The humanities are the stories, ideas, words, and artifacts through which we make sense of our lives and our world. The humanities introduce us to people we have never met, places we have never visited, and ideas that may have never crossed our minds. By showing us how other people have lived and thought about life, the humanities help us to decide what is important for our own lives, our nation, and our world. By offering us a long historical perspective on the philosophy, art, religion, literature, politics, and music of people who came before us, the humanities give us the tools to have civil and informed conversations about the most important questions facing humanity today.
Throughout this annual report are opportunities to find more information on our website, http://shc.stanford.edu. See the guide below for web signposts throughout, or visit our interactive PDF.

INFO refers to a page on our website with more information.

NEWS refers to a relevant news story found in the News section of our website.

Q&A refers to a Q&A article on a particular individual that we published on our website.

GO refers to multimedia content on our website, such as a video or podcast.
Letter from the Director

The Stanford Humanities Center continues to thrive. This year we received a record number of applications for the external faculty fellowships, a sign that the Humanities Center’s core program—the year-long sabbatical fellowship dedicated to research and writing—remains among the most prized by humanistic scholars. In the pages that follow you can read more about the activities of the 2014-15 fellows. Their projects ranged from a study of the earliest Islamic communities to the place of religion in modern American art, from an examination of Hellenistic science to a critique of neuroscience.

A number of our fellows participated in a new collaboration with the Cantor Arts Center, giving gallery talks to the general public on subjects in their area of expertise. This new collaboration forms part of our ongoing efforts to integrate the Humanities Center fully into campus life and to nurture connections between the humanities and Stanford’s many disciplines and schools. We are also currently forging new connections with the Stanford School of Medicine so as to facilitate intellectual conversations across Campus Drive.

Highlights from our many events during this last academic year were the Presidential Lecture delivered by the architect David Adjaye, lead designer of the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture; Dave Eggers in conversation with Tobias Wolff discussing Eggers’s new book, The Circle—an event made possible by the Marta Sutton Weeks Visitorship; and the Raymond F. West Memorial Lecture presented by philosopher Samuel Scheffler on the topic, “Why Worry about Future Generations?”

Stanford has become one of the leading universities in digital humanities, and the Humanities Center continues to strengthen its connections with the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), the digital humanities laboratory at Stanford. On May 5, the Humanities Center hosted a panel discussion in which Stanford scholars and technical experts discussed how digital tools enable them to push the boundaries of humanities research and how the humanities are pushing the boundaries of digital tools. The event was streamed in a live webcast to viewers around the world.

In July the Humanities Center welcomed Andrea Davies as our new associate director. Before joining us, she served as associate director at Stanford’s Clayman Institute for Gender Research. She has brought tremendous energy and experience to bear on her interactions with our fellows, our visitors, and our staff.

As always, we are immensely grateful to both our Advisory Board and the many friends of the Humanities Center, whose dedication and support each year enable the humanities to thrive.

Caroline Winterer / Director and Anthony P. Meier Family Professor in the Humanities
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International Visitors Program

The International Visitors Program entered its sixth year with a series of short-term visitors to the Humanities Center, jointly sponsored with the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI). Scholars from Turkey, Sweden, Taiwan, Germany, and the United Kingdom brought to campus broader cultural perspectives on contemporary concerns and historical questions. The program continues to strengthen ties with universities worldwide.
YEŞİM ARAT

OCTOBER 2014 /
FSI-Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15
Aron Rodrigue International Visitor 2014-15
Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Yeşim Arat is the author of Violence against Women in Turkey: A Nationwide Survey (with Ayşe Gül Altinay, Punto, 2009; Turkish version, Punto 2007), Rethinking Islam and Liberal Democracy: Islamist Women in Turkish Politics (SUNY Press, 2005), The Patriarchal Paradox: Women Politicians in Turkey (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1989), and numerous articles on women as well as Turkish politics. Arat was the provost of her university between 2008 and 2012 and is a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. She is currently working on a book on post-1980 politics of Turkey.

Arat was nominated by the Mediterranean Studies Forum, where she presented lectures on contemporary politics in Turkey and participated in a discussion on women’s rights in Turkey and Bosnia.

DAG BLANCK

APRIL 2015 /
Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15
Ruth Garland Bowes International Visitor 2014-15
Director of the Swedish Institute for North American Studies
Uppsala University, Sweden

Trained as a historian in the United States and Sweden, Dag Blanck researches American immigration history, ethnicity, and the migration of individuals and ideas across the Atlantic in the 19th and 20th centuries. He is the academic director of the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Illinois. He is writing a book on the social and cultural aspects of intersections between Sweden and the United States over the past 200 years. His recent publications include “A Mixture of People with Different Roots: Swedish Immigrants in the American Ethno-Racial Hierarchies,” in the Journal of American Ethnic History (Spring 2014) and “Travelling Scholars: Swedish Academic Travelers across the Atlantic in the 20th Century,” in Klaus Petersen et al., American Foundations and the European Welfare States (University Press of Southern Denmark, 2013).

