



Announcement from Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society

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CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE 2007 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (SIFP)

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the CUNY Graduate Center is pleased to announce the participation of five Fellows in its 2007 Senior International Fellows Program (SIFP). The SIFP, a professional development program for senior-level Third Sector practitioners from around the world, compliments the Center's traditional Emerging Leaders component of our International Fellows Programs. This year's program will focus on developing new ideas about the global applicability and adaptability of community foundations, as well as diaspora philanthropy and strengthening civic and philanthropic institutions.

The Fellows, who will be here from October 15 to November 9, 2007, are: Alma Cota de Yañez from Sonora, Nogales, Mexico; Timothy James Magowan from Belfast, Northern Ireland; Elizabeth Phocas from Athens, Greece; Yuhong Victoria Shi from Brussels, Belgium; and Andrzej Zawieska from Nidzica, Poland.

In addition to writing position papers, Fellows will participate in seminars on US and international voluntary-sector activities; learn about the work of key agencies; and meet with leading nonprofit representatives and scholars in the field. Since its inception in 1989 our International Fellows Programs have sponsored over 100 fellows from almost 50 countries, helping to build an international network of researchers and practitioners working on philanthropy and civil society.

Our fourth cohort of Senior Fellows brings an impressive array of skills and experience to the program.

Alma Cota de Yañez (Executive Director, Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense AC, Nogales) will explore leadership in educating the community in philanthropic work.

Timothy James Magowan (Fund Development Manager, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland) will explore the creation of sustainable structures to facilitate diaspora philanthropy and how community foundations can support donor interest in global engagement.

Elizabeth Phocas (Deputy Director, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy) (ELIAMEP) will examine how to develop philanthropy and strengthen civil society in Greece.

Yuhong Victoria Shi (External Relations, European Institute for Public Affairs and Lobbying; Freelance Journalist) will examine community foundations as facilitators of integration for Asian immigrants in Belgium.

Andrzej Zawieska (Member, Executive Board, The Nidzica Community Foundation) will examine the role of community foundations locally and factors influencing their success around the globe.

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The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is dedicated to strengthening philanthropy and civil society through education, research, and leadership training. It is based at The Graduate Center at The City University of New York, the largest urban public university system in the United States.

Established in 1961, The Graduate Center is the doctorate-granting institution of The City University of New York (CUNY). An internationally-recognized center for advanced studies and a national model for public doctoral education, The Graduate Center offers more than thirty doctoral programs in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences, as well as a number of master's programs. Many of its faculty members are among the world's leading scholars in their respective fields. Ten of The Graduate Center's doctoral programs place among the top ten in the country, six are ranked in the top five, and in the broad category of humanities, The Graduate Center is rated fourth, according to a new method of assessing the relative strength of doctoral programs by scholarly productivity. The school currently enrolls over 4000 students from throughout the United States, as well as from about eighty foreign countries, and its alumni hold major positions in industry and government, as well as in academia. The Graduate Center is also home to twenty-eight interdisciplinary research centers and institutes focused on areas of compelling social, civic, cultural, and scientific concerns. Located in a landmark Fifth Avenue building, The Graduate Center has become a vital part of New York City's intellectual and cultural life with its extensive array of public lectures, exhibitions, concerts, and theatrical events.

Further information on The Graduate Center and its programs can be found at www.gc.cuny.edu. We also invite you to visit the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's website at www.philanthropy.org.