



**Announcement from
Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society**

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**CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY
ANNOUNCES THE
2012 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (SIFP)**

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the CUNY Graduate Center is pleased to announce that it will soon welcome six new Senior International Fellows. The SIFP, a one-month professional development program for Third Sector decision makers from around the world, complements the original Emerging Leaders component of the Center's International Fellows Programs.

This year's Senior Fellows will focus on the adaptation of the community foundation model to various geo-cultural environments and the challenges that arise, as well as best practices of community foundations and other philanthropy institutions world wide. Fellows will also examine partnerships as a means towards advancing the work of community foundations.

The Fellows, who will be at the Center from March 5 to March 30, 2012, are: Mr. Mark Andrew Bentley, Auckland, New Zealand; Ms. Josephine Buontempo, Perth, Australia; Ms. M. Beatriz Noriega González, Mexico City, Mexico; Ms. Karyn Lea McLeod, Auckland, New Zealand; Szilvia Szmuk-Tanenbaum, New York, New York, United States; and Mr. John Robert Ulanga, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This year for the first time, Tanzania is among the countries represented in the International Fellows Program.

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 through readings and site visits; and meet with leading nonprofit representatives and scholars in the field.

The incoming group brings to 162 the number of International Fellows participating since the program's inception in 1989. The 2012 Senior Fellows will join an international network of researchers and practitioners from 57 countries who are working in the fields of philanthropy and civil society.

This year's Senior Fellows bring an impressive array of skills and experience to the program.

Mr. Mark Andrew Bentley (Chief Executive Officer, Auckland Communities Foundation) will explore non-profit/government partnerships to accelerate community foundation sustainability in New Zealand.

Ms. Josephine Buontempo (Managing Director/Consultant, Kasali Consultancy Services; Member, Board of Directors, Freemantle Foundation, Ltd.) will seek international perspectives on community foundations and philanthropy to develop a viable community foundation model in Western Australia.

Ms. M. Beatriz Noriega González (Director, Social Investment, Fundación Merced) will explore the development of an operational model to bolster Fundación Merced's support and partnership with Mexico's community foundations.

Ms. Karyn Lea McLeod (Funding & Operations Manager, ASB Community Trust) will consider the establishment of a national philanthropic clearing house to develop a best practices model in disaster grantmaking.

Ms. Szilvia Szmuk-Tanenbaum (Co-trustee, Pine Tree Foundation of New York, Inc.) will study effective grantmaking and strategic board development models appropriate for a small independent foundation.

Mr. John Robert Ulanga (Executive Director, The Foundation for Civil Society) will investigate approaches to establishing community foundations in Tanzania and South Africa, and the associated challenges.

Funders of the 2012 Senior Fellows Program include: the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Auckland Communities Foundation, ASB Community Trust, and Fundación Merced. Support is also generously provided by the Auckland Council, Charities Commission in New Zealand, Freemantle Foundation, The Foundation for Civil Society and contributions from individual donors.

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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, and our alumni are working to strengthen cultures of philanthropy around the globe. Their efforts have supported the establishment of a variety of new organizations and new programs – from social funds and community foundations in Mexico, Uruguay, Egypt, South Africa and Turkey to network and service organizations in Poland and Russia; from philanthropic centers in India and Ukraine to a Masters Program in Nonprofit Management South Korea. They also bring their learning and passion about civil society organizations to bear on their work with government and the business sector. Since 2000, the Fellows Program has focused special attention on strengthening community philanthropy organizations with the goal of helping communities mobilize local resources to address local needs while thinking about long-term growth and strategies. We invite you to visit the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's website at [www.philanthropy.org](http://www.philanthropy.org).

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is based at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), which is devoted primarily to doctoral studies and awards most of the City University of New York's Ph.D.s. An internationally recognized center for advanced studies and a national model for public doctoral education, the school offers more than thirty doctoral programs 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, and its alumni hold major positions in industry and government, as well as in academia. The Graduate Center is also home to more than thirty 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](http://www.gc.cuny.edu).