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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to announce that we have a website: www.ccny.cuny.edu/fellowshipsprogram. Visit the site: to find out about deadlines, eligibility criteria, and benefits of the three fellowships the program administers; to download applications; to read our Guide for Mentors and Fellows; to read biographies of the Fellows and archived newsletters; to contact the Fellows or our office by email; and to link to useful sites with information about PhD programs and sources of funding for graduate school.

At a February luncheon, the Fellows were honored to receive President Williams. They enjoyed sharing information about their research projects with each other as well as with the President, and were most flattered by the President's close attention to and comments about their projects. As the President noted, they are an inspiring group whose passions and intelligence contribute to making City College a remarkable institution.

This is the time of year that I take great pleasure in congratulating the Fellows who are graduating, as well as the many Fellows who have won prizes, fellowships, and internships. As you can see from the list of their awards and summer projects, the Fellows have reaped many benefits from their hard work in courses and in mentoring relationships. As always, we are grateful to the many faculty mentors who have provided information, encouragement, and intellectual stimulation. They have helped to enrich the Fellows' educational experience at City College and have opened many doors. The City College Fellowships Program thanks them for their dedication and generosity.

I hope you have been having a healthy and productive 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, 9 new Fellows have been selected to join the City College Fellowships Program in the fall semester, 2002.

The new City College Fellowship Fellows are:

Mr. Kabir Amir (Economics)
Ms. Cristine Appah (International Studies)
Ms. Gabriella Czukker (History,
previously Irani/Summerfield)
Mr. Shu En Huang (Political Science)
Ms. Camisha Pierre (Civil Engineering)
Mr. Nazaret Tarabay (Mathematics)

The new Irani/Summerfield Fellows are:

Mr. Nathan Lively (Music)
Mr. Corwin Moore (English)

The new Mellon Minority Fellows are:

Ms. Eileen Chanza (previously CCFELL)
Ms. Mame Diop (English)
Ms. Rose Saint Fleur (Mathematics)
Ms. Fredrina Warfield (previously CCFELL)
Mr. James Worley (previously CCFELL)

THE IMPORTANCE OF SUMMER RESEARCH

Summer Reports 2001

by Maryam Malik, an excerpt

My trip to Guatemala has to be considered one of the defining events of my life. It taught me and changed me. It taught me about tolerance, beauty, strength, and self-confidence. I also learned about dire poverty and exploitation. I learned how to speak another language. But I also learned how to see another language.

Some theorize that language may play a role in shaping worldview. My worldview is definitely altered or perhaps it is like a separate lens I can pull out when the occasion demands. When I speak Spanish in the United States it is as if I have two different views of the same situation. There is the predominant view and then there is that small box playing a different station. When I speak English, the split is not there. Being a Black woman, and very much identified with the Black community in the United States, I wonder why my worldview was so hegemonic. I wonder if I learned a 3rd language would I have a 3rd worldview?

by Assia Nakova, an excerpt

I attended the editorial board meeting of the Journal of Genocide Research. Sitting at the head of a long table

was nerve racking. I was supposed to help Professor Hutterbach, the editor in chief, in the discussion with the rest of the board. Despite the strong urge to avoid this public role, I was able to participate and help in making decisions. It was not very easy for me because I was brought up in a system that did not allow students to have a friendly contact with teachers/professors. In fact, after a few years (or less for quick learners) one understood one was not supposed to voice opinions either. I have been shedding this obsolete training ever since I came to the USA. My experience at City College has been wonderful in that and many other ways.

Summer Projects 2002

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

Amoi Bonny (MCA) is conducting research on Access to Medical Care for Minority Women with HIV/AIDS, under the mentorship of Professor Alonso.

Raymonda Bunyan (ENGL/MAC) is participating in Project Ascend, researching issues in adult literacy under the mentor-ship of Professor Gleason.

Mame Diop (ENGL) is participating in Project Ascend, working on a critical paper focusing on issues of acculturation and the search for identity. She is using the texts: *Brown Girl, Brownstones* (P. Marshall) and *Down These Mean Streets* (P. Thomas). Her mentor is Professor Braverman.

Eileen Chanza (ENGL) is participating in Project Ascend and working with mentor Professor Laurence on an Oral History project researching Puerto Rican immigration to New York in the 1930s.

Eric Clausell (PSYCH) is participating in Princeton University's Summer Research Program, working with mentor Professor Susan Fiske

Catherine Franklin (ENGL) is attending the Irish Studies Summer School at Trinity College, Dublin, in Ireland.

Angel Guaraca (EAS) is doing fieldwork with his mentor, Professor Steiner, in the area of aerosols. He is also traveling to New Mexico to pursue surveying work and

advance his knowledge of structural geology.

Congratulations to Christian Mercado!

He has been awarded the
2002 City College Fellowships
\$10,000 Graduate Scholarship!

Gabriel Hernandez (HIST) is participating in the 2002 Summer Seminar V in Modern Mexican History at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico.

Karl Levy (MATH/Physics) is attending the University of Idaho's Research Experience for Undergraduates in Discrete Mathematics Conference: June 3-July 26.

