The Fung Global Fellows Program will begin the 2014-15 academic year with a new cohort of six visiting fellows focusing on the theme of global diffusion under the direction of Andreas Wimmer, the Hughes-Rogers Professor of Sociology at Princeton University.

The program, administered by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, brings together international faculty members from the social sciences and humanities around a common theme. The 2014-15 theme will include an examination of how certain policies, such as minority quota systems; specific modes of social categorization, such as race in census forms; and cultural templates, such as the tradition of brides wearing white, spread to nations around the globe while others never catch on. Wimmer said he is interested in developing a more sophisticated understanding of what spreads to where and why.

Some of the fellows are focused on policy diffusion and some are interested in the spread, or lack thereof, of cultural understanding. Over the course of the year they will conduct research, write, and participate in a public seminar series where they will present their work to the Princeton community at large.

The new fellows are a “great group of very talented post-Ph.D. scholars from around the world — from India to Argentina,” Wimmer said. “Half of them are historically, qualitatively minded scholars, and half of them are more oriented toward quantitative social science work. I hope there will be some good and lasting moments of intellectual cross-fertilization and excitement.”

The six fellows selected for 2014-15:

- **Seva Gunitsky**, an assistant professor of political science at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto in Canada;
- **Alexandra Kowalski**, an assistant professor of sociology and social anthropology at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary;
- **Deepak Malghan**, an assistant professor at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India;
- **Lorena Poblete**, a researcher at Centro de Investigaciones Sociales del Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas/Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (CIS-CONICET/IDES) in Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- **Aashish Velkar**, a lecturer in economic history at the University of Manchester in the U.K.; and
- **Fabio Wasserfallen**, an assistant professor of political economy at the Salzburg Center of European Union Studies in Salzburg, Austria.

Wimmer, the second member of Princeton’s faculty to hold the two-year directorship, said he “found the idea of internationalizing the University’s networks of relationships though a midcareer fellowship program very attractive.”

The Fung program is an opportunity, he said, “to contribute to the further cosmopolitization of academic horizons and to establish lasting relationships with scholars across continents.”

Wimmer’s own research aims to understand the dynamics of nation-state formation, ethnic boundary making, and political conflict from a comparative perspective. His recent books include


The following is more information on the newly appointed Fung fellows:

- **Gunitsky** received a Ph.D. from Columbia University. His research focuses on the external determinants of domestic reforms, particularly the effects of hegemonic transitions and the global diffusion of political institutions. He is completing his first book, “Democracy and the Decline of Great Powers,” which examines the causes of democratic waves in the 20th century.

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James also raised the question of whether there was unintended damage caused by so-called financial warfare, and whether that damage had the potential to undo some of the positive impact.

Ultimately, Zarate and James agreed that perhaps the most significant effect of financial warfare is the revelation of new ways in which the government can use its power to align public and private sector interests toward the common good.

“These are ways of thinking creatively about government power and influence and understanding how that power can be wielded to great impact,” Zarate said.

“This is a story of the evolution of the U.S. Treasury and a level of policy innovation … that government can do if it’s enabled and empowered in the right way.”

The annual Cyril Black International Book Forum brings together Princeton scholars and the author of a recent book focused on international affairs. It is held in honor of the late Cyril Black, who was the director of Princeton’s Center of International Studies (the predecessor of PIIRS) for nearly 20 years and served as the James S. McDonnell Distinguished Professor of History and International Affairs.

PIIRS acting director and the John P. Birkelund ’52 Professor in History and International Affairs Stephen Kotkin said “Treasury’s War” offers a unique perspective on finance “as a devastating weapon in the hands of policymakers combatting rogue states.”

“Juan Zarate’s long years of experience as an insider, first at the Treasury Department and then at the National Security Council, are distilled in riveting detail as he and his colleagues cut off malefactors from the international financial system and got some to cry uncle,” Kotkin said.

“As other states study and perhaps apply the instruments Zarate helped invent, we can expect them to mutate,” Kotkin said. “In that sense, he offered us a glimpse into an uncertain future.”

