From the Director

We are delighted that the number of Fellows hosted by the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society approached 100 and four new countries were added to the alumni network in 2005. Fellows have hailed from Asia, Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and Canada. This past year, we offered our first Diversity Fellowship for under-represented groups in US grantmaking, including African American, Asian American, Native American and Latino communities, and our second Senior Fellows Program.

Among our alumni are 16 Fellows from Latin America, including Marcela Orvañanos de Rovzar, who just recently joined the Center’s Advisory Board. Marcela is the founder and Executive Director of PROCURA, a fundraising and nonprofit capacity-building institute in Mexico City.

The philanthropic field in Latin America as a whole has witnessed significant growth and change since the 1990s. The privatization of public enterprises and the opening of markets to foreign and domestic investors have generated increased corporate and individual wealth. At the same time, processes of political democratization and the expansion of organized civil society unleashed new pressures upon the “haves” to give back to society, and new social movements and NGOs have demanded a greater voice in determining how their countries’ wealth and resources are distributed. These changes have had an impact that is reflected both in the mobilization of local financial resources to support NGO activity, and in the establishment of corporate social responsibility programs in the region.

Brazil and Mexico – the region’s largest countries – have the greatest concentration of foundations, although there are significant private foundations in Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica and Chile as well. Public or government outlays for nonprofit organizations and other philanthropic activity are relatively small. Community foundations are noticeably lacking in much of the region.
While participating in the Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program in 2003, I attended “The Dialogue on Community Development in Transnational Communities,” a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), and The Rockefeller Foundation. Attending this forum was one of the most important opportunities in my life. I met several key philanthropic actors in the field of philanthropy, including IAF's representative for Mexico, Jill Wheeler, and listened to them discussing the link between migrants and community development. Before leaving New York, I visited Ms. Wheeler at her office in Washington D.C. to explore funding possibilities for Mide-ac, the organization I had co-founded with my partner, Anselmo Meza. In August of the following year, the IAF approved funding for our project.

After completing the Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program in 2003, I returned to Mexico to resume fundraising activities and continue my research. As a result of my studies at the Center, I co-authored a report entitled, “Transnational Life Between Mexico and the United States: the Community and its Migrants.” The study, funded by IAF, presented the findings of four case studies conducted in Oaxaca, Puebla, Michoacán and Guanajuato. Furthermore, I was chosen to present a paper titled, “Transnational Actors in the Community Foundation Movement U.S. - Mexico: The Social Capital of Mexican Immigrant Hometown Associations” at the WINGS/ISTR conference in Berlin, Germany in December 2004.

The grant from IAF is helping Mide-ac promote the creation of social enterprises in regions of high outward migration and facilitate cross-sector and transnational alliances that support income-generating projects. The main program objectives are to increase family incomes and to develop and disseminate a model of migrant hometown association support for income-generation. Another goal is to lay the groundwork for establishing a community foundation. We are working in partnership with the Zacatecan Federation of Fort Worth, Texas and Abeja de Oro, a honey producers’ organization in Apulco, Zacatecas.

One of the most important obstacles in the field of diaspora philanthropy is the lack of knowledge about migrants’ potential to participate in community development. The research I conducted as a fellow in the Center’s program brought me close to the people discussing key issues in philanthropy and to experienced institutions that understand these issues. This exposure is essential to overcome the “myths” surrounding what migrants can achieve in their communities of origin, and effect strategies to realizing their participation.

My advice to practitioners in the field of diaspora philanthropy is to demystify migrants’ potential to financially contribute to community development. Instead, produce hard data and solid case-by-case analysis. Keep in mind that, more often than not, migrants belong to the lowest income brackets and that their contributions could be other than financial.
NOTES FROM THE FIELD

JOSEPH GONZALES, UNITED STATES, ELIFP DIVERSITY FELLOW 2005

Joseph Gonzales was a member of the first cohort of the Center’s ELIFP Diversity Fellows. He came to the program with an educational background in art history and anthropology and professional experience in university teaching and developing and curating museum exhibitions. During the program, Joseph undertook research on the partnership between the Philadelphia Foundation, a community foundation, and the Taller Puertorriqueño (Puerto Rican Workshop), a community-based Puerto Rican and Latino arts and educational center in Philadelphia. Joseph is completing his doctoral dissertation in anthropology at Temple University and is currently working as the Latino Outreach Coordinator for the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Earlier this year I had the pleasure and privilege, along with Christina Bookhart, of being one of the first Diversity Fellows in the 2005 Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program. In contrast to previous fellows, I am a U.S. citizen and live in Philadelphia. I traveled only two and a half hours from my home to participate in the program. The destination of this short trip provided me with an international and cross-cultural experience. My peers and I, along with university faculty and guests, discussed at length the issues and challenges influencing civil society and philanthropy in the context of our respective countries and national histories. These conversations took place during seminars, over meals, on jostling subway cars, bustling city sidewalks, and during walks through Central Park.