Blanck was nominated by the Stanford Humanities Center, where he spoke about the establishment of American Studies in Sweden and described his research in a Question and Answer session.
PIN-CHIA FENG

APRIL 2015 /  
FSI-Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15  
Distinguished Professor of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan  
Research Fellow of the Institute of European and American Studies  
Academia Sinica (joint appointment)

Pin-Chia Feng writes about gender, race, and representation in films and Asian American, African American, and Afro-Caribbean literatures and is president of the Association of English and American Literature. She received the 2007, 2010, and 2013 Outstanding Research Award of Taiwan’s National Science Council. Her monograph, Diasporic Representations: Reading Chinese American Women’s Fiction (LIT Verlag, 2010), received Academia Sinica’s Scholarly Monograph Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences. At the Humanities Center, Feng gave two talks: “East Asian Approaches to Asian American Literary Studies: The Case of Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea,” co-sponsored by Asian American Studies and the Center for East Asian Studies, and “Extended Railroads: Literary and Visual Representations of Chinese Railroad Workers in North America,” co-sponsored by the Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project and the American Studies Program. Feng described her research in a Question and Answer session.

Feng was nominated by the Department of English.

CATHERINE E. KARKOV

FEBRUARY 2015 /  
Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15  
Bliss Carnochan International Visitor 2014-15  
Chair in Art History  
University of Leeds, United Kingdom

Catherine E. Karkov researches the art and archaeology of Anglo-Saxon England, concentrating on questions of gender, materiality, the postcolonial, and the relationship between text or voice and image or object. Her publications include The Art of Anglo-Saxon England (Boydell Press, 2011) and Text and Picture in Anglo-Saxon England: Narrative Strategies in the Junius 11 Manuscript (Cambridge University Press, 2001), and the co-edited Conversion and Colonization in Anglo-Saxon England (MRTS, 2006). She is completing an edited volume, “Postcolonising the Medieval Image.” Two additional projects include: “Reading the Mother Tongue,” which explores the intersection of female agency, place, and language in Anglo-Saxon England; and “Written in Stone,” a study of the use of stone as a postcolonial statement in the north of England ca. 400–1100. She is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and the English Association.

Karkov was nominated by the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies. She spoke at the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies and in the Stanford University Libraries.
BARBARA MITTLER

JANUARY 2015 /
FSI-Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15
Chair in Chinese Studies at the Institute of Chinese Studies
University of Heidelberg, Germany


Mittler was nominated by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. She organized the workshop “Spectacle & Sovereignty: Stately Bodies on Display.”

JONAS MONIÉ NORDIN

OCTOBER 2014 /
FSI-Humanities Center International Visitor 2014-15
Docent in Historical Archaeology
Uppsala University, Sweden

Jonas Monié Nordin researches the archaeology of early modern globalization at the Swedish History Museum and at Uppsala University, where he teaches historical archaeology. Nordin specializes in medieval archaeology and global historical archeology, which have common themes in landscape analysis and spatial studies. Nordin is working on two research projects focused on colonial relations between Sweden and Sápmi, the land of Sámi. “Collecting Sápmi” examines the construction of Sámi through the collection and dispersal of Sámi material culture in the 17th and early 18th centuries. “A Colonial Arena” investigates the emergence of industrial production in Sweden’s far north in the 17th century.

Nordin was nominated by the Department of Anthropology. He lectured in the Center for African Studies and the Archaeology Center.
Fellows

The Humanities Center’s year-long residential fellowships bring together scholars from different disciplines, career stages, and academic institutions in an environment of intellectual discovery and exchange. In 2014-15, the Humanities Center welcomed twenty-five fellows with research topics ranging from a study of early Islam to the archaeology of San Jose’s Chinatown, from multimedia meditations on Herman Melville to the East European secret police.

ATTIYA AHMAD
EXTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / Anthropology, George Washington University
*Everyday Conversions: Islamic Da’wa, Domestic Work and South Asian Migrant Women in Kuwait*

I came here with the goal of working on my book manuscript. During my time here I worked on completing a first draft. I undertook revisions based on feedback I received from scholars at a book manuscript workshop organized at my home institution, submitted my book manuscript to academic presses, and had it accepted by a press. I am now following up with further revisions based on feedback provided by the reader reports.

LUCY ALFORD
GEBALE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW / Comparative Literature, Stanford University
*Forms of Poetic Attention*

I was able to complete most of my dissertation and hope to go on the job market next year with a finished and approved dissertation. In addition to supporting my research and writing, the fellowship offered me the opportunity to cultivate professional connections and friendships with individuals from different fields within the humanities and, as importantly, at different stages in their careers. We read each other’s work, brainstormed new projects and new chapters together, worked together, laughed together. These are friendships I will cherish for years to come.

