



**Summer 2006**

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As always, I come to the end of the academic year with pride in the community of City College Fellows and what it has achieved. I have watched in admiration as Fellows have developed their research projects, presented them at conferences, and even published their work. I take immense pleasure in the excitement of hearing about graduate school admissions and fellowships won. Every year, graduation highlights the triumphs of the Fellows, and this year is no different. Fabiha Naumi was the 2006 class Salutatorian; Deborah Wolf won a Javits Graduate Fellowship; James Faghmous won a National Institute of Health Fellowship; and Kasaun Henry won the mentoring prize with Professor Jonathan Pieslak. I find the achievements of the Fellows humbling and continue to feel honored to direct this program.

Highlights of the semester included the interdisciplinary Fellowship seminar team-taught by Professors Nickolas Pappas (Philosophy) and Harold Veese (English). Following a study of key manifestos, the seminar culminated in research projects in which Fellows explored a "manifesto moment" in their own disciplines. The fourth annual City College Fellowships Program Research Conference brought Fellows together to share their research and engage in interdisciplinary conversations. We were honored to welcome Professor Veese, whose keynote speech on "The Influence of Edward Said" enlightened us all.

With commencement, we lose Fellows to graduate school and the wider world, but we also gain a new cohort of Mellon Mays Fellows and City College Fellows who bring new energy to our community. They are a diverse and highly distinguished group from across the disciplines, and it is my great pleasure to welcome them to our community.

Have a healthy, productive, and fun summer!

Susan Besse

## NEW FELLOWS

The new City College Fellowship Fellows are:

Je H. An (BME)  
 Maria Komartsova (IS)  
 Karen Levit (ENGL/Jewish Studies)  
 Xavier Martinez (PolSci)  
 Michael Zawoiski (MATH)

The new Mellon Mays Fellows are:

Emmanuella C. Anyanwu (BIO)  
 Kenya T. Mitchell (ENGL)  
 Christopher Negron (PHY)  
 Justino Rodriguez (HIS)  
 Charmel B. Rogers (MUS)

## Summer Projects 2006

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

**Efrain Cardenas** (Spanish) is participating in MURAP, Moore Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, at the University of North Carolina.

**Judith Castillo** (Spanish) is participating in MURAP, Moore Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, at the University of North Carolina.

**Marina Chernyak** (PolSci/MATH) is traveling to Washington, DC and to England to conduct interviews in connection with her research on the politics of Indoor Air Pollution policy.

**Alejandra Cunningham** (HIST/ANTH) is participating in the Learning Alliance's SR-EIP (Summer Research Early Identification Program) at Cornell University.

**Neranjan DeSilva** (BME/PHY) is conducting research under the guidance of his mentor, Dr. Vazquez, on the process of fabricating micro-channels used to examine cell migration.

**Carlos Galindo** (MATH/ECO) is attending the Advanced Level of the American Economic Association's Summer Program in Economics at Duke University.

**Adriana Larriera** (BME) under the supervision of her mentor, Prof. Fitton, will travel to Cornell University to finish her research begun in academic year 2005-2006. She will use Cornell's confocal microscope to quantify the z-axis distortion of osteocytes (bone cells), verifying the actual axial length, and the measurements.

**Jennifer Lyne** (PSYCH) is attending the Mentalization Based Therapy Training taught by Peter Fonagy, and the Reflective Function Course+Reliability Test presented by the Anna Freud Center and University College, London.

**Carmel McMahon** (ENGL) is working as a research assistant to her mentor, Prof. Vesser, and will focus on how Edward Said's work has influenced current postcolonial studies programs in Ireland.

**Rosa Mino** (Neurogenetics) is attending the *Glia in Health & Disease Conference*; the focus of the conference is to discuss novel discoveries in Gila research. Rosa will present a poster: "Rap/Fzr, an activator of Apc Regulates Gli Specification and Migration in the Developing Nervous System and Interacts with Notch and Pointed."

**Kenya Mitchell** (ENGL) is studying English at Cambridge University, England.

**Christopher Negron** (PHY) under the supervision of his men-

tor, Prof. Koder, will learn how to use the computer software *Perl*. He will also gain exposure to proteins, "the biological workhorse, often responsible for the bulk of the work performed in the body."

