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WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION NAMES NEWCOMBE FELLOWS FOR 2011

*Doctoral candidates working on religious and ethical values
named in prestigious fellowship program*

PRINCETON, N.J.— The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced the selection of 21 Newcombe Fellows for the upcoming 2011-12 academic year. These Fellows are doctoral candidates writing dissertations on topics involving religious and ethical values. Each Newcombe Fellow receives a 12-month award of \$25,000.

Of the 585 applicants for the 2011 Fellowship, 71 were named as finalists, with the 21 Fellows ultimately representing just 3 percent of all applicants. This year's Fellows include scholar in religion, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, history, literature, women's studies, political science, jurisprudence, and music. They come from 15 institutions nationwide. (*See next page for the full list of the 2011 Fellows.*)

Funded by the [Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation](http://www.newcombefoundation.org) (www.newcombefoundation.org), the [Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship](http://www.woodrow.org/newcombe) (www.woodrow.org/newcombe) was created in 1981. It remains the nation's largest and most prestigious such award for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences addressing questions of ethical and religious values. The Newcombe Fellowship has supported nearly 1,100 doctoral candidates, many of whom are now noted faculty members at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and abroad.

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The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation (www.newcombefoundation.org) continues Mrs. Newcombe's lifelong interest in supporting students pursuing degrees in higher education. It has awarded scholarship and fellowship grants totaling over \$50 million since 1981.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops the best minds for the nation's most important challenges. In these areas of challenge, the Foundation awards fellowships to enrich human resources, works to improve public policy, and assists organizations and institutions in enhancing practice in the U.S. and abroad.



THE 2011 CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWS

Margaret Boittin • Political Science, University of California-Berkeley

Sex in the Post-Communist City: The Local Enforcement of Prostitution Regulations in China

Brennan Breed • Religion, Emory University

'Engraved on a Rock Forever': Reception History and the Hebrew Bible

Lina Britto • History, New York University

The Marijuana Axis: The Origins of Narcotrafficking and the "War on Drugs" in Colombia

Heath Carter • History, University of Notre Dame

Scab Ministers, Striking Saints: Christianity and Class Conflict in Chicago, 1865-1914

Kathleen Curtin • English and Comparative Literature, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Reading Scripture, Suffering, and the Self in Early Modern England

Danielle Dubois • Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University

Reflections on Practice: Marguerite Porete's Mirror of Simple Souls

Carrie Duncan • Religious Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

The Rhetoric of Participation: gender and leadership in the ancient synagogue

Shannon Dunn • Religion, Florida State University

Gender Justice in a Secular Age? Domestic violence, Islamic sharia, and the liberal legal paradigm

Kathleen Foody • Religious Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Theologies of Dissent: Critical Islam and Shi'i Renewal in Modern Iran

Ehud Halperin • Religion, Columbia University

Hadimba Becoming Herself: A Himalayan Goddess in Change

Marcus Hedahl • Philosophy, Georgetown University

Owing It to Us: Duties Directed to One's Own

Chelsey Kivland • Anthropology, University of Chicago

"We Make the State": The Performance of Political Action in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Caroline Lundquist • Philosophy, University of Oregon

The Promise of Kindness

Rachel Moran • History and Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University

Body Politic: Federal Policy on American Physique, 1890-1965

Nada Moumtaz • Anthropology, City University of New York

Between Virtue and Law: Charity, Family, and Property in Modern Beirut

Michael O'Toole • Music, University of Chicago

Performing Diasporas: Music, Immigration, and Transnationalism in Contemporary Berlin

Gretchen Pfeil • Anthropology, University of Chicago

Sarax and Sutura: Alms and the virtue of discretion in Dakar, Senegal

Keramet Reiter • Jurisprudence & Social Policy, University of California-Berkeley
The Most Restrictive Alternative: The Origins, Functions, and Ethical Implications of Supermax Prisons, 1976-2010

Clement Thery • Sociology, Columbia University
"Making Money Off People and Making Money With People": The Moral and Economic Life of Landlords in Poor Minority Neighborhoods

Stephen White • Philosophy, University of California-Los Angeles
Special Responsibilities and the Ethics of Friendship

Shannen Williams • History, Rutgers University
Subversive Habits: Black Nuns and the Struggle to Desegregate Catholic America After World War I