



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to announce that the Mellon Foundation has awarded The City College a grant of \$400,000 to provide approximately twenty Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowships over four years. Minority undergraduates majoring in the humanities, anthropology, physics, math, and earth and atmospheric sciences who aspire to enter a Ph.D. program are eligible to apply during the spring semester of their sophomore year. They will be supported for two summers of research and receive stipends for four academic semesters; in addition, the Mellon Foundation will repay their undergraduate loans upon entering a Ph.D. program, and provide continuing support as they progress through graduate school and into academic professions.

With the selection of eight Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows, the City College Fellowships Program continues to grow larger, more diverse, and stronger. Beginning fall semester, we will have twenty-one City College Fellows and eight Irani/Summerfield Fellows, bringing the total number of Fellows to thirty-seven. I welcome them all into the community and invite their active participation in our weekly roundtable lunches, workshops, symposium, and seminars. Perhaps the most heartening development over the past year has been the growing sense of community among the Fellows, who are looking forward to meeting weekly next year for a roundtable lunch. They are a diverse and accomplished group of students who have much to offer one another.

Finally, this is the time of year that I take pleasure in congratulating the Fellows who are graduating, as well as many Fellows who have won prizes, fellowships, and internships. Their achievements reflect their own hard work. Yet they are indebted to their mentors whose encouragement, intellectual stimulation, and professional advice greatly enrich the Fellows' lives at City College and help to open doors. The City College Fellowships Program depends on their dedication and generosity. To them, I offer thanks.

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, 2001, including 8 City College Fellows, 5 Irani/Summerfield Fellows and 1 Mellon Fellow who was not previously a City College Fellow. The new City College Fellowship Fellows are:

- ❖ Mr. Jack Anavion (PHIL)
- ❖ Ms. Raymonda Bunyan (ENGL/COMM)
- ❖ Mr. Michel DeMatteis (ENGL/PHIL)
- ❖ Mr. Christian Gonzalez (CHEM)
- ❖ Mr. Antonio Miano (Physics)
- ❖ Mr. Kamal Thapa (EAS)
- ❖ Ms. Fredrina Warfield (ENGL)
- ❖ Mr. Kenneth Wei (ME)

The new Irani/Summerfield Fellows are:

- ❖ Ms. Sharae Belton (ENGL)
- ❖ Mr. Alan Davis (Music/ENGL)
- ❖ Ms. Gabriella Czukker (HIST)
- ❖ Mr. Quincy Fynn (Theatre)
- ❖ Ms. Pernell Walker (Theatre)

Irani/Summerfield Fellows transferred to City College Fellowships:

- ❖ Ms. Renae Eidem (MUS)
- ❖ Ms. Catherine Franklin (ENGL)

The 8 Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows:

- ❖ Mr. Angel Guaraca (EAS)
- ❖ Mr. Gabriel Hernandez (HIST)
- ❖ Mr. Michael Jones (HIST)
- ❖ Ms. Benita Lovett-Riveria (ENGL)
- ❖ Ms. Maryam Malik (ANTH)
- ❖ Mr. Tarik McMillian (Physics)
- ❖ Mr. Alejandro Reyes (PHIL)
- ❖ Mr. Jose Vasquez (ANTH)

SUMMER PROJECTS 2001

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

- ❖ **Nina Finch** (ANTH) has received summer monies to participate in a research project on the North Coast of Peru, involving mainly surface surveying, to investigate the collapse of the Moche state.
- ❖ **Catharine Franklin** (ENGL) will be spending her summer in Montana at the Montana Historical Society; she will be writing a New Historicist analysis of the novel Dance with Wolves.
- ❖ **Avalon Garcia** (BioChem) will be using her summer monies to conduct research in Dr. Sharon Cosloy's lab; the research seeks to isolate the regulatory factors in heme biosynthesis.