Over the three months, I had the opportunity to learn about many issues pertinent to the nonprofit sector and philanthropy in Serbia and Montenegro, Greece, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Thailand, and Turkey from my peers. For instance, I learned about the challenges of developing philanthropy in post-Soviet Serbia and Montenegro, the efforts to develop diaspora philanthropy in New York City’s Turkish community, the role of philanthropy in peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, and the cultural foundations of philanthropy in Kenya. Readings, guest speakers, and conference sessions further illustrated examples of civil society and philanthropy around the world. Exposure to these international models helped me think about philanthropy in the United States and consider ways to integrate international strategies in local settings.

The examples that resonated with me were the grassroots empowerment approaches we studied in Africa, Latin America, and South Asia. Micro-loan and self-empowerment programs come to mind. The circumstances and community-centered solutions to local problems seemed to best fit with the Latino communities my colleagues and I serve in the United States. Formal, top-down administered philanthropy and program development, although well intended, often produces unintended strain on local organizations. It can also take problem solving out of the hands of local community members who best know the community’s problems and assets. I was also attracted to examples of social justice philanthropy which take a more systemic approach in addressing political and economic inequity. I feel like much formal philanthropy is based on neo-liberal principles which over-emphasize market-based solutions and trickle-down benefits.

And through this exchange, Ms. Bookhart and I were able to share our perspectives on civil society, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector. In particular, we were able to discuss issues relating to Latinos and African-Americans and philanthropy as well as our mutual backgrounds with community-based arts and cultural organizations.

In addition to the structured learning that took place, getting to know my colleagues was a feature of the program. We were brought together over a common desire to learn more about civil society and philanthropy and to share the knowledge with our respective communities. The conversations, questions, critiques, and insights we shared were stimulating. This experience created a strong camaraderie, and I am certain that these bonds will remain strong and that our professional and personal paths will cross again. It is a delightful feeling to know that you have new friends throughout the world and that you are part of an extensive network of fellows.

Along with the exposure and camaraderie, this program provided many opportunities and benefits. It enabled me to focus my research on the Philadelphia Foundation and Philadelphia’s Latino community. I was able to make national and international contacts. I had the opportunity to develop scholarly and professional resources. The program has helped me gain entrée into the field of U.S. philanthropy. I am especially fond of the international aspect of the program, the bridges it creates, and the opportunity to make friends from around the world and in the United States.
Can you briefly explain how you came to found the BrazilFoundation?

My career at the United Nations taught me how NGOs around the world work creatively and produce meaningful results with few resources. In addition to my previous work, my own life experience as a refugee in Brazil, and my understanding of the development of philanthropy in the United States, all contributed to the idea of exploring the potential for a “diaspora” foundation rooted in the Brazilian community in the United States. This community, which numbers around 800,000 people concentrated primarily along the eastern seaboard, matured after 40 years in this country. Within this population are successful entrepreneurs and young professionals, some of whom have become distant from Brazilian society. Our foundation has been reaching out to this segment of the community, giving them a meaningful way to reconnect and give back to their country.

During the time when BrazilFoundation was still an idea, I conducted an informal survey of 40, primarily young, professionals in the financial sector. When asked how they would respond if they were presented with the opportunity to donate money for social projects in Brazil with the incentive of a tax-deduction, all said yes. For me, this was a clear sign that there was enough interest to bring together a group of volunteers for the purpose of developing a foundation. In addition, we needed to ask specialists in capacity building, leadership training and skills-building to map out what was happening in Brazil in the areas of education, health, culture, and human rights. We needed to know which NGOs and activists are major players; the major supporters of these initiatives; and the niche BrazilFoundation could carve out to effectively support social issues.

We take tremendous satisfaction that a foundation focused on building a Brazilian community of donors took root. Though the organization began in New York City, we have a working relationship with Brazilian contacts in Washington, Salt Lake City, Boston, Miami, and Los Angeles, and are hoping to collaborate with Brazilians in other cities in the future.

How do you describe the work of BrazilFoundation and do you consider it an example of so-called “diaspora” or “homeland” philanthropy, which seems to be timely today?

Yes. I think both terms describe the work of BrazilFoundation. Our organization was formed by individuals with established social and economic connections in Brazil and who understood the concept of social investment. This work has given rise to a new generation of donors and volunteers who work with the foundation.

BrazilFoundation is one of the few Brazilian organizations concerned with making and monitoring social investments in Brazil, rather than providing charity or in-kind assistance in the form of clothing and food. In conjunction with our office in Rio de Janeiro, we make sure that the grant money is used in accordance with our guidelines and the original goals of both the grantee and the donor – and that the results are tangible. Our objective is to generate resources to fund innovative local projects that transform Brazil. The population of Brazil grew from 17 to 117 million during the last 100 years, and close to half of the people live below the poverty line. Our objectives are to help people create opportunities to change their lives.

