Welcome Back!

Welcome back from a summer that I hope was the perfect balance of research, adventure and rejuvenation!

As with any dynamic department changes are always afoot – our recently completed game of musical offices makes room for two new additions to our faculty – Dr. Ashwini Tambe and Dr. Catherine Schuler. Dr. Schuler will join us in Spring, 2012, while Dr. Tambe begins this semester. Do stop by and share your research interests with them so that they have a sense of the projects that are presently under way in the department. A warm welcome to them both. Wishing us all a rewarding semester!!

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We also extend a very warm welcome to our incoming cohort. This semester we are joined by Carrie Hart, Sina Lee and Jaime Madden.

**MEET OUR NEW COHORT**

**Carrie Hart** received her BA from Hollins University (Women’s Studies and English GPA, 2006) and her MA from University of North Carolina-Greensboro (Women’s and Gender Studies, 2011). In her MA thesis she examined the ways that Women’s Studies pedagogues engage with visual texts in their classrooms. Her work interrogates the kinds of ethical conversations that visual texts produce and complicate within academic feminist praxis. Her current research examines the intersections of visual culture, queer theory, and feminist pedagogies.

**Sina Lee** received her BA from Yonsei University, South Korea (double major–Government and Politics/Sociology, 2008). She also holds an MA in Sociology (Yonsei University, 2011). Her master’s thesis focused on South Korean women’s abortion experiences and related policy changes. She is interested in understanding the dynamics of abortion in a myriad of multi-layered social structures such as male-oriented family forms, high education fees, and the lack of child-care systems.

**Jaime Madden**: received her BS from Berry College (Psychology with Women’s Studies Minor, 2005) and an MA from the University of Texas (Women’s and Gender Studies, 2007). Her MA thesis pursued questions relating to community and the myth of the autonomous individual, using High Rocks Educational Corporation as a case-study of a productive semipublic community. Her on-going research sits at the intersection of feminist political and legal theories and issues of civic difference.
CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESSES

This is a perfect time to celebrate your progress towards degree, your research awards, and publications! Congratulations to you all!!

Mary Bazemore: Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship
Rajani Bhatia: Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship
Julie Enszer: The Mary S. Snouffer Dissertation Award and Schlesinger Library Travel Grant (Harvard University)
Robyn Epstein: Women’s Studies Dissertation Completion Award
Melissa Rogers: McNair Graduate Fellowship

A special congratulations to Barbara Boswell who was awarded an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) New Faculty Fellowships. She will take a two-year position in English and The Institute for African-American Studies at University of Virginia.

Among our students are the very talented poets Julie Enszer and Bettina Judd both of whom continue to be recognized for their craft. Congrats on their recent publications!

Julie Enszer:

Bettina Judd:

Torch Online Literary Journal “Order” and “Square and Compass, or Joice Posthumously Reflects on the Geometry of the Showman’s Recollection.” (Spring/Summer Issue.)

Bettina also received a Pushcart Prize nomination for her work.

Where Are They? Our Student Placements

Barbara Boswell, PhD (2010): ACLS Postdoctoral Fellow, English and Institute for African-American Studies, University of Virginia.

Claire Jen, PhD (2008): Assistant Professor, Women’s Studies Program and Department of Biology, Denison University.

Na Young Lee, PhD (2006): Associate Professor, Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Laura Logie, PhD (2008): Assistant Director, Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity, University of Maryland, College Park.

Heather Rellihan, PhD (2007): Assistant Professor, Women’s Studies Program, Anne Arundel Community College

JV Sapinoso, PhD (2009): Assistant Director, LGBT Studies Program, University of Maryland, College Park.

Ayu Saraswati, PhD (2007): Assistant Professor, Women’s Studies Program, University of Hawaii.


Amy Washburn, PhD (2010) Assistant Professor of English at Kingsborough Community College (CUNY).

Kimberly Williams (2008): Assistant Professor, Women’s Studies Department, Mount Royal University.
Internal Research and Travel Grants Information

Please note that there may be internal departmental deadlines for some of the awards listed below so stay tuned for additional reminders throughout the semester.

- **International Conference Student Support Award**
  This award provides support for a graduate student’s conference registration fee up to $500. To be eligible, a graduate student must be presenting a paper, poster, or other research or creative material at a major, international scholarly, scientific, or professional conference that is held outside of the US. The graduate student must be enrolled at the University of Maryland at the time of travel to the international conference.

  The Graduate School is extending the program for a full year, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Eligible graduate students now are invited to submit applications for international travel during these dates. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/news_and_events/international_conference.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/news_and_events/international_conference.html) for additional information.

