Postdoctoral scholars join Society of Fellows in Liberal Arts

Six new postdoctoral scholars have joined the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts this year. The society, created in 2000 by a gift from Charter Trustee Lloyd Cotsen, is an interdisciplinary library community that seeks to bring innovative approaches to scholarship and teaching at Princeton. It offers outstanding young scholars who have recently received their Ph.D. the opportunity to enhance their teaching and research over a period of three years. The interim director of the society for 2009-10 is Scott Burnham, the Scheide Professor of Music History. Susan Stewart, the Annan Professor of English, will serve as director for 2010-11. The society includes Princeton faculty members who serve as faculty fellows and meet regularly with the Cotsen Fellows in the Joseph Henry House for informal and formal discussions, seminars and lectures. The full complement of 15 postdoctoral fellows is drawn from a range of disciplines in the humanities, related social sciences and natural sciences.

The Cotsen Fellows for 2009-12 were selected from a pool of more than 930 applicants. They teach half-time in their academic department or program or in the Council of the Humanities and pursue their own research. They are:

Russ Lee, a Perkins-Cotsen Fellow and a lecturer in English, who holds a Ph.D. in literature from Duke University. This fall, he will teach a freshman seminar titled “Enlightenment From Below: Milton, Spinoza and the Societies of Revolution.”

Nikolaos Panou, a Hel- lenic-Cotsen Fellow and lecturer in comparative literature, who received a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard University. In 2008-09, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Program in Hellenic Studies. With the Soci- ety of Fellows, he will conduct an

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