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**WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
WOMEN'S STUDIES DISSERTATION FELLOWS FOR 2007**

PRINCETON, N.J. –How does an unusual religious education program cross cultural, national, and religious boundaries to open new doors for women in Islam? Have scholars overlooked the opportunities for economic empowerment that voluntary migration to marry men in another country can provide for Third World women? How have popular novels, films, and magazines shaped the ways in which African American women think about HIV and AIDS?

The 2007 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellows in Women's Studies are writing on these and other topics in the humanities and social sciences. Selected last week in the program's 33rd annual competition, the seven fellows receive an award of \$3,000 from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

The Fellows, all in their final year of dissertation research and writing, include literary scholars at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; sociologists at New York University and the University of Albany; Ph.D. students in women's studies at Minnesota and the University of California-Los Angeles; and a performance studies specialist at the University of Texas-Austin (*A list of the 2007 Fellows follows, below.*) The fellowship award may be used for research-related travel, data work, and supplies.

Funded by the Ford Foundation, the Hans Rosenhaupt Memorial Endowment, and private donors, the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies is the only national program supporting doctoral work on women's and gendered issues. Since its inception in 1974 as the nation's first such program, the program has supported 487 Ph.D.s in various fields, many of them now on the faculty at such major research institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Penn, Stanford, Berkeley, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, and Rutgers, as well as noted liberal arts colleges like Amherst, Barnard, Bowdoin, Sarah Lawrence, Spelman, Wellesley, and Williams.

Woodrow Wilson focuses on the identification and development of America's best minds for its most essential professions. Particularly concerned with historically disadvantaged populations, the Foundation seeks to address the nation's most urgent educational problems, champion academic excellence, and expand educational opportunity

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**THE WOODROW WILSON NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION
DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES, 2007**

Pamela Butler • American Studies, University of Minnesota
*Global Chicks: Neoliberalism and Cosmopolitan Travel
in 21st Century Feminist Fiction*

Sarah Damaske • Sociology, New York University
Moving on Up? The Role of Work and Family in Women's Mobility Paths

Je Hye Kim • Performance Studies, University of Texas at Austin
*Performing Female Masculinities at the Intersections of
Race, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality*

Minjeong Kim • Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York
Gendered International Marriage Migration under Globalization

Deepti Misri • English, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Reading Violence: Gender and Violence in Post-Independence
South Asian Fiction (1947-present)*

Khanum Shaikh • Women's Studies, University of California-Los Angeles
*Gender and Religious Study in a Transnational Age: Pakistani Women and
the Al-Huda Academy for Women*

Ayana Weekley • Women's Studies, University of Minnesota
Now That's a Good Girl: Reading African American HIV/AIDS Discourses