- ❖ **Angel Guaraca** (EAS) will be carrying out research in the area of intrusion dynamics. The project research involves sampling and geochemical analysis of the Palisades intrusion of New York and New Jersey.
- ❖ **Gabriel Hernandez** (HIST) is researching the 1940-60s Green Revolution which took place in Mexico.
- ❖ **Michael Jones** (HIST) will participate in Project Ascend and will be examining the 1963 March on Washington, lead by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ❖ **Maryam Malik** (ANTH) will live and study in Guatemala, focusing on the Guatemalan culture and language.
- ❖ **Assia Nakova** (HIST) will attend a the Annual Conference on Genocide Scholars in Minneapolis.
- ❖ **Jose Vasquez's** (ANTH) summer monies will be spent learning Japanese and participating in Project Ascend while researching Japanese concepts of health
- ❖ **Freddy Villano** (ENGL) will be furthering his research on William Carlos Williams by visiting Poetry/Rare Book Collections at the University of Buffalo and the Beinecke Library at Yale University.

OTHER SUMMER PROJECTS

- ❖ **Gabriel Hernandez** (HIST) is participating in a special academic program for minority students at the University of Minnesota.
- ❖ **Tarik McMillian** (Physics) is working at Livermore Laboratories in California as a research assistant.
- ❖ **Alejandro Reyes** (PHIL) is participating in the McNair Program at the Graduate Center and his research involves comparing Western and Eastern Philosophy.

MELLON MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

We are quite proud that the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowships Program has been reinstated at The City College campus.

WHAT THEY ARE

Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowships help support talented minority students who are considering entering doctoral programs in preparation for careers as college teachers and/or researchers. The fellowship program aims at developing the next generation of faculty, starting with the undergraduate training of Fellows and culminating in their placement in doctoral programs.

BENEFITS

1. \$1,000 per semester stipend;
2. Guaranteed support of \$3,000 to each Fellow for summer research, following both sophomore and junior years;
3. Additional funds for additional academic support: travel to conferences & research libraries, language courses, etc.
4. Repayment of up to \$10,000 in undergraduate student loans for Mellon Fellows who enter PhD programs.

TO APPLY

1. Students must have declared a major in one of the supported fields (all humanities and arts, history, anthropology, political philosophy, physics, math, earth and atmospheric sciences);
2. be interested in entering a PhD program;
3. have at least a 3.0 GPA;
4. be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
5. be a member of one of the designated minority groups: Black, Hispanic, Native American.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1ST
(Applications are accepted only in the spring.)



Congratulations!
to Eugene Spiropoulos
for being chosen as the
recipient of the
2001 CCFELL

\$10,000 Graduate Scholarship

A Journal Excerpt

The following has been taken from Michael L. Jones's journal. Michael is a History major who has just completed his first year in the Fellowship program.

"My first semester as a City College Fellow has been very enriching and has allowed me not only to focus on a particular area of interest but has helped me to develop a very beneficial relationship with my mentor. Entering the program I was afraid that finding a project would prove a difficult task. I wanted a project in which I could sink my teeth into, and at the same time, one that would not be too difficult with my current course load. I did know that I wanted to focus on race relations in America, but being that the topic was so broad with so many various avenues, it almost seemed overwhelming.

What should be my starting ground? Well as my mentor explained to me, the best ideas come from exploring a topic, in depth. I needed to find a topic that was not general, (I needed to be able to complete the project before graduation) yet was not so specific



that my resources would be limited to a couple of obscure books and magazine articles. I wanted a topic that was pivotal and relevant to current race relations in America today. The Civil Rights Movement seemed to be the right era on which to focus.”