Given that you did not have many “blueprints” to work with, what was the most unexpected result of your successful effort in setting up BrazilFoundation?

The first year of the foundation's existence, we received 72 proposals from five states in Brazil in response to a call for proposals disseminated via the internet through nonprofit networks. That year we had raised US$30,000 and made four grants. In year two, the number of grant proposal increased to 895 from 25 states and the foundation’s available funds for grantmaking totaled $150,000; seventeen grants
were made. The following year, 1,066 proposals from all 27 states of Brazil vied for the $220,000 in grant money for 25 projects. In 2005 we received 1,060 proposals, chose and visited 52 finalists and on July 13 awarded 31 new grants distributing $250,000. This record speaks clearly to the role of the Internet in connecting people, the tremendous need for financial assistance, and that potential grantees are seeing that support from BrazilFoundation leverages funds from other grant-making institutions.

The BrazilFoundation has an uncanny ability to draw people to it. Grants are small, US$10,000 maximum, and have a one year timeline. The proposals must be specific, and applicants’ organizations must already be in operation. The foundation’s grantees do not have political or religious affiliations and tend to be ‘below the radar’ of major funders. One of the achievements of our foundation has been the ability to publicize their work and encourage further support from others. A Projects Bank has been established and partners are being sought to support deserving projects we did not have the resources to support.

BrazilFoundation offers grantmaking services to partners interested in supporting social projects in Brazil.

**Tell us about BrazilFoundation’s showcasing of local NGO projects in Brazil as a means to educate and engage potential donors.**

Publicly presenting an NGO project to an audience that rarely has a chance to learn about the activities in the not-for-profit sector is a wonderful way to generate a donor community. Several times a year, BrazilFoundation features the work of Brazilian social entrepreneurs in forums that allow interested individuals to meet these activists and discuss what is happening in the sector. Last April, the foundation hosted an informal event featuring Grupo Cultural Afro Reggae, a Brazilian band that produces percussion music and performs dance movements that are rooted in the Afro-Brazilian experience during slavery. The same group performed at Carnegie Hall the following day. As one participant at the forum said, she had never had an opportunity to dialogue with someone living in a favela (slum).

**If someone were interested in establishing an organization similar to yours, what advice would you offer?**

I would tell them to be fully committed and engage others in this effort. There are so many creative ways to address local problems in areas where there is still no trust. An organization like ours can help build visibility and trust, and broker partnerships between the private sector and local grassroots organizations, as well as local government representatives. I feel that what we have accomplished for Brazil can be replicated, for instance, in the Russian context, since a large Russian community exists in the United States and the Russian Third Sector is alive and well. The first step is to generate an environment of trust and encourage people to contribute funds that will empower local social entrepreneurs.

I would advise people who are interested in building something like our foundation to first examine and analyze the community in their country of residence and find out who are the key players in the community. I would also approach the 25-35 year olds because they tend to have the desire to be connected to their country of origin and a sense of how they can make a difference. They understand the distinction between generosity that is helpful in the short term and social investment that is transformative in the long term. In addition to targeting different age groups, find out what laws govern financial donations and whether or not fiscal incentives are available. In Brazil, for example, the law provides very minimal tax deductions for individuals who make charitable contributions. Businesses are given tax incentives if their contributions support cultural activities or deal with children. I hope that the young Brazilian professionals we work with in the US will eventually feel empowered and advocate for expanded legal and tax reforms that will encourage social giving. Many of the young people I work with are lawyers who plan to return to Brazil. They want to contribute to the betterment of life there, so that many Brazilians will not continue to live behind barbed wire fences and take their children to school protected by security guards. Initiatives that improve conditions and provide employment opportunities for young people are win-win efforts for all sectors in society.

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We started with zero money, which is a difficult way to build an organization. But the words of an Italian educator popular in Brazil, [Johann Heinrich] Pestalozzi truly reflect our thinking. He said that there are many people who have good ideas; however, good ideas alone do not work. What is important is to also have heart and hands that can implement the ideas. The BrazilFoundation is a product of caring and dedicated volunteers. People enthusiastically volunteer their time to work on the foundation’s website, benefit galas, newsletter, and database. The building of the foundation was done with minimal expense. We used the home where my husband and I live as both an office and place to hold talks. The love, patience and support of my husband were crucial to our efforts.

One of BrazilFoundation’s first projects was Community Gari (Trash Collector Community), a neighborhood association started by a nineteen-year-old whose idea was to train two to three unemployed people to pick up garbage in his neighborhood. BrazilFoundation awarded him $3,000 to implement his dream. His efforts became a project that aims to stimulate community involvement, resolve the problems of trash collection, and improve public health in urban environments. The local newspaper covered his story. The local municipality provided training on how to prevent dengue fever. He was able to secure a building for the project and now also runs a radio station. Eventually he obtained a degree in sociology and won a fellowship to go to Australia for a conference on grassroots activism.

