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About Nancy Weiss Malkiel

Nancy Weiss Malkiel joined the history faculty at Princeton University in 1969—the first woman hired in that department and one of the first three to be appointed to the professorial ranks at the university. A 1965 Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Dr. Malkiel has become known as a leading scholar of civil rights and race relations in early and mid-20th-century America; her publications include *The National Urban League, 1910–1940* (1974), *Farewell to the Party of Lincoln: Black Politics in the Age of FDR* (1983), and *Whitney M. Young, Jr., and the Struggle for Civil Rights* (1989). Her most recent book, *"Keep the Damned Women Out": The Struggle for Coeducation* (2016), is a study of the cascade of decisions for coeducation at elite colleges and universities in the United States and the United Kingdom in the period 1969 to 1974. She has taught broadly in 20th–century American history, African American history, women's history, and the history of higher education. She served for a record 24 years as Princeton's Dean of the College, the senior officer responsible for undergraduate education at the university.

Challenges Facing Junior Faculty Today

For tenure-track faculty today who are committed not only to research and teaching but also to building a more inclusive scholarly community, it can be challenging to balance professional and personal demands, polish a first manuscript for publication, mentor students, and serve on committees. The Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award supports junior faculty members as they work toward tenure and as they create a more inclusive, responsive academic culture on their campus for their peers and students. The award will seek to encourage ongoing involvement in the creation of scholarly community, the guidance of students, and the pursuit of institutional and professional leadership, particularly in forms that help to ensure and strengthen the diversity of the academy. Along with the research portfolio, selectors will examine evidence of deep campus service and mentoring commitments early in each candidate's career, with a focus on creating inclusive opportunities for underrepresented scholars at all levels. At the same time, the Malkiel Scholars Program will work to strengthen the community for these emerging leaders within their disciplines by building a network around them and encouraging careers that focus on diversity, inclusion, and engagement.

About the Malkiel Scholars Award

The Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Malkiel Scholars Award offers a $17,500 stipend—$10,000 to be used for summer research support and $7,500 for research assistance during the academic year. 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 systems, networks, and affinity groups that make their fields and campuses more inclusive. Eligible applicants must have passed their third-year review or their institution's equivalent.

Eligibility and Selection

Malkiel Scholars may be working in any field of the humanities or social sciences. Preference will be given to those whose work echoes and elaborates themes addressed in Dr. Malkiel's scholarship and career—that is, topics related to 20th- and 21st-century American history, politics, culture, and society, with emphases including but not limited to African American issues, women's issues, and/or higher education.

Nancy Weiss Malkiel talks with inaugural awardees at a virtual meet and greet.

The Malkiel Scholars Award will recognize junior faculty candidates who not only balance research, teaching, and service but in fact give great weight to the creation of an inclusive campus community for underrepresented students and scholars. The selectors will focus on and privilege service and leadership activities that address and ameliorate underrepresentation on campus, and give preference to candidates who embody a high standard of excellence. Ten Malkiel Scholars Awards will be made in 2017–18.

Deadline: December 1, 2017

To find out more and apply to the Fellowship:
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Application Materials

In addition to an online application and a C.V., Malkiel Award applicants must submit short essays describing their research/publication plan, their service priorities and commitments, and their career objectives. The application portfolio must also include an abstract of a current manuscript, conference paper, or article, along with a brief explanation of the relationship of this work to the tenure portfolio; a simple budget for use of the award as part of the Fellowship proposal; and two letters of recommendation by senior colleagues. References should speak to the applicant's scholarly promise as well as to her/his demonstrated affinity for teaching, advising, and service.

Applicants will also submit sample syllabi of courses developed since the start of the tenure-track appointment in the current institution, as well as lists of advising assignments and department- or university-level service assignments.

Deadline for all applications: Friday, December 1, 2017.

All applications will first be screened for eligibility by Foundation staff and then be reviewed by a selection panel, including faculty and university administrators in fields associated with Dr. Malkiel's work who are experienced in faculty development. A group of finalists will be invited for interviews, and panelists will make the final selection of ten Malkiel Scholars. Interviews will take place in mid-March 2018, with awards announced in early April 2018.

Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders

The career of Nancy Weiss Malkiel stands as an example of the great tripartite mission of the American academy: research, teaching, and service. While exceptional achievement in research and scholarship is not uncommon among Woodrow Wilson Fellows, Dr. Malkiel's combination of scholarly accomplishment with a deep commitment to undergraduate life and education, as well as to the preparation of the next generation of academic leaders, is extraordinary. WW and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation proudly invite the best and most competitive applicants to submit proposals.

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