MARQUIS BERREY
EXTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / Classics, University of Iowa
*Hellenistic Science at Court*

This year I completed two articles that were accepted in the spring, drafted two more articles in the spring, and throughout the year I completed two major chapters and the conclusion to my book. I am positioned to have a draft of the whole book by the end of the summer, my original goal. Most importantly, this year gave me the time to hone my book by envisioning a broader audience beyond my immediate field. I have had conversations with other historians, anthropologists, art historians, the international visitors, and others about the notion of a canon within a field, the distance between teaching and research, and the relationship between different branches of knowledge.
JOSEPH BOONE
MARTA SUTTON WEEKS FELLOW /
English, University of Southern California
*The Melville Effect: Meditations on Multimedia*

My 2014-15 stay at the Center has been incredibly fruitful. I’ve been able to carry out extensive primary archival research on “The Melville Effect.” I arrived here with an idea and a hypothetical thesis; the research I’ve been able to carry out convinces me of the legitimacy of this new book project. Pulling together contemporary sources across multiple media inspired by Melville and researching the various media contemporary with Melville’s era for my presentation at the Center was a highlight and an inspiring culmination of this year’s research. I intend to consolidate the presentation draft into a major article over the summer, the kind of essay that will “put my stamp” on this topic.

MICHAEL E. BRATMAN
DONALD ANDREWS WHITTIER FELLOW /
Philosophy, Stanford University
*Planning, Time, and Self-Governance*

By far the most important benefit of this fellowship year was the opportunity to re-think the foundational issues in my new project on planning, time, and self-governance in an intense, sustained, and systematic way. This work in progress will be the basis of four “Pufendorf Lectures” that I will give in Lund, Sweden, in June 2016. The series is tentatively called, “The Rational Dynamics of Planning Agency.” I may publish these lectures as part of a collection that would also include a series of six earlier essays (from 2009-14) or I will publish them on their own. Some elements from these lectures will also be the basis for a Royal Institute of Philosophy lecture in London in October 2015.

JESSICA CHEN
GEBALLE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW /
Religious Studies, Stanford University
*Chinese Heirs to Muhammad: Writing Islamic History in Early Modern China*

This fellowship year allowed me to work on three chapters of my dissertation. In the early fall, I completed a chapter on Chinese Muslim narratives of origin that I had been researching over the summer. In October, I submitted this chapter to my committee and received feedback. In the late fall, I began working on a second chapter, which I presented at a conference at the National University of Singapore. I have recently been invited to revise the chapter for publication in a forthcoming edited volume entitled “Islamic Cosmopolitanism.” I began research on a third dissertation chapter in winter, and I was able to present preliminary conclusions at the fellows’ seminar in April.
J.P. DAUGHTON
INTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / History, Stanford University
Cover Not My Blood: Violence, Development, and Humanity on the Congo-Océan Railroad

The Humanities Center offered a place where I could think in new and challenging directions about my assumptions as a scholar. My fellow fellows pushed me to rethink my project and to realize it would benefit from being restructured and streamlined. I spent most of my year researching and writing a tighter study I hope to finish next year. In the bustle of the school year it is often difficult to spend the time necessary to string complex thoughts together into coherent arguments. The peace and quiet of the SHC allowed the time and space to think deeply, to interrogate one’s own ideas, and to write.

FRED DONNER
MARTA SUTTON WEEKS FELLOW / The Oriental Institute and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
The Development of the Earliest Islamic Community

I made a lot of progress reading and editing the text of an early Arabic papyrus letter and completed most of the technical analysis of paleography and orthography. I foresee submitting this project for publication soon. I also made headway on the questions relating to the Qur’an, which included a paper I read at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion / International Qur’anic Studies Association. The big surprise this year was the wonderful vibrancy of the group of fellows, which added so much in terms of intellectual stimulation and the creation of what I hope will be lasting new friendships and professional collaborations.

ERIKA DOSS
MARTA SUTTON WEEKS FELLOW / American Studies, University of Notre Dame
Spiritual Moderns: Twentieth-Century American Artists and Religion

This was quite simply the best year of my academic life: productive, collegial, happy, and dare I say it, relaxing. Major accomplishments during this fellowship year included developing a coherent thesis and writing two chapters of a five-chapter book. I anticipate a polished final manuscript within a year. I also wrote several articles, one book review, and delivered four keynote lectures and two conference papers during my fellowship year. Additional accomplishments, unexpected, include developing “Memorial Mapping,” a digital humanities project focused on transnational 9/11 memorials that was organized through the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA).
DAMIEN DRONEY

**GEBALLE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW /**
Anthropology, Stanford University

*Weedy Science: The Culture and Politics of Herbal Medicine Research in Ghana*

The fellowship year at the Humanities Center gave me precious time to focus solely on writing. To that end, I completed my dissertation in March and submitted two articles for publication while at the Center. The fellowship also allowed me to pursue avenues of research that I would not otherwise have had the opportunity to explore, and I’m sure that this has strengthened my dissertation. The stresses of finishing the dissertation and going on the job market were greatly diminished by being at the Center.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN

**VIOLET ANDREWS WHITTIER FELLOW /**
Philosophy, Stanford University

*The Legacy of Kant in the History and Philosophy of Science*

Major accomplishments relevant to my project include a new paper on Ernst Cassirer delivered as a keynote address at Yale and to be prepared for publication; and two new papers on Kant delivered in London, Ontario, and to be delivered in Edinburgh, Scotland, respectively, and also to be prepared for publication. I will be giving the Isaiah Berlin Lectures in the History of Ideas at Oxford in the fall of 2015, largely based on the new papers just described. These lectures will form the basis of my planned book for Oxford University Press, entitled “The Legacy of Kant in the Philosophy of Science.”