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Fellows' Activities and Awards, 2000-2001:

- ❖ Jazmin Abreu graduated Summa Cum Laude and is the recipient of the Psychology Department's *Bernard R. Ackerman Foundation Award*.
- ❖ Roni Ben-Nun received the Art Department's Theresa Ralston McCabe Connor Award.
- ❖ Eric Clausell has been chosen to participate in the Project Ascend Program where he will continue his research into inequality and social policy.
- ❖ Steven Dean received the Humanities Division's Blanche Mason Stark-weather Student Award for "A Site-Specific Performance Art Event in NAC Plaza." Steven also received the Theatre Department's Scanlan Award.
- ❖ Rokhaya Diop received the NSF CFEM Scholarship from the Engineering Department.
- ❖ Rena Eide received the Humanities Division's Blanche Mason Stark-weather Student Award for "A Study of Thomas Moore's Irish Melodies." The English Department bestowed upon her both the Allan Danzig Memorial Prize in Victorian & Romantic Literature as well as the Riggs Gold Medal Essay Award.
- ❖ Nema ElSayed received the International Studies's Ward Medal and the College's Edward, Samuel, Henry, Nathan, Rudin Scholarship.
- ❖ Daniel Ercilla received the Humanities Division's Blanche Mason Stark-weather Student Award for his study, "A History of Cocaine as Commodity." The History Department awarded him the Juliette Bronzo Fellowship and the Joseph E. Wisan Prize. From the Philosophy Department, Daniel received the Carl Dunat Award and the Frederick W. Sperling Prize.
- ❖ Nina Finch received the Women's Studies Department's Women Hold Up the Sky Award, and from the Professional Archaeologists of New York City, she received the Bert Salwen Award, for an outstanding student paper on New York City Archaeology.
- ❖ Catherine Franklin has received an Isaacs Scholarship from the English Department.
- ❖ Avalon Garcia received the Chemistry Department's Frank & Rose Brescia Award and the Louis & Mildred Curtman Award. Avalon also received the College's Locke Grayson Award for Outstanding Service.
- ❖ Orlando Gonzalez received the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences's Jeanette Watson Fellowship.
- ❖ Gabriel Hernandez received the Rosenberg-Humphrey Program in Public Policy's Abraham Feinberg Internship.
- ❖ Michael Jones received the History Department's Juliette Bronzo Fellowship and the General Tremain Prize.
- ❖ Debra Karstadt received the Center for Worker's Education's Aronson Social Justice Award.
- ❖ Benita Lovett-Rivera received the Center for Worker's Education's Ada Shepard Prize and was chosen by the Women's Studies Department as the Violet Weeks Taylor Scholar.
- ❖ Maryam Malik received Anthropology's Juliette Bronzo Fellowship.
- ❖ Joanne McCracken received the Humanities Division's Starkweather award to research the 1937 Massacre of Haitians in the Dominican Republic.
- ❖ Tarik McMillian received the Physics Department's Gelwachs Optics Award.
- ❖ Cristian Mercado received the Psychology Department's Gardner Murphy Award.
- ❖ Assia Nakova received from the English Department an Isaacs Scholarship.
- ❖ Alejandro Reyes received the Philosophy Department's Mason Award.
- ❖ Sarah Roy was awarded the History Department's Charles T. Cromwell Award as well as the Carl Dunat Award.
- ❖ Jason Saffon received the College's Joseph Ma Memorial Award.
- ❖ Andrea Sciacca received from the English Department the David Markowitz Poetry Prize, the William Bradley Otis Graduate Fellowship and the Alice M. Sellers Fund Prize.
- ❖ Chiyedza Small received the Biomedical Research Program's Dr. Bernard Levine Scholarship and the College's Caroline Tobia Holloway Scholarship. Chiyedza is also the recipient of Biology's Edmund Baermann Scholarship.
- ❖ Eugene Spiropoulos is the recipient of the Chemical Engineering Department's Grove Foundation Scholarship and the Eugene received the Undergraduate Research Scholarship and from Juliette Bronzo Scholarship. From the Center for Analysis of Structures & Interfaces, City College Fellowships, the Graduate Scholarship, providing \$10,000 for the first year of Graduate School.
- ❖ Frederic J. Villano received the English Department's James Emanuel Poetry Prize and the International Studies Naumberg Award that provides funding for study abroad. Frederic is also the recipient of a scholarship from the Isaacs Scholarship Program, providing funding for a year abroad to study in Florence, Italy.
- ❖ Pernell Walker received the Theatre Department's Bernie West Scholarship.