Dixon Li ’14, a PIIRS Undergraduate Fellow and former PIIRS Global Seminar student, has been named a 2014 Marshall Scholar. The Marshall Scholarship covers the cost of graduate study and living at a British university of the recipient’s choice for up to two years. Up to 40 scholars from American colleges are named annually.

Li, an English major from Sandy, Utah, plans to complete two master’s degrees. He will first study writing in the modern age at Queen Mary University of London, and in his second year will pursue an M.Phil. in English at the University of Cambridge.
Peter Hall, the Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies in the Department of Government at Harvard University, has been named the 2014-15 World Politics visiting fellow.

Hall, who is also a faculty associate of Harvard’s Minda de Gunzsburg Center for European Studies and co-director of the Program on Successful Societies at the Toronto-based Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, has published widely on European politics, comparative public policymaking, comparative political economy, and institutional analysis, for which he has received several prizes.

His current research centers on understanding how institutions structure interaction in the political economies of the developed democracies. He is exploring the evolution of varieties of capitalism and the political dilemmas generated by the Euro crisis and working on the issues related to methods of political science.


The fellowship is funded jointly by PIIRS and World Politics, a quarterly journal of international relations published under the sponsorship of PIIRS.

Hall’s appointment is effective Sept. 1.
that develops a framework for empirical measurement of scale — the physical size of the economy relative to the ecosystem that contains and sustains it. His current project, “Citius, Altius, Fortius: A History of How the World Became Efficient,” examines the global diffusion of material and sociological objects associated with the idea of efficiency.

**Poblete** received a Ph.D. in sociology from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. Her research focuses on labor regulations, labor policies, social protections, social stratification, and comparative studies. Her current project, “Between Global Trends and Local Versions: Policies of Self-Employment Promotion in the U.S., Argentina and France,” involves analysis of the mechanisms of public policy diffusion and the modes of policy implementation and their consequences.

**Velkar** received a Ph.D. in economic history from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research interests include modern British economic history, historical institutions and institutional change, historical metrology, standards and standardization, and the history of technology. His current project, “Inching Toward the Meter,” studies the global diffusion of metric measures.

**Wasserman** received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Zurich. His research interests include policy diffusion processes, European integration, and fiscal federalism. His current work focuses on the diffusion of unconventional monetary policy.

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Princeton’s Class of 2003, and Bailor Barrie — is developing a delivery center and obstetrics clinical training site designed to improve maternal health care in the Kono District, which has high rates of mortality for young children and women in childbirth.

“I am tremendously excited to return to Sierra Leone and assist Wellbody during this period of development,” Portner said. “With the Labouisse fellowship I will expand my knowledge of public health programming and delivery, and gain experience in the challenge of connecting impoverished populations to health care.”

Portner plans to build on the efforts of 2013 Labouisse Prize winners Shirley Gao and Raphael Frankfurter by expanding a coordination center designed to improve the breadth and quality of care provided to women and their young children.

“My focus on monitoring and evaluating extended postnatal care, supplementary feeding, emergency capabilities, and integrative electronic record-keeping will ensure that mothers are delivering in safer environments and have access to necessary and crucial health resources for themselves and their children,” Portner said.

Peter Locke, a lecturer in anthropology, mentored Portner in ethnographic field research conducted for Portner’s senior thesis. Portner studied a tuberculosis screening and treatment program in Sierra Leone.

“He gained a deep sense of the human dimensions of data and of what is missing from reigning approaches in international public health,” Locke said. “This capacity will serve him well — and set him apart — both in carrying out his Labouisse projects and in becoming a leader in the study and practice of global health in the future.”

Portner has been a freshman premed mentor through the Princeton Premedical Society and a member of the junior varsity tennis team. He is a certified emergency medical technician and a member of the Shamong Township Emergency Medical Service.

Portner plans to attend medical school, with the goal of becoming a clinical physician practicing international medicine.
Seniors win Labouisse Prize for projects in South Africa and Sierra Leone

By Michael Hotckiss, Office of Communications

Two Princeton University seniors have been awarded the Henry Richardson Labouisse ’26 Prize to spend one year pursuing international civic engagement projects after graduation. The $30,000 prize will support a project by Diane Jeon in South Africa and Storm Portner in Sierra Leone.