VERA GRIBANOVA

**INTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW /**
Linguistics, Stanford University

*Subjects and Clause Structure in Three Turkic Languages*

This year I completed and submitted a hefty manuscript on the expression of polar information in Russian and the interaction of this information with various grammatical processes. I submitted this manuscript to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* and presented various aspects of this work at invited talks at NYU, the University of Maryland, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Berkeley. I also made significant progress on a fieldwork project involving case and agreement patterns in Uzbek, Kirghiz, and Kazakh. I anticipate that this work will continue into 2015-16 and should start to bear fruit in the form of publishable manuscripts next year.
**STEPHANIE HOM**  
**MARTA SUTTON WEEKS FELLOW /**  
Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, University of Oklahoma  
*The Empire Between: Mobility and Colonialism in Italy and Libya*

This year I published *The Beautiful Country: Tourism and the Impossible State of Destination Italy* (University of Toronto Press, 2015). I also finished the co-edited volume, *Italian Mobilities* (Routledge), with Ruth Ben-Ghiat, which is scheduled to be released in August 2015. I also finished three and a half chapters of my current book project. To showcase my research on this current project, I gave three invited lectures (University of Toronto, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara), and I was also featured on KQED’s Forum regarding the current immigration crisis in Italy.

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Damien Droney, Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellow

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**HELEN HUMAN**  
**GEBALLE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW /**  
Anthropology, Stanford University  
*Rehabilitated Ruins: Development, Democratization, and UNESCO World Heritage in Turkey*

During my fellowship, I completed the remaining half of my dissertation. The Center’s support—through lunches, coffee, office space and resources, and community—was essential. I do not believe that I would be graduating in June if I had not had this fellowship. I had a complete penultimate draft when I left the Center to start a job at Washington University in St. Louis. Being a part of an interdisciplinary intellectual community that was friendly, supportive, and constructive made for an unparalleled positive and productive environment.
JAMES LOCK

ELLEN ANDREWS WRIGHT FELLOW /
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford Medical School
Brain Science in the Age of Discipline: Foucauldian Perspectives on Twenty-First Century Psychiatry

I used this year to work on both the specific project proposed related to brain sciences and the philosophy of Michel Foucault, as well as more general projects related to medicine and the humanities. I completed a draft of a monograph on the topic of brain science in the age of discipline. My plan is to continue revisions and refinements of this paper over the coming months for submission to a psychiatry journal. I also have hopes of finding a venue to present this work in the year ahead.

THOMAS O’DONNELL

EXTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW /
English, Fordham University
Theoretical Lives: Identity Critique and Monastic Community in England, 1000-1259

The fellowship gave me the opportunity to rethink my project and to enrich my practice as a humanist scholar. I completed final drafts of two articles and substantially rewrote several chapters of my book draft. I arrived with a mostly complete, if partly shambolic, book draft, hoping to use the time here to sink the foundations of each chapter a bit deeper. Within the first months of more expansive reading and drafting, however, I discovered more meaningful ways of making my arguments, and so instead of retrofitting and refurbishing each chapter as planned, I substantially rewrote most of two chapters and have plans to do the same for a third.

NICHOLAS JENKINS

INTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW /
English, Stanford University
Manhattan Transfer
Kindred Britain

I revised my manuscript about W. H. Auden’s poetry between 1936 and 1941, and worked on the second version of my digital humanities project, Kindred Britain. Using some extraordinarily beautiful maps, I am pivoting from linking people as different as Shakespeare, Newton, and Jane Austen through time, to linking them through space in a section of the website that will be called Kindred London. Creating a scholarly website is a little like doing a startup—a lot of bleary eyes, chewed pencil ends, and private thoughts of “It’s over!”—but week by week I was happily surprised to realize we made good progress.
JENNIFER PEGG

GEBAFFE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW / History, Stanford University

The Emergence of a Historical Understanding of the Universe

The fellowship has been a true gift for achieving significant dissertation progress this year. I completed work on five dissertation chapters, several of which I also presented in seminars and talks. The generous additional research grant provided to the Geballe Fellows helped to facilitate an important follow-up research trip to an archive over the winter break, as well as access to reproductions of rare manuscripts at archives I had not been able to visit in person. The work I completed this year also proved valuable to my present publication efforts, including a journal article on Erasmus Darwin, and a collection of the scientific correspondence of the English astronomer and cosmologist William Herschel.

BRUNO PERREAU

EXTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / Foreign Languages and Literatures, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Queer Echoes: French Fantasies of Identity, Community, and Difference in France

During my year at the Humanities Center, I started a new book project called “Queer Echoes: Fantasies of Identity, Community, and Difference in France.” This project was based on archives, documents, and readings I brought here. The year has been very productive since I elaborated the overall structure of the book project and wrote three chapters (out of five) as well as the introduction and conclusion. I intend to stay at Stanford over the summer, and hope to be close to completion of the manuscript in the fall.