**Martin Nolan** (ME) is traveling to Honduras to work on a project with Engineers without Borders.

**Roman Palitsky** (PSYCH/Religious Studies) under the supervision of his mentor, Prof. Sproul (Religion, Hunter College), will spend two months in two separate Indian religious communities: one in Himachal Pradesh, in the Parvati Valley Region, and one in Uttar Pradesh, in Rislikesh, India, where he will research cross-cultural definitions of mental illness and ways of treating those who Western medicine would classify as mentally ill.

**Justino Rodriguez** (HIST) is traveling to Bolivia to conduct research on the contemporary indigenous movements.

**Charmel Rogers** (MUS) will participate in the MMUF Summer Research Program at Barnard College, and under the guidance of his mentor, Prof. Pieslak, spend the summer doing introductory readings in the field of ethnomusicology.

**John Romey** (MUS) is attending the Slava Publishing and *Institute International de Francois Rabbath* 2006 Summer Bass

Workshop at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He will also spend a week in Ithaca, New York working with Rabbath technique master and lecturer at Ithaca College Conservatory, Dr. Nicholas Walker.

**Elena Sandoval** (MUS) is attending Keith Underwood's Flute Master Class at the Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico.

**Denise St. Just** (HIST/PolSci) is participating in a Spanish language immersion program in Costa Rica.

**Lydia Shestopalova** (HIST) under the supervision of her mentor, Prof. Alonso, will create a curriculum unit/syllabus for a proposed course on U.S. Immigration after World War II utilizing the National Archives and Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

**Guillaume Wadia** (HIST) is traveling to France to conduct archival research under the supervision of his mentor, Prof. Rosenberg, on how French police forces helped create a French national identity through implementing systems of control of those defined as non-French at home and in colonial territories.

**2005-2006 City College-CUNY Mentoring Award  
Professor Jonathan Pieslak and Mr. Kasaun Henry**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Fellows' Activities and Awards, 2005-2006:

#### Our Graduating Seniors:

**Ana Aguirre** (Spanish) graduated Summa Cum Laude. She will apply to PhD programs in the fall.

**Bernadette M. Davis** (SOC) will begin graduate studies in London in January 2007. **Sharon R. Fader** (PSYCH) graduated Cum Laude.

**James H. Faghmous** (CS) graduated Magna Cum Laude. He was awarded the Engineering Department's Outstanding Leadership in Engineering Award and is listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He also earned a National Institute of Health Fellowship, which he will use to pursue his PhD in Computational Neuroscience at the University of Michigan.

**Angela J. Francis** (ENGL) graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded the English Department's Tony Cade Bambara Scholarship. She will be pursuing a PhD in English Literature at the CUNY Graduate Center, where she was awarded a MAGNET Fellowship, providing full tuition and stipend for four years.

**Kasaun Henry** (MUS) was awarded the Music Department's Pro Musica Award. He will enter the University of Michigan's PhD program in music theory in the fall. Kasaun and his mentor, Jonathan Pieslak, were awarded the College's Mentoring Award.

**Fawziyyah Madyun** (ENGL) graduated Cum Laude January 2006. She will attend law school fall 2007.

**Fabiha Naumi** (SOC) graduated Summa Cum Laude and was the Class of 2006 Salutatorian. She was awarded the Ward Medal from the Psychology Department, the Ward Medal from the Sociology Department, and the following college-wide awards: the Colin Powell Leadership Fellowship, the Juliette Bronzo Fellowship, and the Belle Zeller Scholarship. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

**Pedro R. Rivera** (HIST/Black Studies) graduated Magna Cum Laude in January 2006 and was awarded the History Department's Cromwell Award. He will enter Howard University's PhD program in History in the fall with a scholarship paying full-tuition and a stipend for four years.

**Deborah M. Wolf** (ENGL) graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded the English Department's Edward C. & Ruth P. Mack Graduate Fellowship. She also received the Juliette Bronzo Fellowship from City College and a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Education. She will pursue a PhD in African American Studies at Yale University.

#### Continuing Fellows:

**Emmanuella Anyanwu** (BIO) was awarded a summer internship with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). She is investigating emerging contaminants in wastewater and streams under the supervision of Patrick Phillips at the USGS New York Water Science Center in Troy.

**Ivan Bukta** (MCA) was awarded the Department of Media and Communication Art's Schott Scholarship. Ivan also received a \$10,000 MTV-U Scholarship from The Point Foundation.

**Judith Castillo** (Spanish) was awarded the High Academic Achievement Award from the Student Support Services Program, and a Service Award from the Student Support Services Program. She was also inducted into the French Honor Society.