The award to Jeon will aid her efforts to identify and respond to needs and perceptions surrounding the use of contraceptives in the Zithulele community of South Africa’s Eastern Cape Province. Portner’s award will assist him in developing a maternal-health coordination center in eastern Sierra Leone and will build on the efforts of other Princetonians in the region.

The Labouisse Prize enables graduating seniors to engage in a project that exemplifies the life and work of Henry Richardson Labouisse, a 1926 Princeton graduate who was a diplomat, international public servant, and champion for the causes of international justice and international development. The prize was established in 1984 by Labouisse’s daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Martin Peretz, and is administered by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

Jeon, of San Diego, Calif., is a molecular biology major who is also pursuing a certificate in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She first visited Zithulele during the summer of 2012 to research early childhood education and prenatal care as a participant in Princeton’s International Internship Program.

“The conversations that I shared and the stories that I witnessed illuminated my perspective of global health and health policy, and the questions I began to ask about community health in a developing country have motivated my interests in both molecular biology and public policy at Princeton,” Jeon said.

In Zithulele, Jeon will interview women, their partners and families, health care providers, and community leaders to learn how contraception is viewed and utilized. Then, in coordination with nongovernmental groups and health care providers, she plans to design and begin to implement programs based on her research findings to promote awareness and access to contraception.

“I have felt compelled to return to Zithulele from the moment that I left in order to better understand, and in some small way contribute to, a specific community. I would also like to gain insights more broadly applicable to global health and women’s rights,” she said.

Andrea Graham, an assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, said Jeon’s project is a “terrific match for her skills and experience in both research and communication.”

“I am certain that Diane will admirably represent international ideals of honor, respect and understanding, thanks to her wise and humble demeanor, her skills at integrative thinking, and her engaging manner of interacting with others,” said Graham, whom Jeon credits with helping her better understand the science underlying patterns of infection and immunology.

Jeon said she is honored to receive the Labouisse Prize.

“It is an incredible privilege to go back to South Africa and work with a community that I have learned to care about deeply,” she said. “I am also excited to start preparing for what I envision will be a fruitful, challenging, and humbling year.”

Outside of class, Jeon has been involved extensively in music and community volunteering: she takes violin lessons and has served as a project coordinator for Loaves and Fishes, a PACE Center homeless kitchen initiative, and as a small group leader with Manna Christian Fellowship. Motivated by the cases of tuberculosis and HIV that she observed in South Africa, she interned last summer through the Princeton Internships in Civic Service program at Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program to research the epidemiology of these infectious diseases.

Jeon plans to attend medical school and continue to research and write about the health of underserved populations, including women in developing countries as well as homeless and immigrant populations in the United States.

Portner, of Shamong, N.J., is an anthropology major and is pursuing a certificate in global health and health policy. He got an introduction to the Wellbody Alliance’s efforts to improving care for pregnant women and their children in Sierra Leone’s Kono District when he spent two months as an intern with the nonprofit group in the summer of 2013.

Wellbody Alliance — a public health care and social justice nonprofit co-founded by physicians Daniel Kelly, a member of
Deadline. PIIRS Conference Fund Proposals. Applications from faculty due April 15. For more information, go to www.princeton.edu/piirs/funding/faculty/conference-fund.


PIIRS at PCNY. Bernard Haykel, a professor of Near Eastern studies and director of the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia and of the Oil, Energy, and the Middle East Project, will speak on "Understanding the Arab Spring Uprisings." Princeton Club of New York. 6 p.m., April 30, 15 W. 43rd St. Open to PCNY members and nonmembers.


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Exhibit. Office of International Programs sixth annual International Eye Photo Contest winners. May 15-Sept. 15, second and third floors, Burr Hall.


Global Seminars Information Session. Details TBA.


Study Abroad Fair. Oct. 11. Details TBD.