

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

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2015 Fellows—United States and Canada

In its ninety-first competition for the United States and Canada, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has awarded 173 Fellowships (including two joint Fellowships) to a diverse group of 175 scholars, artists, and scientists. Appointed on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise, the successful candidates were chosen from a group of over 3,100 applicants.

The great variety of backgrounds, fields of study, and accomplishments of Guggenheim Fellows is one of the most unique characteristics of the Fellowship program. In all, fifty-one disciplines, sixty-three different academic institutions, twenty-three states and the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces are represented by this year's Fellows, who range in age from twenty-nine to eighty-three. Sixty-nine Fellows have no academic affiliation or hold adjunct or part-time positions at universities. As in past years, the Leon Levy Foundation is providing supplemental support for Fellows with no formal academic affiliation. In addition, the Dorothy Tapper Goldman Foundation is underwriting the Fellowship in Constitutional Studies.

Edward Hirsch, president of the Foundation, is enthusiastic about the Fellows in the class of 2015: "It's exciting to name 175 new Guggenheim Fellows. These artists and writers, scholars and scientists, represent the best of the best. Since 1925, the Guggenheim Foundation has always bet everything on the individual, and we're thrilled to continue the tradition with this wonderfully talented and diverse group. It's an honor to be able to support these individuals to do the work they were meant to do."

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Since its establishment in 1925, the Foundation has granted over \$325 million in Fellowships to almost 18,000 individuals, among whom are scores of Nobel laureates and poets laureate, as well as winners of the Pulitzer Prize, Fields Medal, and other important, internationally recognized honors.

During this time of decreased funding for individuals in the arts, humanities, and sciences, the opportunities created by the Guggenheim Fellowship program are increasingly important. New and continuing donations from friends, Trustees, former Fellows, and other foundations have ensured that the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation will be able to continue the mission Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim set for it: to “promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding and the appreciation of beauty, by aiding without distinction on account of race, color or creed, scholars, scientists and artists of either sex in the prosecution of their labors.”

For more information on the Fellows and their projects, please visit the Foundation’s website at <http://www.gf.org>.