What are some of the keys to the success of the BrazilFoundation?
Certainly the volunteers who work with the foundation in Brazil and the United States are valuable assets, without whom the foundation could not have grown to what it is today. We are deeply indebted to the AVINA Foundation, The Ford Foundation, and the Jorge Paulo Lemann Foundation for sharing our vision and for their support. In the five years since we started our activities, we have made 135 grants, touched the lives of over 20,000 people and directed some $3.2 million dollars to Brazil.

From the beginning, volunteers have been essential for the building of the foundation. I also know that the media have been responsive in providing the BrazilFoundation with visibility both in the United States and Brazil. For example, the New York-based cable company TV Global International, and Planet Brazil featured the BrazilFoundation and giving by Brazilians in the US to Brazil. It goes without saying that this media outreach, along with the trust the foundation has been building among current donors, grassroots social leaders, and volunteers is allowing it to engage new corporate donors. We hope that with time the circle of corporate donors will grow.

In a 2002 Chronicle of Philanthropy article, Renata Pereira, a citizen of Brazil, commented that Brazil does not have as deep-rooted a tradition of individuals “giving back” as does the United States. Yet, your foundation has clearly tapped a responsive chord among Brazilians living in the United States. Please comment.

There is a very strong commitment to giving in Brazil. Charitable giving is not new in Brazil, but the trend of giving strategically is a relatively new development. Giving with purpose, with the expectation of realizing results and witnessing the impact of your contribution, is a different way of giving. According to the Institute of Economic and Social Research in Brazil (IPEA), 60 percent of Brazilian companies give, but only 2 percent are interested in following up on their contributions. Lasting change occurs when all donors are interested in the consequences of their contributions.

What challenges lie ahead for the foundation?
Sustainability. BrazilFoundation has reached an important milestone in our growth as a public charity; however we are still primarily a volunteer-based institution. Going into our sixth year, we envision continued growth that promotes grassroots social entrepreneurship.

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society was pleased to welcome six new Emerging Leaders at the Center this spring.

Ms. Filiz Bikmen
Istanbul, Turkey
Affiliation: Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV)
Topic: The applicability of the community foundation model in Turkey

Ms. Svetlana Chaparina
Togliatti, Russia
Affiliation: Training Center Business Volga, Togliatti Community Foundation
Topic: Exploring examples, theories, opinions, and facts regarding sustainable development of the USA community foundations and using it in Russia

Ms. Carly Dawn Hare
Longmont, CO, USA
Affiliation: The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County
Topic: A model for reciprocal relationships between grant-making institutions and the Native American community

Mr. Jayaram K. Manivannan
Andhra Pradesh, India
Affiliation: Byrraju Foundation
Topic: The receptivity of diaspora organizations in the United States and NGOs in India to the concept of virtual leadership in transnational philanthropy

Ms. Julieta Mendez
San Diego, CA, USA
Affiliation: International Community Foundation
Topic: The role of US community foundations in promoting Mexican diaspora philanthropy

Ms. Phindile Brenda Ntethe
Richards Bay, South Africa
Affiliation: Uthungulu Community Foundation
Topic: How philanthropic practices stimulate socio-economic development in under-developed sectors of the South African economy and the role of community foundations in assisting this process

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society welcomed eight new Emerging Leaders in March 2005.

Ms. Meryem Senay Ataselim
Ankara, Turkey
Affiliation: Turkish-American Business Forum
Topic: Contributions of Turkish diaspora in the United States

Ms. Christina Bookhart
Hamilton, NJ, USA
Affiliation: National Black United Federation of Charities; National Black United Fund
Topic: Expanding the circle of giving: The community foundation model and African American members of Generation X

Ms. Ellie Demopoulos
Athens, Greece
Affiliation: The Social Work Foundation

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Topic: “It’s all Greek to me”: Developing corporate social responsibility in Greece

Mr. Joseph J. Gonzales
Philadelphia, PA, USA
Affiliation: Temple University; Taller Puertorriqueno, Inc.
Topic: Cultivation of a community partnership: The Philadelphia Foundation and the Taller Puertorriqueño

Ms. Jarusri Jiravisitkul
Bangkok, Thailand
Affiliation: Kenan Institute Asia
Topic: Community foundations within the context of Thai society

Ms. Gráinne Kelly
Belfast, Northern Ireland
Affiliation: Democratic Dialogue
Topic: The challenges of community foundations in supporting third sector activity in post-conflict societies: Lessons from Northern Ireland

Mr. Emmanuel Opati
Nairobi, Kenya
Affiliation: East Africa Association of Grantmakers
Topic: Regional associations and community foundations

