's Emil Post Award, the Bendel Medal, and the Bennington Award. From the Division of Science, he was awarded the Marshak Graduate Award and the Alumni Association Award.

Alexis Logsdon (ENGL) graduated Summa Cum Laude and

will attend the University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a PhD in English Literature. Alexis was awarded the English Department's Mack Graduate Fellowship. She presented papers at two conferences: PCA Conference in Texas and Gothic Spaces Symposium in Stirling, Scotland. She also had an article published in [Edinburgh Review](#).

Dawn Marczak (ENGL) graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was awarded the English Department's Leo Pin Award for General Excellence and SEEK Department's Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement.

Antonino Miano (Physics) graduated spring 2004 and was awarded the Physics Department's Ward Medal.

Tayannah McQuillar (ANTH) graduated Cum Laude.

Wendy Prudencio (IS) graduated Magna Cum Laude. She will attend the University of Connecticut and pursue a PhD in Political Science, with support from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship. This summer, she is participating in the Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program in Washington, D.C. Wendy was also awarded the International Studies Department's Winston Fellowship.

Keith Robinson (MCA) graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded the Ernest Boynton Memorial Award from the Media & Communication Arts Department.

Zhanna Soushko (IS) graduated Summa Cum Laude and was the Class of 2004 Valedictorian. She was accepted with full scholarship and an additional \$15,000 annual stipend at the University of Denver's Graduate School of International Studies to pursue a PhD in International Studies. Zhanna was President of the Student Government and Law Society and was awarded the College's Joseph A. Flom Award for Academic Excellence as well as the Zitrin Scholarship. She was awarded the Political Science Department's Ward Medal for Excellence and the Murray Gordon Award, as well as the Nizar Ahmed Memorial Prize for Excellence from the

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Department of International Studies. Zhanna also received the Massey Foundation Scholarship, and the D'Agostino/Greenberg Fellowship in Law and Public Policy. She was also the winner of the Astraea Foundation Margot Karle Scholarship.

Rose Saint Fleur (MATH) graduated Cum Laude and will enter the PhD program in statistics at SUNY Stony Brook. She was awarded the Belden Bronze Award for completing the Advanced Calculus sequence with Distinction and the Abraham and Miriam Mazur Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics. She also presented a paper at the 30th Annual SACNAS Conference.

Sokunthary Savy (ENGL) graduated Cum Laude. She was awarded the English Department's David Markowitz Poetry Award, the David Markowitz Essay Award, and the Paul Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund Prize.

James Worley (ENGL) graduated Summa Cum Laude. He was accepted with full scholarship and an additional \$19,000 annual stipend at Cornell University to pursue a

PhD in English Literature. He was awarded the English Department's Sidney Jacoff Graduate Fellowship and the Downer Language Award in Spanish.

Continuing Fellows:

Christopher Archer (ENGL) was awarded the History Department's Juliette Bronzo Fellowship as well as the Charles T. Cromwell Award.

Thalet Bukhari (ENGL) was awarded the English Department's Family Narrative Award as well as The Riggs Gold Medal Essay Award.

Eileen Chanza (ENGL) was awarded a Blanche Mason Starkweather Student Award from the Humanities Department and the Outstanding Undergraduate Literature Essay Award from the English Department. Eileen presented papers at the Mellon Mays New England Conference hosted

FALL 2004 SCHEDULE

Th., September 2	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Orientation for New Fellows
Th., September 23	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Roundtable: Summer Research Experiences: Exchange of Information
Th., September 23		NAC 6/316	Seniors (& other Fellows wanting to participate) hand in drafts of personal statements to Renee Philippi for Writing the Personal Statement Workshop.
Th., September 30	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Workshop: Writing the Personal Statement
Th., October 14	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Workshop: Seeking & Winning Funding for study and research
Th., November 4	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Forum with Guest Speaker(s): Doing Research
Th., November 18	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Recruitment Workshop
Th., December 2	12:20 - 2 PM	NAC 6/316	Meeting with Senior Seminar instructors, for those interested in enrolling in the Senior Seminar
Wed., December 1			APPLICATIONS DUE

Fellow-Initiated Luncheons

Th, Sept., 9	12:20 - 2PM	Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 7	12:20 - 2PM	Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 21	12:20 - 2PM	Faculty Dining Room
Th., Nov., 11	12:20 - 2PM	Faculty Dining Room

GRE PREP COURSE

If you plan to take the GRE fall 2004 or spring 2005, you should definitely take the GRE PREP course. For information regarding upcoming class schedules, please contact Prof. Ron Pilette (rpilette@jjay.cuny.edu) regarding GRE Prep. Indicate to him that you are Fellow in the City College Fellowships Program. The Fellowships Program will pay for the course.