Alexis Logsdon (ENGL) is participating in Arcadia University's Literature in Scotland Summer Program at the University of Edinburgh.

Assia Nakova (ENGL/HIST) has received summer monies to conduct research, in Sofia, Bulgaria, for her paper-in-progress, *Saints or Sinners: Who Saved the Bulgarian Jews during World War II?*

Rose Saint Fleur (MATH) is conducting research with her mentor, Professor Jay Jorgenson, investigating the Black-Scholes Equation, studying financial data using mathematics.

Kamal Thapa (EAS) attended the 10th Annual Mountain Meteorology and the Mesoscale Alpine Program 2002, June 16-21 in Park City, Utah sponsored by the American Meteorological Society.

Jose Vasquez (ANIH) is attending an intensive language institute at Waseda University, in Tokyo, Japan, while he participates in Project Ascend, conducting research on changes in the traditional Japanese medical system during the Meiji Restoration.

Fredrina Warfield (ENGL) is also participating in Project Ascend with mentor Professor Braverman. She is examining Melville's *Moby Dick* and Raymond Williams' essay, *Ideas of Nature*.

James Worley (ENGL) is participating in MURA, Minority Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, through the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowships

Program at the University of North Carolina.

A Journal Excerpt

Every semester, the Fellowships Program invites faculty members to participate in a forum about various aspects of research. The following is an excerpt taken from Juan Alduey's journal concerning Professor Rosario's talk.

The guest speaker for the April 25 forum was Dr. Margaret Rosario from the CCNY Psychology Department. From her talk, I gained an understanding of the complexity involved in finding causes for given phenomena. She

taught us that although there may be statistical correlation between two things, that does not imply a causal relationship between the two. I thought that was very valuable in seeking to understand the nature of historical events. The rigor and intelligence required to discover causal relations between phenomena is greater than I thought.

Juan goes on to comment: Another lesson has been that the academic world is not one where each member stands alone, but one in which all members function as a

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community, as a network.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Fellows Activities and Awards, 2001-2002:

Juan Alduey is the recipient of a City College Kaye Scholarship as well as a Brita Ann Leitan Scholarship. He also received the Bailey W. Diffie Award from the History Department

Kabir Amir was awarded the Eugene Lang Fellowship from the Rosenberg-Humphrey Program in Public Policy and the Rhoda Hamick Alumni Scholarship from the Economics Department.

Anastassiya Andrianova is a City College Scholar as well as an Isaacs Scholar. She has received a NYC Merit Scholarship as well as the University Senate Scholarship. This spring the English Department awarded her the Alan Danzig Memorial Prize as well as the David Markowitz Award. She also received the History Department's Juliette Bronzo Fellowship.

Christine Appah received the Ward Medal from the International Studies Department; the Theodore R. Kupferman Alumni Scholarship and the Miriam, Soloman and

Harriet Rosaline Hanft Award from the Urban Legal Studies Department; and the Claire & Sidney Cohen '37 Scholarship from the College.

Sharae Belton is one of the English Department's Isaacs Scholars and a City College Peer Mentor.

Amoi Bonny is the recipient of a City College Kaye Scholarship and a Violet Taylor Weeks Scholarship. The Peer Mentoring Program recognized her participation by honoring her with a Service Award.

Ramonda Bunyan was chosen to participate in Summer 2002 Project Ascend and is a Golden Key Honor Society Member.

Eileen Chanza was chosen to participate in Summer 2002 Project Ascend.

Eric Clausell distinguished himself this year by presenting his research in two different forums: the Doctoral Lab of Felicia Pratto at the Univ. of Connecticut and the Eastern Psychological Association Research Conference, Boston. He is participating in Princeton University's Summer Research Program, and was awarded the Psychology Department's Bernard Ackerman Foundation Award.

Gabreilla Czukker received the Division of Humanities and Arts prestigious Starkweather Award for research and the History Department's Louis Neugeborn

FALL 2002 SCHEDULE

Th., September 5 12:30-2 PM NAC 6/316
Orientation for New Fellows

Tu., September 17 NAC 6/316
Seniors (& other Fellows wanting to participate) hand
in drafts of personal statements to Renee for
Writing the Personal Statement Workshop.

Th., September 19 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Roundtable: Summer Research Experiences:
Exchange of Information

Th., September 26 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Workshop: Writing the Personal Statement

Th., October 10 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Wellness & Counseling Forum

Th., October 24 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Workshop: Seeking & Winning Funding for study
and research

Th., November 7 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Forum with Guest Speaker(s)

Th., November 14 12:30 2 PM NAC 6/316
Recruitment Workshop

Th., December 5 12:30 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, Oct., 3 12:30 2PM Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 17 12:30-2PM Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 31 12:30-2PM Faculty Dining Room
Th., Nov., 21 12:30-2PM Faculty Dining Room

GRE PREP COURSE

If you plan to take the GRE this fall, you should definitely take the GRE PREP course. There are still seats available for the fall session. Please let Renee know by the first of September if you are interested in attending. (The Fellowships Program covers the cost of the course.)