**Marina Chernyak** (PolSci/MATH) was named a Rosenberg-Humphrey Public Policy Fellow. She is a member of ACUNS (Academic Council on the United Nations System), and attended the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14) in New York.

**Alejandra Cunningham** (Spanish) was awarded the Department of Political Science/International Affairs Thomas

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W. Smith Academic Fellowship; the Diego Hidalgo Scholarship for Political Science/International Affairs; and the History Department's Joan Kelly Prize.

**Pavel Danilotchkin** (MATH) taught an algebra course at BMCC.

**Neranjana DeSiva** (BME) was awarded, from the Lumina Foundation, the EAS Scholarship for Academic Excellence Under Severe Economic Hardship; he was inducted this year into the Tau Beta Phi Engineering Honors Society.

**Eder Izaguirre** (PHY) was awarded the Interdepartmental Science Division's Ira Webber Scholarship and has a summer internship, an REU internship (Research Experience for Undergraduates) sponsored by the NSF. The host institution is University of Michigan, which sends the students involved in the program to CERN. CERN is the laboratory of the European Organization for Nuclear Research. The lab hosts research in particle physics.

**Rafael De Jesús** (PSYCH) was awarded the Psychology Department's Dr. Sidney & Eleanor Silverman Human Values Award, as well as the Outstanding SEEK Graduate Silverman Award.

**Jamila El-Gizuli** (IS) was awarded an internship at the Sudan mission to the United Nations, and participated in the Study Aboard Program to Morocco in January 2006.

**Jennifer Lyne** (PSYCH) was awarded the Psychoanalytic Research Training Fellowship, sponsored by the Yale Child Study Center, Yale University and the Ana Freud Child Study Center, University College, UK, in March 2006.

**Carmel McMahon** (ENGL) was awarded the English Department's David Markowitz Essay Award and the Mrs. Lethia Teamoh Walker Award, as well as the CCNY Alumni Association's Washington, DC Award. Carmel also had essays accepted for publication in Julie Mango's publications, *Stonewriters* and *LeSofa*.

**Rosa E. Mino** (Neurogenetics) was awarded the Biology Department's Sharon D. Coslow Award, the Irving Brenner Scholarship, and the CCAPP Award for Research Work. She also participated in the annual CCAPP Poster Presentation, in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Student Program CSTEP: *Journeys Beyond Excellence*.

**Kenya T. Mitchell** (ENGL) was awarded the SSSP Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

## FALL 2006 SCHEDULE

<b>Th., August 31</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Orientation for ALL New Fellows (including MMUF)		
<b>Th., September 14</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Roundtable: Summer Research Experiences: Exchange of Information		
<b>Wed., September 20</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Seniors (& other Fellows wanting to participate) hand in drafts of personal statements to Renee Philippi for Writing the Personal Statement Workshop.		
<b>Th., September 28</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Workshop: Writing the Personal Statement		
<b>Th., October 26</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Workshop: Seeking & Winning Funding for Study and Research		
<b>Th., November 9</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Forum with Guest Speaker(s): Doing Research		
<b>Th., November 16</b>	<b>12:20 - 2 PM</b>	<b>NAC 6/316</b>
Recruitment Workshop		
<b>Th., December</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
Meeting with Senior Seminar instructors, for those who will enroll in the Fellowships Program Seminar		
<b>Fr., December 1</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS DUE</b>	

## Fellow-Initiated Luncheons

Th, Sept., 7	12:20 - 2PM	NAC 6/316
(welcoming party)		
Th., Sept., 21	12:20 - 2PM	NAC 6/316
Th., Oct., 12	12:20 - 2PM	NAC 6/316
Th., Nov., 16	12:20 - 2PM	NAC 6/316

## GRE PREP COURSE

If you plan to take the GRE fall 2006 or spring 2007, you should definitely take the GRE PREP course. For information regarding upcoming class schedules, please contact Prof. Ron Pilette (primeprep@onebox.com) 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 2005 Schedule

Fridays	Sept. 7 - Oct. 7	(5 pm - 9 pm)
Saturdays	Sept. 3 - Oct. 8	(9:30 am - 1:30 pm)
Fridays	Oct. 14 - Nov. 18	(5 pm - 9 pm)
Saturdays	Oct. 15 - Nov. 19	(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, A103. 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.