Ms. Ranka Šarenac
Risan, Serbia & Montenegro
Affiliation: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Mission to Serbia and Montenegro
Topic: The role of community foundations in promoting good governance on the local level

Mr. Vassilis Goulandris
Athens, Greece
Affiliation: Access2Democracy
Topic: e-Democratising Philanthropy: A proposal for the repositioning of community foundations

Ms. Fikile Kuhlase
Johannesburg, South Africa
Affiliation: Industrial Development Corporation
Topic: Corporations, community, private-public sector partnerships (PPPs) and community foundations: the South African case

Mr. Andy Yung Hsing Kao
Taipei, Taiwan
Affiliation: Himalaya Foundation
Topic: Corporations, community, private-public sector partnerships (PPPs) and community foundations: the South African case

Mr. Partha Rudra
New Delhi, India
Affiliation: National Foundation for India
Topic: Adapting the concept of community foundation to the Indian situation

Mr. Andrés Thompson
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Affiliation: W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Topic: Exploring the concept of community foundations and its adaptability to Latin America

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWS

Editor’s note: This column features news from fellows on developments in their professional and personal lives.

Noshir Dadrawala (ELIFP 1990, India) joined the board of directors of the United Kingdom-based Resource Alliance, which works to help voluntary sector leaders worldwide acquire the tools to build the financial sustainability of civil society. In 2005, he was appointed vice-chairman of the Hong Kong-based, Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium (APPC), a network of Asian, Australian, and American foundations, philanthropic intermediaries, corporations, and universities working to support the growth and development of philanthropy in Asia. Also in 2005 he became a member of the coordinating committee of the Brussels-based Worldwide Initiatives for Grant-making Support (WINGS), which seeks to strengthen the institutional infrastructure of...
philanthropy worldwide by building a strong, interconnected and collaborative global network of grant-maker associations and support organizations, which, in turn, help grant-making institutions that support civil society to build a more equitable and just global community. Mr. Dadrawala is a founding member of the Indian Centre for Philanthropy based in New Delhi and editor of the Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy's bi-monthly journal, Philanthropy. Svitlana Kuts (ELIFP 1997, Ukraine), director of the Center for Philanthropy, Ukraine, co-organized with Resource Alliance (UK) the Fifth International Fundraising Workshop on Fundraising: A Step to Potential Donor, which took place in May in Crimea, Ukraine. Zuzana [Podhorska] Konrádová (ELIFP 2000, Slovakia) is Deputy Director for Civil Society Development, Open Society Foundation Bratislava (Slovakia). In this capacity she is currently working with the Slovak Donors Forum to coordinate an international conference on the challenges facing philanthropy in the region. The conference will include speakers from the U.S. who are being invited to report on current trends and the legal and tax issues facing U.S. nonprofit organizations. Niloy Banerjee (ELIFP 2002, India) is capacity development advisor and regional coordinator for Capacity 2015 at the United Nations Development Program. He is currently posted at the UNDP’s Regional Center in Bangkok. The regional center acts as a policy advisory and programming outpost of the UNDP providing services to governments and UNDP national offices in twenty-six countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Niloy’s Center is working with governments in the region on a broad range of capacity-related issues in ministries and civil services, as well as advising UNDP’s country offices in the area of capacity development. He is designing next generation governance programs for the government of Afghanistan and advising the government of East Timor on Capacity Development for Public Sector Management. Kristyna Pichova (ELIFP 2002, Czech Republic) is in Mazare Sharif, Afghanistan, working with a Czech NGO, People in Need, as manager of educational programs targeting primarily Northern Afghanistan. Christoph Wilcke (ELIFP 2002, Germany) took a researcher position in May with Human Rights Watch in New York, covering Saudi Arabia in particular and the Middle East region in general. Priya Anand (ELIFP 2003, India) continues to work at Murray Culshaw Consulting, conducting program evaluations and undertaking studies on the coordination, reporting and accounting mechanisms of local fundraising initiatives, in the aftermath of the tsunami. Sarah [Chilvers] Deagle (ELIFP 2003, Canada) currently lives with her husband, George Deagle, in Hazelton, a largely First Nations community in northern British Columbia, where she works with an organization that supports Gitxsan youth through experiential education. She is also a consultant with the Vancouver Foundation, and with the Centre for Sustainability, an organization that offers technical support and assistance to nonprofits based in British Columbia. Tiziana Colasanti (ELIFP 2003, Italy) was recently in Ecuador working with the Italian NGO Comitato Di Coordinamento Delle Organizzazioni Per Il Servizio Volontario on a rural development project. She is currently in Rilima, Rwanda working for an Italian NGO, Fondazione Don Gnocchi, managing a hospital specializing in orthopedical problems and treating people with disabilities. Majda Ganibegovic (ELIFP 2003, Bosnia and Herzegovina) is currently an Institutional Capacity Building Coordinator at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) Thailand. Marlene Lewis (ELIFP 2003, Jamaica) has been working on an information technology project in a marginalized rural community in Jamaica that provides training services to high school drop-outs. Bhekinkosi Moyo (ELIFP 2003, South Africa) earned his doctorate in 2005. In May of that year he was a panelist at the two-day Funding Change conference held at The CUNY Graduate Center. This meeting brought together researchers and practitioners from eight countries to discuss research on social justice funding internationally. The 2005 Emerging Leaders attended the meeting and had the opportunity to meet informally with Bhekinkosi as a program alumnus. Marcela Orvañanos de Rovzar (SIFP 2003, Mexico) and a group of individuals founded Fondo de Estrategia Social (FES), a community social investment fund in Mexico City. The objective of the fund is to devote its grantmaking efforts to address issues exclusively within the metropolitan community. We are very pleased that Ms. Rovzar has agreed to serve on the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society’s advisory board. Mariana Torres Blair (ELIFP 2004, Mexico) is continuing her work on diaspora philanthropy with a focus on migrants, remittances, and community foundations. This year Mariana finished a research project for The Rockefeller Foundation and is now preparing a proposal for The Ford Foundation to pursue further research on this topic. Meryem Senay Ataselim (ELIFP 2005, Turkey & USA) is working with members of the Turkish American community to explore ideas to establish an Istanbul Community Foundation. She and incoming 2006 Mott International Fellow Filiz Bikmen have recently been in communication about the efforts underway in Turkey and the U.S. to facilitate the development of the proposed community foundation. During the summer of this year, Joseph Gonzales (ELIFP 2005, USA) worked at the East Africa Resource and Study Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a curatorial intern. He recently took a position as the Latino outreach coordinator for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Mr. Gonzales is working toward completing his doctoral dissertation. Upon completing the fellowship program, Ranka Šarenac (ELIFP 2005, Serbia & Montenegro) worked as a researcher on a short-term project for the United Nations Development Program at its New York City headquarters. While continuing under contract with the UNDP as a team specialist on the evaluation of the UNDP Mission to SCG (Serbia and Montenegro) through March of this year, Ms. Šarenac is also enrolled in an 18-month Master’s program at the University of Trento (Italy) on comparative local development for the Balkans and other areas in transformation.
Upala Devi Banerjee (ELIFP ‘04, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; UN Interagency Lessons Learned Project, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights) is co-author and editor of Lessons Learned from Rights-Based Approaches in the Asia-Pacific Region: Documentation of Case Studies (UNDP, September 2005).