- **McNair Graduate Fellowships**
  In the Spring 2012 recruitment cycle, the Graduate School will award up to five Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowships. The new McNair Fellowship program will enhance opportunities for our campus doctoral programs to recruit and retain outstanding alumni or alumnae of McNair undergraduate programs from institutions across the country. The deadline is **Friday, February 3, 2012 by noon**.

  See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html) for additional information.

- **Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowships**
  Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowships provide support to outstanding doctoral students at “mid-career,” that is, in the period approximately before, during, or after achievement of candidacy, and are intended to enable students to prepare for or complete a key benchmark in their program’s requirements. Nominations are due on **Monday, March 14th, by noon**.

  See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html) for additional information.

- **Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowships**
  Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowships are one-semester awards intended to support outstanding doctoral students who are in the final stages of writing their dissertation and whose primary source of support is unrelated to their dissertation.

  2012-2013 Wylie Fellowship guidelines and nomination forms are due on **Tuesday, February 21st 2012, by noon**.

  See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html) for additional information.

- **Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant**
  The Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant is intended to help defray the expenses incurred by graduate students who are traveling to scholarly, scientific, or professional conferences to present papers, posters, or other scholarly material. The Goldhaber Travel Grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. A rolling deadline allows graduate students to apply at any time as long as the necessary documents are included with the application and the application is received before the travel dates.

  See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/current_students/travel_awards.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/current_students/travel_awards.html) for additional information.

- **The Dr. Mabel Spencer Award for Excellence in Graduate Achievement**
  Nominations for the Mabel S. Spencer Award must be made by the nominee’s Graduate Director. Nominations of women are especially encouraged for this award. A program may nominate up to two candidates. A nominee must have an outstanding record in graduate studies, a demonstrable potential to contribute to his or her field of study, and be a doctoral candidate as of the first day of classes, Fall 2012. **DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.**

  See [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/prospective_students/gs_fellowships.html) for additional information.

- **The Michael J. Pelczar Award**
  The Michael J. Pelczar Award for Excellence in Graduate Study offers $1,000 to an outstanding doctoral candidate who has demonstrated excellence beyond his or her course work, and who has served at least one academic year as a teaching assistant with a commendable performance. **DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.**


- **The Longest Award**
  The Longest Award provides $2,000 to support doctoral dissertation research in the social sciences with potential benefits for small and/or disadvantaged communities. Candidacy tuition remission also will be granted for each of two semesters (if not covered by other tuition remission). Nominations for the Longest Award must be made by the nominee’s program director. Please submit each nomination package electronically (as a single pdf file attached to an email) to the Graduate School at [longest-award@umd.edu](mailto:longest-award@umd.edu).

  **DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.**

- **The Mary S. Snouffer Scholarship Award**
  The Phi Delta Gamma Graduate Fellowship offers $1,000 to a student who “best exemplifies interdisciplinary scholarship achievement.” Please submit each nomination package electronically (as a single pdf file attached to an email) to the Graduate School at [pdf fellowships@umd.edu](mailto:pdf fellowships@umd.edu). See [www.gradschool.umd.edu/images/uploads/EndowedAwardsGuidelines2012.pdf](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/images/uploads/EndowedAwardsGuidelines2012.pdf) - 2011-08-10 for additional information.

  **DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.**

- **The Mary S. Snouffer Scholarship**
  The Mary S. Snouffer Scholarship Fund will support qualified students pursuing the doctorate in any discipline in the humanities, including the study of language, literature, culture, philosophy, history or the arts. Preference will be given to students in English, but scholarships can be awarded to students in other disciplines in the humanities and arts. Students receiving the Mary Savage Snouffer Dissertation Fellowship are expected to enroll full-time and to devote full time to work on their dissertation. Recipients are not allowed to hold on- or off-campus jobs of more than ten hours per week.

  See: [http://www.arhu.umd.edu/graduate/fellowships/support](http://www.arhu.umd.edu/graduate/fellowships/support) for additional information.
EXTERNAL GRANTS AND POST-DOCTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

Please note that the College’s Fellowship and Grants Database allows you to search extensively for external grants based on your disciplinary and or research foci. I’ve provided a selection of external grants here but strongly encourage you to spend some time with the database. See: http://www.arhu.umd.edu/graduate/fellowships/database

- Fellowships for Field Research, Korea Foundation

URL: http://www.kf.or.kr/eng/01_sks/sks_fel_sfd01.asp

This fellowship support program is designed to encourage Korean Studies research by doctorate-level students and prominent scholars through the sponsorship of their visit to Korea so that they can conduct onsite field research, gather pertinent data, access resource materials, and develop personal relationships with Korean specialists. The fellowship is open to doctorate-level students and scholars conducting research on Korean Studies or Korea-related comparative/case studies in the fields of the humanities, social sciences, culture and arts: 1) Doctoral candidate: An individual who has completed his/her requisite coursework and is in the process of writing his/her doctoral dissertation.