**Christopher Negron** (PHY) was awarded the Sidney Millman Scholarship Award and participated in a Peer-Lead Team Learning Conference in Houston, Texas.

**Martin Nolan** (ME) participated in The Engineers Without Borders Program this past year, and as part of a summer research internship with EWB, he will travel to a small village in the Omoa Mountains of Honduras, where he will be part of a team installing mini power plants of 200 watts that operate from solar cell.

**Ujuka Obi-Eyisi** (Biochemistry) was awarded the Ernest Borek Award in Chemistry, the Pearl Rosenthal Science Division Award, and as well as the Science Division's Barbara Barotz Memorial Ward.

**Heather Palenschat** (PolSci) was awarded the Kheel Scholarship in Community Service from the College. She also won the Political Science's Department's Epstein Award and its Stanley Feingold Scholarship for the Best Essay in American Politics. She was awarded an internship for summer 2006

from the Rosenberg Humphrey Program in Public Policy; she will be working with the National Development and Research Institutes, where she will conduct research in specific areas of social policy. She also served this past academic year as the Associate Coordinator of the Gateway Academy Peer-Mentoring Program.

**Katherine Ramos** (PSYCH) was awarded from the College the Zitrin Scholar Award, the NYS Merit Scholarship, and the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. She was also awarded a summer internship from Virginia Tech.

**John Romey** (MUS) was awarded the Music Department's Geico Scholarship and the Naumberg Fellowship from the International Studies Department to study in Paris, France.

**Elena Sandoval** (MUS) was the winner of the Vincent Wagner Concerto Competition and the second-prize winner of the advanced category in the Performance Competition at the Bloomingdale School of Music.

## CITY COLLEGE FELLOWSHIPS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

May 5, 2006

- 10:00 John Romey III, *Acoustic Properties and the 'Nouvelle Technique de la Contrebasse'*
- 10:25 Roy Coopervasser, *Just Walk*
- 10:50 Keegan Goodman, *Authenticity and Rock 'n' Roll*
- 11:15 Deborah Wolf, *Minstrelsy and the 'New Negro: Mythologizing Cultural Authenticity in Harlem Renaissance Literature'*
- 11:40 Carmel McMahon, *How are the Mighty Fallen! Ambivalent Mimicries in Disgrace*
- 12:15 Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker, Professor Harold Ve eser,  
*The Influence of Edward Said*
- 2:00 Bernadette Davis, *Stateless Nation*
- 2:25 James Faghmous, *Algorithm Development for Laser Guided Cell Tracking*
- 2:50 Fabiha Naumi, *Price Correlates for Zagat-rated Indian Restaurants in New York City*
- 3:15 Rose Sayre, *Maoism in India and Nepal*

### Roy Coopervasser's Spring 2006 Journal (an excerpt)

If I had to point to one aspect of the fellowships program from this past semester that has affected my approach towards music in general as well as my place in the world of music, it would definitely be the Fellowship Seminar that focused on the genre of manifesto. In the final paper for this fascinating class, we had

to focus on a defining, pivotal moment in our discipline's history and show how it could be considered a manifesto. The historical moment I chose to focus on was the birth of tape-music, dubbed "Musique Concrete" by its inventor Pierre Schaffer. This moment in modern music history relates directly to me as a member of a breed of musicians I call in my paper "The Science-Musicians." Schaffer revolutionized music in the late 1940s by inventing a technique of manipulating pre-recorded sounds with magnetic tape players. These techniques changed music so overwhelmingly that it is impossible to imagine what music would look like today had these new concepts not been incorporated into music compositions and legitimized by composers and listeners.... Thanks to uncompromising dreamers like Edgard Varese and Ferruccio Busoni and ground-breaking figures like Schaffer, I live in a world that allows me to express myself using sound (not just pitched sound) as raw material, by mastering technology rather than by mastering a musical instrument. And thanks to educators like my mentor, Professor Koziel, who accompanied me through the past four years and helped me open my eyes and broaden my horizons, I am able to understand my place as an artist in the world of music, whether writing my own music or helping other musicians realize theirs. I have great joy in making artistic decisions every day and executing them using the technology I have learned to master.

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

[www.cuny.cuny.edu/fellowshipsprogram](http://www.cuny.cuny.edu/fellowshipsprogram)  
The City College Fellowships Office is located in NAC 6/316, 212/650-8388.

R. Philippi compiles the newsletter.