SENIOR SEMINAR, SPRING 2003

Professor Nicholas Pappas (Philosophy) has agreed to teach the fellowship seminar next spring and is still looking for a co-teacher as well as a topic.

At the suggestion of many Fellows, the requirement for the Senior Seminar is changing. It will no longer be a required course for seniors but a required course for incoming Fellows. It will continue to be taught once a year in the spring semester.

So, for the next two years, all seniors who have not already taken the seminar are required to take it; current Fellows who are not yet Seniors may take the seminar whenever they like (assuming there's room, with priority given to those with the most credits). By the spring of 2005, all incoming Fellows will be required to take the seminar. Fellows may take the fellowship seminar a second time if there is room.

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Scholarship.

Achievements continued:

Michel DeMatteis received the English Department's Alice M. Sellers Fund Prize.

Rena Eide was awarded the International Studies Naumburg Fellowship for study abroad.

Nema ElSayed won the College's Edward, Samuel, Henry Nathan Rudin Scholarship.

Rodley Ferguson was accepted by, but deferred participation in, the University of Colorado's (Boulder) Summer Research Program.

Nina Finch graduated Summa Cum Laude, spring 2002, and will pursue her MA in Anthropology at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Quincy Fynn was awarded the Theatre Department's Friar's Club Award.

Christian Gonzalez was awarded the Division of Science's Ira Webber Scholarship, and from the Chemistry Department the Frank and Rose Brescia Award and the Arthur G. Levy Award.

Orlando Gonzalez is recipient of the Jeanette Watson Fellowship.

Angel Guaraca received the Dr. Sol Heiligman '37 Scholar in Environmental Science Award from the Division of Science. He was awarded a General Motors Scholarship, and the Outstanding Academic Medal Award, given by Student Support Service. He is also a Muspin-Nasa Scholar.

Gabriel Hernandez was awarded the History Department's Bernard Bellush Service Award.

Karl Levy was chosen to participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Idaho in Discrete Mathematics.

Alexis Logsdon is the Editor of the City College student newspaper, The Messenger, and was awarded the English Department's Meyer Cohen Essay Prize.

Maryam Malik graduated Summa Cum Laude, spring 2002 and was awarded the Center for Worker Education's Jagna Scharff Award.

Dawn Marczak was awarded an Isaacs Scholarship from the English Department.

Cristian Mercado graduated Summa Cum Laude, spring 2002 and is the recipient of the City College Fellowships Graduate Scholarship. He will attend the CUNY

Graduate School and pursue a PhD in Criminal Justice. He was awarded the Washington DC Alumni Chapter Scholarship.

Tarik McMillian graduated Magna Cum Laude, spring 2002 and will attend the University of Central Florida's School of Optics, where he will pursue a PhD in Physics/Optics. The Division of Science awarded him the Robert Marshak Prize.

Antonio Miano was awarded the Department of Physics's Sidney Millman Prize and presented his research to the CCNY Physics Department this past June.

Corwin Moore received the Theatre Department's Ross Alexander Memorial Award and the English Department's Goodman Fund Short Story Award.

Assia Nakova received the Division of Humanities and Arts' prestigious Starkweather Award for research and the History Department's Paul Aron Award.

Robinson Paulino is a recipient of the Jeanette Watson Fellowship.

Alejandro Reyes received the Philosophy Department's Mason Award and the College's Smith Fellowship.

Kamal Thapa was a participant in the CCAPP Annual Poster Presentation.

Jose Vasquez was chosen to participate in Summer 2002 Project Ascend and has received numerous awards the past spring: Oscar L. Meyerson Prize (Best History Honors Essay); Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award (3rd Award); General Motors Scholarship; Starkweather Award (Division of Humanities and Arts). He was, as well, an intern at the American Museum of Natural History this past spring.

Fredric Villan received the International Studies Naumburg Fellowship for study abroad.

Pemell Walker graduated Magna Cum Laude, spring 2002, and will pursue her MFA in performance at The Actor's Studio, NY.

Fredrina Warfield was chosen to participate in Summer 2002 Project Ascend.

Kenneth Weis was awarded the Mechanical Engineering's Samuel Rudin Scholarship.

James Worley was chosen to participate in Columbia University's Summer Research Program as well as MURAP, Minority Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, at the University of North Carolina.

OUR GRADUATES

Nina Finch (ANTH) graduated Summa Cum Laude and will attend the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, to pursue a MA in Anthropology.

Maryam Malik (ANTH) graduated Summa Cum Laude. She will apply to PhD programs in the fall.

Tarik McMillian (Physics) graduated Magna Cum Laude and will attend the University of Central Florida's School of Optics to pursue a PhD in Physics/Optics.

Cristian Mercado (PSYCH) graduated Summa Cum Laude. He is the recipient of the City College Fellowships Graduate Scholarship and will attend the Graduate

School of CUNY to pursue a PhD in Criminal Justice.

Pemell Walker (Theatre) graduated Magna Cum Laude and will pursue her MFA in performance at The Actor's Studio, NY.

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

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

R. Philippi compiles the newsletter.