Mariana Torres Blair (ELIFP ‘04, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Vivian Blair Y Asociados) presented on “Migrants and Their Remittances as a Development Tool: The Case of Mexico” at the Novib International Expert Meeting, Noordwijk Aan Zee, The Netherlands, November 2004. This paper was published in the report, Bridging the Gap: International Migration and the Role of Migrants and Their Remittances in Development (Novib 2005).


Noshir Dadrawala (ELIFP ‘90, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Center for Advancement of Philanthropy in Mumbai) co-wrote “Philanthropy Investment and Equitable Development: The Case of India” which was published in Diaspora Philanthropy and Equitable Development in China and India (Global Equity Initiative, Asia Center, Harvard University 2004). His work with The Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium resulted in a monograph (based on an exploratory study by APPC) entitled Philanthropic Leadership & Development: Perspectives from Six Asian Countries. The study was supported by the Hewlett Foundation. He also authored the chapter on India in Philanthropy and Law in South Asia (APPC, 2004).

Majda Ganibegovic (ELIFP ‘03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; International Rescue Committee-Thailand) presented “Community Foundations in the Balkans” at the Strategies for Sustainability of the NGO Sector in Macedonia conference, organized by Center for Institutional Development (CIRa), December 2004.

Vassilis Goulandris (SIFP ’05, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Access2Democracy) had his Senior Fellows paper, “e-Democratising Philanthropy: A proposal for the repositioning of Community Foundations” disseminated
online via the access2democracy newsletter in January, 2006. His paper was featured on the European Foundation Centre’s Community Philanthropy Initiative webpage and is available for download at:


**Ihor Ilko** (SIFP ’03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Carpathian Foundation) After completing the Senior Fellows Program at the Center, he went on to become a Joel L. Fleishman Fellow at Duke University’s Program on Civil Society in October 2004, submitting a paper on his research entitled “Philanthropy in the U.S.: Lessons and Experiences for the Ukrainian Emerging Philanthropic Sector.”

**Gráinne Kelly** (ELIFP ‘05, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Democratic Dialogue) has published ““Storytelling’ Audit: An Audit of Personal Story, Narrative and Testimony Initiatives Related to the Conflict in and about Northern Ireland” (Healing Through Remembering, September 2005) and co-authored “A Place for Reconciliation? Conflict and Locality in Northern Ireland (Democratic Dialogue, September 2005).