MOLLY PUCCI

GEBAFFE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW / History, Stanford University

Security Empire: Building the Secret Police in Communist East Europe, 1944-1951

This year, with the help of the fellowship, I was able to achieve my main objective for the year: to complete and submit my dissertation. The project is “Security Empire: Building the Secret Police in Communist East Europe, 1944-1951,” a comparative history of post-WWII communist security systems in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany. The Center’s resources — time, space, conversations — all contributed to completing the work and an enjoyable year.
JOAN RAMON RESINA

DONALD ANDREWS WHITTIER FELLOW / Iberian and Latin American Cultures, Stanford University

*Journalism as Literature: Josep Pla and the Rise of a New Realism in the Twentieth Century*

This year was extremely helpful in moving my project forward. It is firmly on track to be done within the next academic year. I wrote two important chapters for my book on Josep Pla, one on Pla’s politics and the other on his relations to women and his neopagan conception of love. At the Center, in addition to being able to introduce Pla to a highly intelligent audience in my inaugural talk, I profited from many of the Tuesday talks and from the informal conversations during lunch. It was a great group of assorted scholars and I enjoyed talking to and learning from many of them.

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NATE SLOAN

GEBALLE DISSERTATION PRIZE FELLOW / Music, Stanford University

*Jazz in the Harlem Moment: Performing Race and Place at the Cotton Club, 1926-1935*

During my year at the Humanities Center, I finished two chapters and the introduction of my dissertation, and began drafting the remaining two chapters and epilogue. In addition, I established important relationships with peers and junior and senior faculty across disciplines and institutions. In doing so, I learned about the wider landscape of the humanities in America, gained insight into the vicissitudes of academic careers at a variety of levels, had my work profiled by the Stanford News Service, and secured a speaking engagement at the Cantor Arts Center in tandem with an exhibition there.
LUKE SUNDERLAND
EXTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / Modern Languages and Cultures, Durham University
Rebel Barons: Resisting Royal Power in Medieval Culture

I spent the majority of my fellowship year working on the manuscript for my monograph, which is now close to completion. I also co-edited two special journal issues: “Vernacular Readings of the Medieval Library,” co-edited with Thomas Hinton (Exeter University) as a forthcoming issue of French Studies; and “Gangs — Dynamics of Exemption,” co-edited with Claudia Nitschke (Durham University), as a forthcoming special issue of Cultural Dynamics.

BARBARA VOSS
INTERNAL FACULTY FELLOW / Anthropology, Stanford University
Burn Layer: The Archaeology of Anti-Immigrant Violence

The focus of my fellowship year was conducting research and writing for my current book project, a study of the anti-Chinese movement in 19th-century San Jose. I conducted laboratory research on archaeological artifacts and residues, archival research, and oral history interviews. I also wrote and presented draft chapters at the Center’s fellows’ seminar, Columbia University, Northwestern University, UC Santa Barbara, National Sun Yat-sen University, and the Society for American Archaeology. I also published the first article on this project, which will appear in International Journal of Historical Archaeology. Overall this has been a transformative year both for my scholarship and for myself as a researcher.

CLAUDE WILLAN
 Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellow / English, Stanford University
The Seizure of Literary History in the Eighteenth Century

My major accomplishment this year was to complete, then rewrite, then revise and file, my PhD dissertation. I finished the fifth chapter in October; the other three steps took the rest of the year. I found my colleagues unfailingly helpful, deeply well-informed, and astonishingly generous with their time and knowledge. I also went on the job market and interviewed for several positions, eventually accepting a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University in their Center for Digital Humanities. While at the Center I ran the Geballe Research Workshop, “Seminar on the Enlightenment and Revolution, 1660-1830,” which was a great pleasure.
Hume Humanities Honors Fellowship

The Humanities Center has established a three-year pilot program (2013-16) to award a Hume Humanities Honors Fellowship at the Stanford Humanities Center to six to eight seniors writing an honors thesis in one of Stanford’s humanities departments. For the academic year 2014-15, Bing Honors College faculty leaders nominated outstanding students in their program. Time at the Humanities Center exposes seniors to other scholars doing advanced research in the humanities and nurtures intensive intellectual interactions with the fellows. The year helps to prepare the Hume fellows more fully for graduate school in the humanities or other careers in which a broad, humanistic background is an asset.

Hume Humanities Honors fellows:

• Are part of a vibrant advanced research institution on campus;
• Receive a stipend of $500 each quarter for project materials and books;
• Have individual work spaces in the Stanford Humanities Center undergraduate office;
• Join Center faculty and graduate student fellows for lunch twice a quarter;
• May invite a speaker to address common research interests; and
• Present their work to the Humanities Center fellows at an end-of-year symposium.
These fellowships are made possible in part by a gift to endowment by Mr. George H. Hume and Dr. Leslie P. Hume.