Fall 2004 Schedule

Fridays	Sept. 3-Oct. 8 (4 pm - 8 pm)
Fridays	Oct. 15-Nov. 19 (4 pm - 8 pm)
Saturdays	Oct. 16-Nov. 20 (9:30 am - 1:30 pm)

CHECK PROCEDURE

Remember: all checks (stipends, reimbursement for travel, summer monies, etc.) are picked up in the Bursar's office, Y100. It takes approximately three weeks to receive a check once a disbursement form has been submitted. Stipend checks are not processed until the journal has been received with the Mentor's signature. If you have any question about the procedure, please ask Renee Philippi.

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by Wesleyan University, and the Second Annual NYC Mellon Mays Conference hosted by Hunter College.

Roy Coopervasser was awarded the Music Department's Katzenberger Award.

Darren Echols was named Exemplary SEEK Student of the Year.

Carrie Hildebrand was awarded the Brita Ann Levitan Scholarship from the Psychology Department and was the Secretary of the Italian Club.

Linelle Fontenelle was the Golden Key International Honour Society's President as well as the Vice President of the National Society of Black Engineers, and Co-President of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. She was awarded the Engineering Department's Theodore Charos/Radix Memorial Scholarship as well as the Roslyn K. Gitlin Alumni Scholarship and the A.X. Schmidt Scholarship.

Jonathan Maltz was awarded the Physics Department's Zemamsky Introductory Physics Prize, and Jonathan had, in fall 2003, the highest Calculus 3 Final college-wide.

Marika Michalos was awarded a Leadership Award from SSSP as well as an Outstanding Academic Achievement award. She was awarded the History Department's Carl Dunat Award for Outstanding Work in the Field of History and from the College, the Zitriu Peer/Scholar Award. She presented a paper at the Graduate Student Academic Conference on Latin American History at SUNY Stony Brook and was awarded a Summer Research Fellowship at NARA, College Park, MD.

Carmel McMahon was awarded the English Department's Family Narrative Award.

Njeri Micheu was the President of the Student Association

for International Studies and Community Service, which received the Goodwill Medal for outstanding Community Service from the Student Government. From the International Studies Department, she was awarded the Ward Medal for Excellence as well as the Economics Department's Elkin Award for Economics and Public Policy.

Edgardo Molina is the recipient of the Engineering Department's NASA USAR Scholarship.

David Orłowski was awarded the English Department's Rudy Schott Scholarship and the Division of Humanities' Kaye Scholarship.

Bryan Rosenblithe was awarded the History Department's Louis Neugeborn Memorial Scholarship.

Michael Shu En Huang was awarded the Political Science Department's Bennett Essay Prize.

Anja Soczewska was awarded the Biology Department's August Anthony Ganasci Award, for a student demonstrating promise in research in the fields of Microbiology or Molecular Biology, as well as the Paul Krupa Award for Excellence in Research.

Aron Szekeley was awarded the College's Rudin Scholarship.

Papa Tall was awarded the Zitriu Scholarship for Summer Research at the Graduate Center.

Tanya Thurman was awarded the English Department's Goodman Fund Poetry Award and the College's Grater Scholarship.

Debbie Wolf is the recipient of the College's Stuyvesant-CCNY Scholarship and the Muehlstein Scholarship. She was awarded an Outstanding Writing award from the Women's Studies Department.

CITY COLLEGE FELLOWSHIPS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

April 30, 2004

Rifkind Room, North Academic Center 6/316

- 10:00 Alexis Logsdon, " 'This awful place': Gender, Violence and Nation in Banks, McCabe and McGrath"
- 10:20 Eileen Chanza, "¿Y Vizcarrondo, aonde ejtá? Searching for a Negritude Poet in the Puerto Rican Literary Canon"
- 10:40 Darren Echols, "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Black and Blackness as Defined by Oxford and Webster's Dictionaries"
- 11:00 Sokunthary Svay, "The Politics of Southeast Asian Identity"
- 11:20 Juan Alduey, "Leslie Marmon Silko and the Movement Toward a Global Narrative"
- 11:40 James Worley, "Who's the Mack?: Pimping in Harold Pinter's The Homecoming"
- 12:00 Jane Lee, Scenes From a Play-in-progress
- 1:20 Shu En Huang, "World Order and Origin of Nation States: from China to Europe"
- 1:40 Marika Michalos, "Ambassador Peurifoy and US

- Interventionism: Greece and Guatemala and the Making of the Cold War"
- 2:00 Juan Montana, "What is Naturalized Epistemology?"
- 2:20 Njeri Micheu, "The Role of Local Leaders in Promoting an International Initiative"
- 2:40 Zhanna Soushko, "The Role of IMF in Post-Soviet Economic Development of Russia and Belarus"
- 3:00 Papa Tall, "The Politicization of Little Senegal in Harlem"
- 3:20 Tonino Miano, "Supernova 1987 A, and Neutrino Emission"
- 3:40 Anja Soczewska, "Actinobacillus actinomycescomitans and its Bacteriophage Genome Sequencing"

City College Fellowships Program is an umbrella program that administers several undergraduate fellowships. See our website for information:

www.ccnycunyc.edu/fellowshipsprogram

The City College Fellowships Office is located in NAC 6/316, 212/650-8388.

R. Philippi compiles the newsletter.