**Chris Mkhize** (SIFP ’03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Uthungulu Community Foundation) was a member of a panel of international speakers at the WINGS/ISTR Conference in Berlin, December 2004. Held in the Berlin Mayor’s Office, the panel discussed the role and effect of community foundations within the served communities, and the promotion of local philanthropy. At the same conference, he also presented at a session entitled “Community foundations as builders of social capital.”

**Bhekinkosi Moyo** (ELIFP ’03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; School of Social Sciences, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa; Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre) presented “Philanthropy in the 21st Century, Challenges and opportunities, a study of Southern Africa” at the Ford Foundation Retreat in Uganda in March 2004. In addition, he presented “Changing face of civil society in African democracies: Notes from Zimbabwe and South Africa” at the ISTR Conference in Benin in May 2004. More recently, he was a member of a panel of international speakers at the “Funding Change: International Perspectives on Social Justice Philanthropy” Conference, May 18-20, 2005 in New York City hosted by the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society and funded by The Ford Foundation.

**Annsilla Nyar** (ELIFP ’02, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Center for Civil Society, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal) presented “Organised Philanthropy: Toward an Understanding of Community Foundations in South Africa” at the ISTR Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 2004. She also presented at the WINGS/ISTR Conference in Berlin, December 2004. Her session entitled “Why inclusion matters” discussed issues of diversity within community foundations, citing cultural and structural issues. She recently co-authored an article in the September 2005 issue of Voluntas entitled, “Patterns of Giving in South Africa.”

**Emmanuel Opati** (ELIFP ’03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, East Africa Association of Grantmakers) went on to become a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society.

**Vadim Samorodov** (ELIFP ’04, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Charities Aid Foundation, Russia) was a speaker at the Council on Foundations’ Fall Conference on Community Foundations in the session “Local Impact and Global Reach” in October 2004 and also presented at the WINGS/ISTR Conference in Berlin, December 2004, in a session entitled “More than the sum of the parts: Creating synergies.” He was a presenter at “Building communities across countries: The TCFN experience,” a session at the 8th Annual Network Meeting of the European Foundation Centre’s Community Philanthropy Initiative, June 2005. His article entitled “Russia: A ‘weapon’ that we need” is in the December 2005 issue of Alliance.


**Anahi Viladrich** (ELIFP ’94, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Professor, Director and Principal Investigator, Immigration and Health Initiative, Urban Public Health Program, Hunter College, CUNY) presented a multi-level conceptual analysis of the role of botánicas (as ethnic-healing shops and invisible pharmacies) in providing affordable and accessible care to Latino immigrants in NYC at “Immigration and Alternative Healing Systems”, a symposium hosted by the School of Health Professions and the continued on page 12
Immigration and Health Initiative at Hunter College, CUNY, November 2005.

Marion Webster (SIFP ‘03, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society; Melbourne Community Foundation) served as moderator for the “Why inclusion matters” session at the WINGS/ISTR Conference on community foundations in Berlin, December 2004.

Conferences

The following is a list of recent and upcoming conferences and events.

Community Philanthropy Initiative, European Foundation Centre
9th Annual Networking Meeting – "ENGAGING THE CITIZEN: community philanthropy’s cookbook: The role of community philanthropy organisations in increasing civic engagement"
Brussels, Belgium
May 24-25, 2006
efc.be/agenda/event.asp?EventID=3253

European Foundation Centre
“Foundations for Europe: Supporting European Citizens’ Participation”
Brussels, Belgium
May 26-28, 2006
efc.be/aga/aga2006/

CIVICUS
CIVICUS World Assembly – “Acting Together for a Just World”
Glasgow, Scotland
June 21-24, 2006
civicusassembly.org

International Society for Third Sector Research
“Civil Society and Human Security: Raum Jai”
Bangkok, Thailand
July 9-12, 2006
istr.org/conferences/bangkok/

Council on Foundations
Fall Conference for Community Foundations
Boston, MA, USA
September 18-20, 2006
cofi.org

International Association for Volunteer Efforts
19th IAVE World Volunteer Conference – "Volunteering for Peace in Multi-cultural Societies"
New Delhi, India
September 22-26, 2006
iave.org/events.cfm

Independent Sector
2006 Annual Conference
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, USA
October 22-24, 2006
independentsector.org

The Communication Initiative, The World Bank’s Development Communication Division and FAO
The World Congress on Communication for Development
Rome, Italy
October 25-27, 2006
devcomm.org

Association of Small Foundations
ASF National Conference
New Orleans, LA, USA
October 26-28, 2006
smallfoundations.org

Business for Social Responsibility
BSR 2006 Annual Conference
New York, NY, USA
November 7-10, 2006
bsr.org

Association for Research and Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
2006 ARNOVA Conference
Chicago, IL, USA
November 16-18, 2006
arnova.org

Calls for Papers

The following Calls for Papers are being circulated on behalf of the listed organizations.