In 2014-15, the Hume Humanities Honors fellows were:

**KELSEY DAYTON**
**MAJOR** / English and Political Science  
**THESIS** / The Rhetorical Construction and Evolution of the “War on Terror”  
**ADVISERS** / Martha Crenshaw and Coit Blacker

**NICOLE FOLLMAN**
**MAJOR** / Anthropology  
**THESIS** / The Food Movement in the Heartland: The New Generation of Iowa Farmers  
**ADVISER** / Paulla Ebron

**EMMA JOSLYN**
**MAJOR** / American Studies  
**THESIS** / Genre Trouble: White Women Rappers and the Identity Politics of Popular Music  
**ADVISER** / Jeff Chang

**MAYA KRISHNAN**
**MAJOR** / Philosophy  
**THESIS** / Human Experience and the Foundation of Geometrical Knowledge in Kant’s Philosophy  
**ADVISER** / Allen Wood

**RUKMA SEN**
**MAJOR** / English  
**THESIS** / Mother Monster, from Grendel to Lady Gaga: Constructing the Other Self in Anglo-Saxon Verse  
**ADVISER** / Elaine Treharne

**NEEL THAKKAR**
**MAJOR** / History  
**THESIS** / “All the World in My Hut”: Colonial Broadcasting, Ideologies of Rule, and the Making of a Listening Public in Northern Rhodesia, 1935-1963  
**ADVISER** / Richard Roberts

**NORA TJSSESEM**
**MAJOR** / English  
**THESIS** / Narrative Nothingness in the Dramas of Samuel Beckett  
**ADVISER** / Paula Moya

**RENO TSOSIE**
**MAJOR** / American Studies  
**THESIS** / The Harvey Couriers: Modern Women and the American Southwest in the 1920s and 1930s  
**ADVISER** / Alexander Nemerov
Theodore and Frances Geballe Research Workshops

The Geballe Research Workshops bring together faculty and graduate students to share works in progress and explore new areas of inquiry. In 2014-15, many Stanford faculty and some two hundred graduate students participated in the workshops.
APPROACHES TO CAPITALISM
Linda Randall Meier Research Workshop
Well before the current global economic crisis, historians and anthropologists analyzed the “market” or “capital” as agents of social, cultural, and economic change. Participants in this workshop explored the phenomenon of capitalism, from foundational texts to new methodological approaches. Researchers and advanced students from multiple disciplines tested whether capitalism can serve as a lens to understand history and anthropology.

ARCHEOLOGIES OF INHABITATION AND DISPLACEMENT
Blokker Research Workshop
This workshop examined how acts of violence and emancipatory projects define past and contemporary societies within colonial and imperial contexts. Engaging scholars of anthropology, political science, history, heritage, archaeology, classics, and regional studies, the group focused on neglected, subaltern histories and alternative imaginaries, and explored how these are used to negotiate inequalities and dependencies. Participants examined migration and diasporas, conflict resolution, histories of marginalized communities, minority groups, and ethnic tension.

BIOGRAPHY: INTERROGATIONS, OBSERVATIONS, STUDIES
Research Workshop in Honor of John Bender
Biography and examples of “life-writing” are predominant forms of narrating human history. In this workshop, researchers and advanced students examined biography as a genre and a tradition. Participants in this workshop discussed core questions such as: Why have societies produced and preserved an abundance of “life-writing”? What is the significance of self-reflexivity in biography? How does biography reflect as well as create history?

COGNITION AND LANGUAGE
Language plays a central role in the coordinated activity that shapes our culture and is crucial to forming abstract thought. This workshop encouraged interdisciplinary insight among the fields of linguistics, philosophy, psychology, anthropology, and computer science to answer questions central to each of these disciplines, such as How does language work? and How does it interact with the other cognitive processes that shape the human experience?
EURASIAN EMPIRES
The workshop focused on themes and problems common to the many empires that controlled lands surrounding ancient Greece and the Middle East, namely the early modern Russian, Ottoman, Safavid/Qajar, Mughal, and Chinese empires from Han to Qing. Topics of interest included the imagination of imperial space and power through visual and literary forms, different modes of imperial knowledge production, and material and political strategies of governance and power.

GRAPHIC NARRATIVE PROJECT
Humanities Center Fellows Research Workshop
From political cartoons and centuries-old Japanese woodblock prints to superhero serials, manga, comics journalism, and webcomics, pictures and words have been combined by visionary artists who saw the potential to tell stories in ways not possible through text or image alone. The Graphic Narrative Project explored the many manifestations of this medium, spanning boundaries of race, nation, genre, time period, and language to bring together faculty, students, artists, and scholars from various disciplines.

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO CONSCIOUSNESS
Claire and John Radway Research Workshop
Conscious experience is a phenomenon that each of us knows intimately well, yet explaining consciousness has proved to be exquisitely difficult. This workshop explored the nature of conscious experience from a variety of viewpoints that cross boundaries in the humanities and sciences. In 2014-15 the workshop addressed the “Hard Problem of Consciousness” (also known as the problem of qualia), consciousness and literature, zombies in philosophy, and altered states of consciousness and creativity.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONTEMPORARY
Marta Sutton Weeks Research Workshop
The workshop examined the “contemporary” with a focus on three defining moments: 1945, 1989, and 2001. These moments all carried global significance, yet also had local consequences that require a comparative approach between national or regional perspectives. The hybrid term “contemporary” serves as a device with which to examine cultural objects and phenomena in politics, culture, and the arts.
ORAL LITERATURE AND LITERATE ORALITY

While the study of oral literature has transformed many disciplines in the last century, the label of “true” orality was originally granted only to pre-literate traditions. The group explored from a multidisciplinary standpoint how oral literature stands alongside and engages with texts in literate societies. The workshop brought together a variety of perspectives on how different disciplines have bridged the perceived gap between verbal art and artistic text. Participants discussed topics such as the transmission and textualization of folk literature, the interplay between spoken word and written text, and the sociology of reading and performance.