- Outstanding Dissertations Competition, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education

The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) and Educational Testing Service (ETS) are proud to announce the Outstanding Dissertations Competition 2012. The goals of the competition are to encourage greater numbers of prepared students to enter and successfully complete doctoral programs and to enhance the quality of the dissertations they write. The competition is open to anyone who has completed a dissertation that focuses on Hispanic(s) in higher education or to any Hispanic individual who has completed a dissertation in the social sciences, broadly defined, between December 2009 and August 1, 2011.

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, African American Studies, Princeton University

Deadline: 9/4/11
Award: Salary not specified
Purpose: Postdoctoral Fellowships

Research Fellowships
Eligibility: Postdoctoral Scholars
Field(s): African American Studies
URL: https://jobs.princeton.edu/

The Center for African American Studies at Princeton University invites applications from pre-tenure scholars and recent Ph.D. graduates in all disciplines for two postdoctoral or more senior research positions. These positions will be awarded for the academic year 2012-2013 to emerging scholars who will devote their ten-month residency at Princeton to writing about race in the national or global contexts and, with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty, teaching one semester-long undergraduate course.

Applicants should have received the doctorate within the past five years and cannot be in the process of writing a dissertation. The term for these positions extends from September 1, 2012 until July 1, 2013; a competitive salary will be provided.

A selection committee of Center for African American Studies faculty members evaluates applicants on the basis of: 1) the significance of their proposed research and its relevance to the purposes of the center; 2) the quality of their previous research, and their ability to benefit from the activities of the center; 3) the contribution they are likely to make to higher education in the future through teaching and writing about race.

- Postdoctoral Fellowships, Princeton University Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts

Deadline: 9/30/11
Award: approximately $76,000 plus benefits
Purpose: Postdoctoral Fellowships

Eligibility: Postdoctoral Scholars
Field(s): All Fields
URL: http://www.princeton.edu/~sf

The Princeton Society of Fellows, an interdisciplinary group of scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and selected natural sciences, invites applications for the 2012-2015 Fellowship competition. Four three-year Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded this year. The stipend for academic year 2012-13 will be approximately $76,000. Fellows are provided with a shared office, a personal computer, a research account of $5000 a year, and access to university grants, benefits and other resources. Fellows are expected to reside in or near Princeton during the academic year in order that they can attend weekly seminars and participate fully in the intellectual life of the Society. Eligibility: Ph.D. degree requirements:

a) Candidates already holding the Ph.D degree at time of application:
You must have received your degree between January 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011.

b) Candidates who are ABD (all but dissertation) at time of application:
If you will not meet the September 30, 2011 deadline for receipt of Ph.D but are expected to have fulfilled all conditions for the degree, including defense and filing of dissertation, by June 15, 2012, you may still apply for a postdoctoral fellowship provided you have completed a substantial portion of the dissertation (approximately half). We ask that you include in your dossier a letter confirming your “progress to degree” from either your Department Chair or your Director of Graduate Studies.

-Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences, Dartmouth College

Deadline:10/1/11
Award: annual stipend of $51,500 plus benefits, an annual research allowance of $2,000. Purpose: Postdoctoral Fellowships
Eligibility: Postdoctoral Scholars
Field(s): All Fields
URL: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ihc/fellowships/mellonfellowships.html

With the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Dartmouth is pleased to accept applications for one postdoctoral fellowship in the humanities and humanistic social sciences for the 2012-2014 academic years. These fellowships foster the academic careers of scholars who have recently received their Ph.D. degrees, by permitting them to
pursue their research while gaining mentored experience as teachers and members of the departments and/or programs in which they are housed. The program also benefits Dartmouth by complementing existing curricula with underrepresented fields. We are currently NOT accepting applications for Anthropology, Art History, Film and Media Studies, French, History, Italian, Music, Native American Studies and Religion. Applicants must focus on materials customarily associated with research in the humanities or employ methods common in humanistic research. Fellows are expected to teach two courses in their home department(s) or program(s) in each year of their residency.

• **AAUW Doctoral Fellowships**  
  **Deadline: 11/15/11**

American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, the quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Candidates may apply for only one of the awards described below. Former recipients of these awards are not eligible to apply for additional American Fellowships or publication grants.  
For additional information see: [http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/american.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/american.cfm)

• **Ford Foundation Fellowships**  
The Ford Foundation offers pre-doctoral, dissertation and post-doctoral awards. Applications open on September 1, 2011. Please visit the following website for additional information.  
[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm)

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N.B. Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies.  
The economic downturn has had an adverse affect on the Women’s Studies endowment. In order to ensure the long term stability of the Women’s Studies program, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation **will not** be offering awards for the **2011 academic year**.