WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION NAMES 2019 WOMEN’S STUDIES FELLOWS


The competitive WW Women’s Studies Fellowship is the only national program of its kind. The award supports the final year of dissertation writing for doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences whose work addresses women’s and gendered issues in interdisciplinary and original ways.

Each Fellow will receive a $5,000 stipend to use towards research related expenses—travel, data work/collection, supplies, and others. This year’s Fellows are writing on such topics as the politics of reproduction in Israel/Palestine, the creative strategies for survival that foster care alumni develop, and the use of classified ads by sex workers around the turn of the 20th century.

The Fellows are completing their dissertations in such departments as English, communications, history, sociology, and American studies. They represent Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Brown University, University of California, San Diego, University of Miami, Rutgers University, Stanford University, the College of William & Mary, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison (See the full list of Fellows and their dissertation titles below).

In its 45-year history, the WW Women’s Studies Dissertation Fellowship has named nearly 600 Fellows, each scholar continuing the program’s legacy of original and significant research about women that crosses disciplinary, regional, or cultural boundaries. Fellows are now distinguished faculty members, artists and novelists, and (in some cases) leaders in business, government, and the nonprofit sector. They include a Pulitzer Prize winner, two MacArthur Fellows, numerous Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellows, and many others who have achieved significant distinctions.

For more information on the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies, please visit https://woodrow.org/fellowships/womens-studies/.

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WW Dissertation Fellows in Women's Studies, 2019

Bayan Abusneineh • University of California, San Diego, ethnic studies
*Chosen and Imagined: Racial and Gendered Politics of Reproduction in Israel/Palestine*

Samina Ali • University of Miami, English
*Bad Women and the Politics of Recognition in Post-9/11 American Literature*

Hillary Ash • University of Pittsburgh, communication
*Defining a Crisis: the Rhetorical Exclusion of Women in the United States’ AIDS Epidemic, 1982-1993*

Lizbett Benge • Arizona State University, gender studies
*Sensing the State and Strategizing Survival: Art, Ethnography, and the Lived Experiences of Foster Care*

Hannah Frydman • Rutgers University-New Brunswick, history
*Between the Lines: Sex, Work, and Business in the Parisian Classifieds, 1881-1940*

Elizabeth Kinnamon • University of Arizona, gender and women's studies
*Attention as Method: Marxism, Feminism, and The Politics of Presence*

Michaela Kleber • College of William & Mary, history
*Gendered Societies, Sexual Empires: Early French Colonization among the Illinois*

Isabel Pike • University of Wisconsin-Madison, sociology
*Looking for Future: Gender, Work, and Social Change in Kenya*

Virginia Thomas • Brown University, American studies
*Dark Albums: Regions of Racial Violence, Family Feeling, and Temporal Intimacies in the U.S. South*

Grace Zhou • Stanford University, anthropology
*In the Market for Intimacy: Work and Welfare in Post-Soviet Central Asia*