Through SER I’ve forged my most valuable relationships as a graduate student at Stanford. Several faculty were especially generous with their time and advice.

Graduate student participant in Seminar on the Enlightenment and Revolution, 1660-1830

SEMINAR ON THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND REVOLUTION, 1660-1830

This workshop excavated the long 18th century, the period of western European and American history from 1660 through 1830. Enlightenment and Revolution broadly describe the transformations in science, politics, philosophy, economic thought, art, and literature that account for the coherence of this historical period. In 2014-15 the group adopted a broad thematic rubric, “Performance and Belief,” inviting scholars from different fields to examine the period from a conceptual rather than a disciplinary perspective.

THE BESTIAL AND THE BEASTLY: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN-ANIMAL RELATIONSHIPS

In recent years, Animal Studies has emerged as a central focus in the humanities and social sciences. This workshop encouraged interdisciplinary conversations among researchers and advanced students in fields such as anthropology, philosophy, art history, history, and biology. Topics included the social roles of animals, ideas about nature and culture, identity and heritage, power and inequality, and new scientific and humanistic methods to advance such research.
THE MATERIAL IMAGINATION: SOUND, SPACE, AND HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

This workshop asked new questions about history, art, architecture, religion, and society from the medieval period to the modern era and the future, and from the corporeal to the technological. The group explored how sound that is musical or natural can create a sensuous space. The workshop fostered innovative scholarship across disciplinary boundaries, including art history, architecture, music, anthropology, English, history, classics, and religious studies.

THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES OF THE MIDDLE AGES

This workshop invited an interdisciplinary community of scholars to examine representations and theories of the medieval past. Questions included: How do we theorize the Middle Ages? How do we develop these theoretical perspectives themselves from literature, history, and art while engaging with modern adaptations of medieval texts, polemical medievalisms, and current debates in the field of humanities at large?

VARIETIES OF AGENCY

Marta Sutton Weeks Research Workshop

Action is fundamental; we relate to the world and each other. Yet how is it to be understood? How do agents relate to their actions, explaining them, giving reasons for them? And how do they relate to each other, act together? This workshop assembled philosophers, linguists, classicists, and literature scholars to work on topics related to these many varieties of agency, including conceptions of action, the self and agential self-knowledge, and shared agency.

WORKSHOP IN POETICS

The Workshop in Poetics explored the theoretical and practical dimensions of the reading and criticism of poetry. Within the eclectic critical landscape called “poetics,” the workshop offered a forum in which scholars with distinctive methods and historical concerns could test their claims and assumptions about poetic objects against the broad linguistic and historical knowledge of the workshop’s members.
MANUSCRIPT REVIEW WORKSHOPS
The Stanford Humanities Center inaugurated a new initiative, the Manuscript Review Workshops, in 2013-14. The program gives Stanford faculty members an opportunity to host a “dream team” of scholars who can provide helpful and timely feedback on their book manuscript in a collegial workshop setting. The aim is to create a polished, publishable book and to consider strategies for possible placement for publication. The workshops are funded by the Humanities Center and the School of Humanities and Sciences.

HUMANITIES OUTREACH PROGRAM
The Humanities Outreach Program is a communications initiative meant to bring compelling content about humanities research, teaching, faculty, and students to a range of audiences. Every week, the Stanford Report publishes numerous humanities stories and issues press releases produced or edited by the Humanities Outreach Program. In the past year, increased production of content, including Q&A interviews with Humanities Center fellows, multimedia feature pages, and two new video series have contributed to substantial growth in traffic to the Humanities Center website. We have also seen increased interaction with our social media platforms and robust growth of new subscribers to our monthly e-newsletter.

PHD JOURNALIST PROJECT
Now in its third year, the project serves two purposes: to heighten the visibility of work and events in the humanities at Stanford, and to give Stanford PhD students in humanities fields experience and training in writing for non-specialist audiences about humanities-related subjects. The project is administered by the Director of Humanities Communication and has received enthusiastic support from its two funders, the School of Humanities and Sciences and the Vice Provost for Graduate Education. To date, more than sixty stories written by doctoral students have been published in the Stanford Report or on the Humanities Center website.