Editors of the Stanford Social Innovation Review invite proposals for articles

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Those interested in submitting an article should send us a proposal first. Please send us a 1-3 page proposal including: a working title; the central argument and why it is new, interesting or compelling; an overview of the real-world implications of the argument. Explain why the article will be useful to readers; and, the structure of your article, including what supporting arguments or examples you will use. For Case Studies or articles that present research results, please see the website for additional information.

Inquiries: Editor
Email: editor@ssireview.com
Deadline: ongoing
www.ssireview.com

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The official journal of the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Voluntas is an interdisciplinary international journal that aims to be the central forum for worldwide research in the area between the state, market, and household sectors. Articles are published in English but abstracts in French, German, and Spanish are included, and submissions in these languages are welcomed. The journal combines full-length articles with shorter research notes (reflecting the latest developments in the field) and book reviews.

Readers of Voluntas are all those engaged in research into the Third Sector (voluntary and nonprofit organizations) including economists, lawyers, political scientists, psychologists, sociologists, and social and public policy analysts. It aims to present leading-edge academic argument around civil society issues in a style that is accessible to practitioners and policymakers.

Please visit the ISTR homepage for more detailed submission guidelines.

Inquiries: Dr. Rupert Taylor, editor
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Deadline: ongoing
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The Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders

This award aims to recognise human rights defenders who have an exceptional record of combating human rights violations by courageous and innovative means. The value of the award is 20,000 Swiss francs, which is to be used for further work in the field of human rights.

Deadline: December 9 – Annually
www.martinennalsaward.org

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers Research Fellowships

The Foundation enables highly qualified, early-stage researchers from abroad, who hold doctorates, to carry out research projects of their own choice in Germany. Applications may be submitted for long-term research stays of six to 12 months, with a possible extension of up to 24 months. Researchers of all nationalities and disciplines may apply to the Foundation directly at any time. There are no quotas for individual countries and disciplines.

Deadline: Ongoing
www.avh.de/en/programme/stip_aus/stp.htm

2006 Fellowships for Threatened Scholars:
The Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund

The Fund provides fellowships for scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit scholars to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues and the community at large. When conditions improve, these scholars will return home to help rebuild universities and societies ravaged by fear, conflict and repression.

Deadline: Ongoing
www.iie.org/SRF

Association of African Universities, International Fellowships Program (IFP), West Africa

This program provides fellowships for advanced study to exceptional individuals who will use their education for further development in their own countries and greater social and economic justice worldwide.

Deadline: Ongoing
www.gdnet.org/online_services/funding_opportunities/funding_news/aau_ifp.html
From The Director

Indeed the largest share of resources for organized philanthropy in Latin America comes from the business world; recent studies suggest that private companies and their founders have been important promoters of new foundations in Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru. Some, such as Peggy Dulany, argue that changes in the regulatory and tax frameworks are important to further philanthropic growth in Latin America, whereas others point out that in countries where tax incentives exist, like Colombia and Peru, businesses often don’t take advantage of these exemptions. Clearly, specific historical and cultural backgrounds have helped to shape the variety of current philanthropic trends in Latin America. The negative impact on rich and poor alike of the disparities of wealth, has further underscored the need for change and has contributed to the emergence of several types of initiatives, including:

- Associations to stimulate organized philanthropy (in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico);
- Innovative grantmaking and training (e.g. Fundaçao Abrinq’s support for children’s rights in Brazil; efforts by the Non-Profit Enterprise and Self-sustainability Team to pool NGO resources in Chile);
- Corporate social responsibility programs (e.g. ETHOS, a corporate social responsibility group in Brazil; and Asociación Ancash in the Andean region of Peru, a relatively recent private foundation established by a large mining company to promote sustainable community development in its areas of operation);
- Increased dialogue and partnering across sectors (e.g. Fundación Esquel in Ecuador has consciously brought people from diverse backgrounds onto their boards; and the Brazilian Human Rights Fund launched in December 2005, resulting from the collaborative efforts of a cohort of human rights organizations, the Ford Foundation, and local funders);
- Cross-border initiatives (examples include, the US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership that works with community foundations as agents of change; and the Brazilian Foundation support for small, local replicable projects).

Though not a panacea, philanthropy is making a difference in the communities of Latin America. Further growth in institutionalized philanthropy in the region will most likely require changes in regulatory and tax frameworks. Transparency, accountability, and effective management principles will also contribute to the health of the sector. Finally, strengthening coordination among foundations and the community through partnerships and dialogue, and the establishment of community foundations may serve to enhance the impact of philanthropic efforts while at the same time strengthening civil society.

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