CONFERENCES AND PAPERS

Many Fellows attend conferences. They go to observe, present papers or take part in their mentor's professional life. Both Jose Vasquez and Nina Finch attended the Northeastern Anthropological Association's 41st Annual Meeting this past spring.

Nina writes, "I found that many undergraduate students presented papers which inspired me to think that I could have presented myself had I known that this was a possibility."

Jose writes, "I made some contacts with students from York College. Some of them were presenting papers at the conference and one of them was the student representative on the association's executive board. I was inspired by my colleagues to present a paper in the future. I learned that York has a database of ethnographic studies, which is open to all CUNY students. I definitely plan to take advantage of this resource for future research papers.

The rest of the session and plenary lectures were interesting and gave me a sense of the type of research being conducted by practicing Anthropologists. I really appreciate the opportunity the Fellowship Program gave me to attend the conference. The experience was a rewarding one. I hope to attend future conferences as a presenter."

OUR GRADUATES

- Jazmin Abreu (Psychology) graduated Summa Cum Laude; she will enter a PhD program in Psychology at the Graduate Center.
- Steven Dean (Theatre) graduated with a CUNY BA.
- Avalon Garcia (BioChem) graduated Magna Cum Laude.
- Abass Keita (Math) graduated Cum Laude in spring 2000; he will attend a PhD program in Math at the City University of New York, Graduate Center, beginning fall 2001.
- Joanne McCracken (History) graduated Cum Laude.
- Shalni Ramchandani (History) graduated Summa Cum Laude.
- Sarah Roy (History) graduated Summa Cum Laude.
- Eugene Spiropoulos (Chemical Engineering) will be entering the Chemical Engineering PhD Program at City College, City University of New York with a full scholarship.

GRE PREP COURSE

If you are planning to take the GRE this fall, you should definitely take the GRE PREP course. Please let Renee know by the first of September if you would like to participate. (The cost of the course is covered by CCFELL.)

PREVIEW: FALL 2001 SCHEDULE

September 6 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Orientation for New Fellows

September 20 12:30 PM - 2 Dining Room

Mellon Minority Undergraduates Fellows meet with Lydia English, Mellon Foundation, for onsite visit.

October 1 NAC 6/316

Seniors (& other Fellows wanting to participate) hand in drafts of personal statements to Renee for *Writing the Personal Statement Workshop*.

October 4 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Workshop: Writing the Personal Statement

October 11 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Workshop: Seeking & Winning Funding for Study and Research

Date TBA in October 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Meeting w/ Senior Seminar instructors, for seniors and others interested in enrolling in the Senior Seminar

Thurs., Nov 8 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Symposium: *Doing Research*

Tuesday, Nov 13 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Recruitment Workshop

Thurs., Nov 15 12:30 PM - 2 NAC 6/316

Recruitment Workshop

December 1 APPLICATIONS DUE

CHECK PROCEDURE

Remember: all checks (stipends, reimbursement for travel, summer monies, etc.) are picked up in the Bursar's office, Y100. If you have any questions about the procedure, please ask Renee.

City College Fellowships Program is an umbrella program that administers several undergraduate fellowships. Both City College Fellowships (established by the Ford Foundation with the City College) and Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowships (funded by the Mellon Foundation) attract and support students in choosing careers in advanced research and college teaching. With the goal of recruiting a diverse new generation of college professors, these programs provide financial support and a developmental structure from a student's sophomore year until admission into graduate school. Irani/Summerfield Fellowships (funded by the Division of the Humanities and Arts) provides talented students majoring in departments and programs of the Division of the Humanities and Arts with financial support, mentoring, and the opportunity to participate in the City College Fellowships Program's seminars and workshops.

The City College Fellowships Office is located in NAC 6/316, 650-8388. Newsletter compiled by R. Philippi.