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**SEVEN PH.D. CANDIDATES NAMED
AS 2006 WOODROW WILSON WOMEN'S STUDIES DISSERTATION FELLOWS**

PRINCETON, NJ – Women's movements in Eastern Europe after the Cold War, American women's and men's changing family roles in mid-20th century, the influence of grassroots entrepreneurship on gender roles in India: The 2006 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellows in Women's Studies, announced this week by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, are exploring these and other cutting-edge topics. (*Editor: See list below.*)

The seven Fellows for 2006 are doctoral candidates at Rutgers University (New Brunswick), Syracuse University, the Ohio State University (Columbus), the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of California at Santa Cruz, the University of Chicago, and the University of Kentucky. The Fellows, all in their final year of Ph.D. dissertation research and writing, receive an award of \$3,000 which 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 some 480 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.

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**THE WOODROW WILSON NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION
DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES, 2006**

Petra Hejnova • Political Science, Syracuse University

Women's Movements Under Democratic Transitions: The Case of Post-Communist Europe

Lakesia D. Johnson • Women's Studies, Ohio State University

The Iconography of the Black Female Revolutionary and New Narratives of Justice

Valsala Kumari • Women's/Gender Studies, Rutgers University

The Role of Microcredit, a Poverty Reduction Strategy in Changing and Continuing Gender Relations in Kerala, India

Carolyn Lewis • History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Coitus Perfectus: The Medicalization of Heterosexuality in the Cold War United States

Barbara McBane • History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz

UNSUNK: Sound-Image Disjunctions, Submerged Feminisms, and Deviant Meanings in U.S. Cinema

Sarah E. Potter • History, University of Chicago

The Postwar Private Sphere: Social Difference in Daily Life in Chicago, 1940-1960

Melissa M. Purdue • English, University of Kentucky

Bodies in Transition: New Woman Authors Envisioning Change at the Fin de Siècle