MELLON FELLOWSHIP OF SCHOLARS IN THE HUMANITIES
The Humanities Center continues its partnership with the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities, a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford. The fellowships are awarded for two years, with the possibility of a third year, to scholars in different humanities disciplines. The Humanities Center is the administrative home of the program, and Mellon fellows participate in the intellectual life of the Center. Professors R. Lanier Anderson (philosophy) and J.P. Daughton (history) co-direct the program and oversee the selection and year-long professional development of the fellows. For more information, visit the Mellon Fellowship website at http://mellonfellows.stanford.edu.
ENDOWED LECTURES

OCTOBER 2014

The Marta Sutton Weeks Visitorship brought to campus acclaimed novelist Dave Eggers in conversation with Tobias Wolff, the Ward W. and Priscilla B. Woods Professor of English at Stanford. Eggers’s publications include The Circle and A Hologram for the King. Wolff’s publications include The Barracks Thief and This Boy’s Life. Eggers and Wolff discussed privacy in the digital age and the craft of writing. The event was sponsored by the Humanities Center, the Stanford Creative Writing Program, and the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society at Stanford.

DECEMBER 2014

The Presidential Lecture featured award-winning architect David Adjaye, who delivered a lecture entitled “The Architecture of Civic Space.” Adjaye, considered to be a leading architect of his generation, is the lead designer of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., slated to open in 2016. Other notable commissions include the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway, and Sugar Hill Housing in Harlem, New York.

Funded by the President’s Office and endowments, and administered by the Humanities Center, the Presidential and Endowed Lecture Series in the Humanities and Arts brings the most distinguished scholars, artists, and critics of our time to Stanford University. These eminent visitors to campus engage in lectures, seminars, panel discussions, and a variety of related interactions with faculty, students, and the community at large.
MAY 2015

The Raymond F. West Memorial Lecture was presented by philosopher Samuel Scheffler, who delivered a lecture entitled, “Why Worry about Future Generations?” Scheffler is Professor of Philosophy at New York University and works mainly in the areas of moral and political philosophy. His publications include **Death and the Afterlife** and **Equality and Tradition**. The lecture was sponsored by the Humanities Center together with the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society.

The Raymond F. West Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1910 by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic West of Seattle in memory of their son, a student at Stanford University. The lectures promote the subject of “immortality, human conduct, and human destiny.” West Lectures are presented every other year.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 2014  Historian James Turner gave a lecture entitled, “The Forgotten Origins of the Modern Humanities,” in which he discussed how the study of languages and texts led to the formation of the humanities in the modern university. Turner’s talk centered on his new book, **Philology: The Forgotten Origins of the Modern Humanities**. He is the Cavanaugh Professor of Humanities emeritus at the University of Notre Dame.

The event was sponsored by the Humanities Center, the Department of History, the Stanford Philosophical Reading Group, and the Bay Area Consortium for the History of Ideas in America.

MARCH 2015  The 22nd annual Celebration of Publications featured fifty-six works on paper and multi-media from faculty and emeriti representing the humanities at Stanford. Richard Saller, Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences, opened the festivities by praising the achievements of Stanford scholars in the humanities.

MAY 2015  In collaboration with the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), the Humanities Center presented a panel discussion entitled “Humanities + Digital Tools,” in which Stanford scholars and technical experts discussed how digital tools enable them to push the boundaries of humanities research, from teaching platforms to textual analysis. Likewise, they discussed how the unique qualities of humanities scholarship are encouraging the development of new digital tools. A recorded webcast of the event is available on the Humanities Center website, along with a video series featuring several digital humanities projects at Stanford.
Publications

Following are books recently published by Humanities Center fellows. All information has been gathered from fellows’ communications.

The years in parentheses indicate the academic year the fellow was in residence.

Awards and Special Mention

GIORGIO RIELLO (2010-11)
Cotton: The Fabric That Made the Modern World
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2013
Awarded the 2014 Bentley Book Prize from the World History Association.

CABEIRI DEBERGH ROBINSON (2009-10)
Body of Victim, Body of Warrior: Refugee Families and the Making of Kashmiri Jihadists
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS, 2013
Received the AIPS Book Award for 2013-14 from the American Institute of Pakistan Studies; and the Bernard S. Cohn Book Award for 2015 from the Association of Asian Studies.

SCOTT SAUL (2010-11)
Becoming Richard Pryor
HARPERCOLLINS, 2014
Finalist for Best Work of Nonfiction from the Northern California Independent Booksellers Association; Longlisted for the PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography.

Books

MAHA ABDELRAHMAN (2012-13)*
Egypt’s Long Revolution: Protest Movements and Uprisings
ROUTLEDGE, 2014

MOHAMED ADHIKARI (2012-13)*
Genocide on Settler Frontiers: When Hunter-Gatherers and Commercial Stock Farmers Clash
BERGHAHN, 2015

AMIR ALEXANDER (1993-94)
Infinitesimal: How a Dangerous Mathematical Theory Shaped the Modern World
FSG / SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, 2014

THEODORE M. ANDERSSON (1992-93)
Theodulf of Orléans: The Verse Translation and introduction with Åslaug Ommundsen and Leslie S. B. MacCouill
ARIZONA CENTER FOR MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES, 2014

AMY APPLEFORD (2010-11)
Learning to Die in London, 1380-1540
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESS, 2015
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Fiscal Year September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

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- Fellowship Program – 60%
- Workshop Program – 5%
- Public Lectures & Conferences – 6%
- Pilot Programs – 7%
- Program Administration – 17%
- International Visitors Program – 5%

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- Endowment – 70%
- University Funds – 22%
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