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2016 Fellows—United States and Canada

On April 5, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation approved the awarding of 175 Guggenheim Fellowships (including three joint Fellowships) to a diverse group of 178 scholars, artists, and scientists. Appointed on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise, the successful candidates were chosen from a group of nearly 3,000 applicants in the Foundation's ninety-second competition.

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 scholarly disciplines and artistic fields, seventy-one different academic institutions, twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces are represented by this year's Fellows, who range in age from thirty-one to eighty-four. Sixty-seven Fellows have no academic affiliation or hold adjunct or part-time positions at universities. The Leon Levy Foundation continues to provide supplemental support for Fellows with no formal academic affiliation. In addition, the Dorothy Tapper Goldman Foundation is once again underwriting the Fellowship in Constitutional Studies.

Edward Hirsch, president of the Foundation, is enthusiastic about the Fellows in the class of 2016: "It's exciting to name 178 new Guggenheim Fellows. These artists and writers, scholars and scientists, represent the best of the best. Each year since 1925, the Guggenheim Foundation has bet everything on the individual, and we're thrilled to continue to do so 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."

Since its establishment in 1925, the Foundation has granted more than \$334 million in Fellowships to over 18,000 individuals, among whom are scores of Nobel laureates, Fields

Medalists, Turing Award winners, poets laureate, members of the various national academies, winners of the Pulitzer Prize, and other important, internationally recognized honors.

The Guggenheim Fellowship program remains an important source of support for artists, scholars in the humanities and social sciences, and scientific researchers. 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 its historic mission.

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