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Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows

Who Are Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows?

A research scientist who went diving in the Gulf during the BP oil spill to determine for herself its environmental impact; a fourth-grade teacher who won the Pulitzer Prize for her play *Wit*; an international jurist whose United Nations report on the recent Israeli conflict in Gaza sparked international controversy; the former Governor of New Jersey who later served as head of the Environmental Protection Agency; a Hollywood actor who starred in *Avatar* and *Terra Nova* and won acclaim for his one-man play about Medal of Honor winners; a contributing editor of *Newsweek* who appears regularly on *The McLaughlin Report*; the author of a highly regarded book about American funeral practices; the head of the National Peace Corps Association who spearheaded its 50th anniversary celebration; a Harvard-trained ACLU lawyer whose book on Abu Ghraib wrestles with instances of torture during wartime; a documentary film maker whose civil rights saga, *Eyes on the Prize*, was lauded across the world.

These are but a few of the 130 eminent national and international professionals who constitute the roster of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program. Whatever their fields, Fellows share a passion for higher learning, an eagerness to share their experiences and insights with faculty members and students, and a desire to communicate important lessons to the wider public. Fellows are artists, actors, novelists, journalists, business leaders, government officials, civil libertarians, diplomats, Wall Street investors, environmentalists, and human rights experts.

How Does the Fellows Program Work?

For more than 35 years, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program has brought prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders, and other nonacademic professionals to campuses across the United States for substantive dialogue with students and faculty members. Through a week-long residential program of classes, seminars, workshops, lectures, and informal discussions, the Fellows create better understanding and new connections between the academic and nonacademic worlds.

Instead of the one-day visit typical of the college lecture circuit, the Visiting Fellows program provides time for trust to develop, complex issues to be explored, and ongoing relations to be established. Through these week-long visits, students and faculty members can explore how the classroom and campus relate to the broader society. By their own example, Fellows demonstrate that there are challenging opportunities for those who want to build a better world through professional activities and as informed citizens.



Photo courtesy of Anne Risser-Lee, The University of Findlay

The student community found energy and encouragement through personal and small group interaction and engagement with Julius Coles. Students were drawn to his enthusiastic, honest, and straightforward message of reaching beyond what they thought possible to become informed and responsible citizens of the world.

—Marie Loudon-Hanes, Dean of Undergraduate Education, The University of Findlay

Pictured Fellows are (left to right) Dwight Pitcaithley, former chief historian, National Park Service; