LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring semester brought a series of culminating events. Among the most interesting was our first annual City College Fellowships Program Research Conference, at which 15 of the Fellows presented their research to an audience of students, family members, faculty, and CCNY’s President Williams. The level of sophistication of the research, as well as the professionalism and poise of the presenters set a high standard for future cohorts of Fellows to follow. Most heartening was the excitement in the room, the mutual support that Fellows gave one another, and the sense of pride of Fellows whose hard work paid off.

This is the time of year that I take great pleasure in congratulating the graduating seniors. Their many awards and honors are listed below. We are proud that once again, three of our Fellows (Ali Kharrazi, Rose St. Fleur, and Nazaret Tarabay) and their mentor Professor Jay Jorgenson won the college’s mentoring award. In addition, seven of our graduates will begin Ph.D. programs in the fall with full tuition and generous stipends. Since this is the first cohort of seniors that entered the program after I was named director, it is especially hard for me to see them go. Congratulations, best of luck, and stay in touch. Thank you for all you have contributed to the program. We will miss you!

The success of the program was strongly reflected in a record number of forty-five applications for the City College and Irani Fellowships in May. Congratulations and welcome to the six new City College Fellows and five new Irani Fellows. In addition, following earlier interviews in March, we were also delighted to welcome five new Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows. I look forward to your participation in our community and to helping you to achieve your academic goals.

Susan Besse

NEW FELLOWS

It is with great pleasure that we announce and welcome our new Fellows. From a most competitive pool of applications, 16 new Fellows have been selected to join the City College Fellowships Program in the fall semester, 2003; 5 are Irani Fellows and 5 are Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellows.

The new City College Fellowship Fellows are:
- Ms. Linelle Fontenelle (Chemical Engineering)
- Mr. Juan Montana (Philosophy)
- Ms. Fabiha Naumi (Computer Science)
- Ms. Anja Soczewiska (Biology)
- Ms. Laura Stella (Architecture)
- Ms. Debra Wolf (English)

The new Irani Fellows are:
- Mr. Christopher Archer (History)
- Mr. Sean Bauer (English)
- Mr. Darren Echols (English)
- Mr. Keith Robinson (Media Communication Arts)
- Ms. Sokunthary Svay (English)

The new Mellon Minority Fellows are:
- Ms. Terri Decker (English)
- Mr. Edgardo Molina (Computer Science)
- Mr. Mark Rodriguez (History)
- Ms. Brenda Ryan (English)
- Mr. Papa Tall (Sociology)

Transferred from City College Fellowships:
- Ms. Evelyn Espinal (Art History)
- Ms. Tayannah McQuillar (Anthropology)

Summer Projects 2003

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

Dana Agmon (PSC/PHIL) is attending The New School’s 2003 Arabic Intensive Course, to aid in her research on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Juan Alduey (HIST) is participating in a ten week summer research program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as part of the Minority Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (MURAP), to conduct research on changing gender relations among the Navajo indigenous peoples of the Southwestern United States, between 1860 and 1900.

Anastassiya Andrianova (ENGL) has received summer monies to participate in the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism (NASSR) Conference.

Gabriella Czukker (HIST) has received summer monies to conduct research in Budapest at the European Roma Rights Center on the genocide of the Gypsies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Evelyn Espinal (ART HIST) is attending a five-week intensive language and culture program at the Universidade Federal da Bahia and the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.
University of Texas. She will also conduct research on the origins of Rio de Janeiro’s pivotal Neo-Concrete movement of the 50’s and 60’s and its impact on Brazilian society.

Carrie Hildebrand (PSYCH) will be conducting her own laboratory research this summer. The aim of her study is to examine cerebral blood flow velocity (CBFV) over a 30-hour period, to determine whether CBFV is regulated by sleep.

Trevor Houser (ECON) is participating in the China Institute’s Summer 2003 Chinese Intensive Language Program, to prepare himself for travel and study in Beijing.

Ali Kharrazi (MATH) has received summer monies to support the research and the writing of a paper entitled: Contrarian Profits and Trading Volume in Short Term: Evidence from Iran’s Stock Exchange.

Karl Levy (MATH/Physics) has received summer funding to attend and participate in a research program in Math at Cal Polytech and to conduct research and write a paper in the sub-field of Mathematics called Combinatorics.

Alexis Logsdon (ENGL) will assist Professor Mary McGlynn (her mentor) by conducting research for Prof. McGlynn’s book, Cowboys, Indians, Gangsters, and Jazzmen: America in Some Contemporary Irish Cultural Imaginings.

Tayannah McQuillar (ANTH) is attending a five-week intensive language and culture program at the Universidade Federal da Bahia and the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil through the University of Texas. She will also conduct research on Candomblé, an Afro-Brazilian religion.

Mark Rodriguez (HIST) is attending Wesleyan University’s Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Summer 2003 Program.

Brenda Ryan (ENGL) is attending a summer computer course as well as Barnard College’s Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Summer 2003 Program. She will be conducting research and writing on Harriet Jacobs.

Anja Soczewskas is pursuing research relating to the evolutionary history of bacterial DNA sequences with the help of her mentor Prof. Jonathan Levitt.

Papa Tall (SOC) is conducting research and writing a paper on the progressive politicization of the Senegalese community of “Little Senegal” in West Harlem, New York City, in conjunction with Project Ascend/McNair. He will be mentored by Prof. Lily Hoffman (SOC).

James Worley (ENGL) is also participating in Project Ascend/McNair, researching the stereotype of the lazy bachelor in Victorian literature. His mentor is Professor Renata Miller (ENGL).

Congratulations to Eric Clausell!
He has been awarded a 2003 City College Fellowships $8,000 Graduate Scholarship!

And

Congratulations to Anastassiya Andrianova, Catharine Franklin, Assia Nakova and Chiyzeda Small!

They have each received a 2003 City College Fellowships $500 Graduate Scholarship!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Fellows’ Activities and Awards, 2002-2003:

Our graduating seniors:

Anastassiya Andrianova graduated Summa Cum Laude and is the recipient of a City College Fellowships Graduate Scholarship. She will attend the CUNY Graduate Center and pursue a PhD in Comparative Literature. She has received, from the Graduate Center, the Geoffrey Marshall Scholarship. Anastassiya has received from the College, the following awards: the English Department’s Albert Friend Award and Sidney Jacoff Graduate Fellowship; the Philosophy Department’s Frederick W. Sperling Prize, and the College’s Edward, Samuel, Henry, Nathan Rudin Scholarship. Christine Appah graduated Summa Cum Laude and has been awarded the History Department’s Oscar Lloyd Memorial Prize, the International Studies Ward Medal, and from the College, the Claire & Sidney Cohen ’37 Scholarship. Sharae Belton graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Amoi Bray graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Eric Clausell graduated Summa Cum Laude and received a City College Fellowships Graduate Fellowship. He will attend the University of Illinois, Urban-Champaign and pursue a PhD in Clinical Psychology. In spring 2002, he presented his research, “Mediating Effects Of Race And Sexual


Michel S. DeMatteis graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the English Department’s Edward Rivera Prize for Autobiography.

Catharine Franklin graduated Summa Cum Laude and received a City College Fellowships Graduate Scholarship. She will attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a PhD in Western American Studies. She was awarded the English Department’s William Bradley Otis Graduate Fellowship.

Christian Gonzalez graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded the Chemistry Department’s Marks Neidle Memorial Prize in Physical Chemistry as well as the Chemistry Department’s Ward Medal.

Angel Guaraca graduated Summa Cum Laude and will pursue a PhD in Civil Engineering: Environmental, after completing his MA at The City College. He was awarded the Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences’ Ward Medal, was named a Minority Access Research Center Scholar, and received from the Division of Science the Dr. Sol J. Heiligenblatt Scholarship.

Angel Guaraca graduated Summa Cum Laude and will pursue a PhD in Civil Engineering: Environmental, after completing his MA at The City College. He was awarded the Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences’ Ward Medal, was named a Minority Access Research Center Scholar, and received from the Division of Science the Dr. Sol J. Heiligenblatt Scholarship.
Dunat Scholarship.
Assia Nakova graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a recipient of the City College Fellowships Graduate Scholarship. She will attend Princeton University to earn a PhD in Modern European History. She was awarded the English Department's Allan Danzig Memorial Prize in Victorian and Romantic Literature and the History Department's Paul Aron Award for the Best History Research Paper.
Alejandro Reyes graduated Magna Cum Laude from the CUNY BA Program. He was awarded the Smith Fellowship from the CUNY BA Program.
Kamal Thapa graduated Magna Cum Laude and was awarded the Earth and Atmospheric Science's Ward Medal as well as the Division of Science's Robert E. Marshak Prize.
Jose Vasquez graduated Magna Cum Laude from the CUNY BA Program, and will attend the CUNY Graduate Center, where he plans to complete a PhD in Anthropology. He was awarded full tuition and stipend for four years as well as the President's MAGNET Fellowship. He was also awarded the prestigious Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship for Minorities. At City College, the Anthropology Department awarded him the Ward Medal and the College Award him, for the fourth year in a row, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Annual Award.

Continuing Fellows:
Juan Alduey has received the History Department's Louis Neugeborn Scholar Award.
Kabir Amir was awarded the Mark & Estelle Clements Alumni Scholarship from the Economics Department.
Christopher Archer received the History Department's Sidney Ditzion Award.
Sean Bauer was awarded the College’s Claire & Sidney Cohen ’39 Scholarship and the English Department's Julius & Elizabeth Isaacs Scholarship.
Eileen Chanza was chosen to participate in the Edward Rivera Autobiographical Fiction Summer 2003 workshop, SPGRE/

FALL 2003 SCHEDULE
Th., September 4  12:20 -2 PM  NAC 6/316
Orientation for New Fellows
Th., September 18  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Roundtable: Summer Research Experiences: Exchange of Information
Tu., September 23  12:20 – 2 PM  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., October 2  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Workshop: Writing the Personal Statement
Th., October 16  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Workshop: Seeking & Winning Funding for study and research
Th., November 6  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Forum with Guest Speaker(s): Doing Research
Th., November 13  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Recruitment Workshop
Th., December 4  12:20 – 2 PM  NAC 6/316
Meeting with Senior Seminar instructors, for those interested in enrolling in the Senior Seminar
Mon., December 1  APPLICATIONS DUE
Fellow-Initiated Luncheons
Th, Sept., 25 12:20-2PM  Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 9  12:20-2PM  Faculty Dining Room
Th., Oct., 30  12:20-2PM  Faculty Dining Room
Th., Nov., 20 12:20-2PM  Faculty Dining Room

GRE PREP COURSE
If you plan to take the GRE fall 2003 or spring 2004, 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.

SENIOR SEMINAR, SPRING 2003
Professors David Jaffe (HIST) and Joshua Wilner (ENGL) will together teach the spring 2004 Fellowships Seminar. It is entitled, Approaching the Industrial Revolution: Technological, Socio-political, and Cultural Transformations in the Nineteenth Century.
“The course will examine the history and experience of the industrial revolution through the lens of various disciplinary approaches and preoccupations.”
For the next year, 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.

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 questions about the procedure, please ask Renee Philippi.
MURAP at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Terri Decker received a CUNY Pipeline Fellowship.
Darren Echoles was awarded the English Department's Julius & Elizabeth Isaacs Scholarship.
Evelyn Espinal was awarded the College's Naumburg Fellowship for Summer Study Abroad and from the Foreign Language Department, the Dourner Scholarship for Excellence in Portuguese.
Rodley Ferguson was awarded the American Economics Association's Summer Minority Scholarship, as well as the Verizon Scholarship 2003 for Excellence in Finance. The Economics Department awarded him the Mark and Estelle Clements Scholarship.
Carrie Hildebrand received from the Department of Foreign Languages a certificate of Academic Achievement in Italian.
Trevor Houser was awarded the International Studies Department's Ward Medal and the College's Sidney Jacoff Scholarship.
Shu En Huang was awarded the College's Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship and the City College Scholars Award. Ali Kharrazi won the College's Mentoring Award with his mentor Jay Jorgenson.
Jane Lee received the English Department's Laskin Award for Children's Writing, the History Department's Sidney Pomerantz Award, and the College's City College Scholar Award. She was named, as well, a Marvin Rosenberg Fellow by the Rosenberg-Humphrey Program in Public Policy.
Karl Levy was awarded the Ira Webber Scholarship from the Science Division. Alexis Logsdon was awarded the English Department's David Markowitz Essay Award and a Project Ascend/McNair Summer 2003 Scholarship to research and analyze the writings of Scottish author James Kelman.
Njeri Micheu was awarded, from the College, a Watson Fellowship and was chosen to participate in the Rosenberg-Humphrey Program in Public Policy.
Edgardo Molina was awarded the College's Goldsmith Scholarship as well as the prestigious NASA/USAR Summer Scholarship for Research.
Camisha Pierre received the College's Theodore Charos Memorial Scholarship as well as the Sidney Jacoff Scholarship. She was also awarded the LSAMP Research Scholarship.
Wendy Prudencio was awarded the Political Science Department's Dukacheck Award and a Project Ascend/McNair Summer 2003 Scholarship to research the impacts of neoliberalism on the labor movement in El Salvador.
Mark Rodriguez was awarded an internship from the University Transportation Research Center.
Brenda Ryan was awarded the English Department's Julius & Elizabeth Isaacs Scholarship.
Rose Saint Fleur was awarded the Mathematics Department's Israel E. Drabkin Award and the College's Mentoring Award with her mentor Jay Jorgenson. She also presented her research at the 19th Eastern Economic Conference. She is participating in a summer research institute in mathematics at SUNY, Stony Brook.
Andrea Sciacca presented her paper, Strapped to the Table Dancing, at the National Popular Culture Conference, Insanity Panel, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and her paper, Talking Trash at the Center for Working Class Studies Panel, in Youngstown, Ohio.
Papa Tall was awarded the Department of Political Science's Epstein Award.
Nazaret Tarabay won the College's Mentoring Award with her mentor Jay Jorgenson.
Deborah Wolf was awarded the College's Stuyvesant-CCNY Scholarship.

CITY COLLEGE FELLOWSHIPS RESEARCH CONFERENCE
May 2, 2003
Ritkind Room, North Academic Center 6/316

10:40 Assia Nakova, “Beckerle and the Bulgarian Jews”
11:00 Andrea Sciacca, “Strapped to the Table and Dancing: Ralph Ellison and Institutional Insanity in the Context of the Cold War in American Literature”
11:20 Catherine Franklin, “How Potent They Become: Authoring a/the Self and the Means of Scriptural and Secular Interpretation in Hawthorne and Melville”
11:40 Eileen Chanza, “Oral Histories: Interviews on Skin Color Identity of Puerto Rican Immigrants of the 1940s”
12:00 Alexis Logsdon, “Reading James Kelman: (Mis)interpretations of a Glaswegian Writer”
1:00 Poster presentations:
  - Angel Guaraca, “Morphologic and Geochemical Characterization of New York City Aerosols”
  - Eric Clausell, “Moderating Effects of Participant and Target Ethnicity on the Physical Attractiveness Stereotyping of Gay and Straight Men”
2:00 Rodley Ferguson, “Numerical Solutions for Differential Equations”
2:40 Nazaret Tarabay, “Value at Risk: An Example of Using Mathematics for Practical Purposes”
3:00 Christine Appah, “Power and Law: Legal Transplantation for Development in Ghana (1867-1874)”
3:20 Jose Vasquez, “Points of Departure: Exploring Qi Through Interviews with M.D. Acupuncturists”

City College Fellowships Program is an umbrella program that administers several undergraduate fellowships. See our website for information:
www.ccny.cuny.edu/fellowshipsprogram
The City College Fellowships Office is located in NAC 6/316, 212/650-8388.

R. Philippi compiles the newsletter.