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Nonprofit Academic Centers Council Announces Fellowship Awardees

The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC) has announced the four recipients of its 2004 competition for the David Stevenson and William Diaz Faculty Fellowships. These four faculty members were chosen through a competitive application process as the first awardees in this new fellowship program. The William Diaz Fellowships were awarded to Dr. Chi-kan Richard Hung of the University of Massachusetts Boston and Dr. Judith Y. Weisinger of New Mexico State University. The David Stevenson Fellowships were awarded to Dr. Alnoor Ebrahim of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Dr. Jennifer A. Wade of the University of Colorado at Denver.

The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, through a generous grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established this faculty fellowship program to honor the contributions of David Stevenson and William Diaz, two scholars in the fields of philanthropy and nonprofit management who died in 2002, and to help develop the next generation of university and college teachers and researchers. The Fellowship program supports the work of up to four fellows in each program year.

The Stevenson and Diaz Fellowships are designed to advance the work of faculty members of color who teach and conduct research in the field of philanthropic and nonprofit sector studies, which includes the nonprofit sector, nonprofit organizations, nonprofit management and leadership, philanthropy and other closely related topics. The Stevenson Fellowships are awarded to untenured junior faculty members, while the Diaz Fellowships support faculty members of any rank.

In announcing this first cohort of fellows, NACC President John Palmer Smith said, "We are very pleased by the number of high quality applications we received. This strengthens our resolve to support the work of faculty members of color in philanthropic and nonprofit sector studies. We think Bill Diaz and David Stevenson would be proud of these scholars and their work."

For more information about the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council or the fellowship program, please contact Amy McClellan, Executive Director of NACC, by phone at (216) 368-0969 or by email at amcclellan-nacc@cwru.edu.

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The **Nonprofit Academic Centers Council** (NACC), established in 1991, is the first group entirely dedicated to the promotion and networking of centers for the study of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. NACC's mission is to support academic centers devoted to the study of the nonprofit sector, philanthropy and voluntary action to advance education, research and practice that increases the nonprofit sector's ability to enhance civic engagement, democracy and human welfare. To support this mission, NACC provides leadership to strengthen existing centers and support new centers, serves as a resource for sharing best practices, fosters collaboration among programs and centers, develops curricular guidelines and helps advance universities' missions of teaching, research and service through nonprofit studies. For more information about NACC, please visit www.naccouncil.org.

The **W. K. Kellogg Foundation** was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations." Its programming activities center on the common vision of a world in which each person has a sense of worth, and accepts responsibility for self, family, community and societal well being. It is believed that each individual has the capacity to be productive and to help create nurturing families, responsible institutions and healthy communities.

To achieve the greatest impact, the Foundation targets its grants toward specific focal points, or areas. These include Food Systems and Rural Development; Youth and Education; Health; and Philanthropy and Volunteerism. When woven throughout these areas, funding is also provided for leadership; information and communication technology; efforts to capitalize on diversity; and family, neighborhood and community development programming. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African nations of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa. For more information about the Kellogg Foundation, please visit www.wkkf.org.

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