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### **WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT PRE-TENURE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE**

*Fellowship Program Recognizes Academic, Leadership Contributions of Longtime WW Foundation Trustee, Princeton University Professor Nancy Weiss Malkiel*

PRINCETON, N.J. (November 10, 2016) – The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation a grant of \$735,500 to support the Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award Program. The Malkiel Award will support junior faculty whose research focuses on contemporary American history, politics, culture, and society. The grant will support the Malkiel Award for the next four years.

The award is structured to free the time of junior faculty who have passed their midpoint tenure review—including those from underrepresented groups and others committed to eradicating disparities in their fields—so that they can both engage in and build support for systems, networks, and affinity groups that make their fields and campuses more inclusive.

“As higher education undergoes a period of significant change, it is important that exemplary junior faculty receive needed support to pursue their academic research, develop service and leadership roles, and secure tenure,” said Dr. Stephanie J. Hull, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. “For underrepresented junior faculty, in particular, there are additional pressures to mentor students and commit to campus life initiatives. Thanks to the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a new generation of scholars and institutional leaders will receive the encouragement they need and the recognition they deserve.”

Established in honor of Dr. Nancy Weiss Malkiel, the Malkiel Scholars Awards Program was created on the occasion of her 40th year of service on the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Board of Trustees, including 10 years as its Chair. Dr. Malkiel, who in 1969 became the first woman to join the faculty of the Princeton University Department of History, is a leading scholar of civil rights and race relations in early and mid-20th-century America; she also served for a record 24 years as Princeton’s Dean of the College, the senior officer responsible for undergraduate education at the university. Dr. Malkiel is a 1965 Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

Each Malkiel Scholar receives a 12-month award of \$17,500 that will support them as they work toward tenure at their institutions. These Fellows represent an emerging class of scholars in the humanities and social sciences who are poised—like the program’s namesake—to play a significant role in shaping American higher education.

Applications for 2017 Fellows are due December 1. For more information on the Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award, please visit <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/nwmscholars/>.

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#### **About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation**

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation ([www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)) identifies and develops the nation’s best minds to meet its most critical challenges. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American society.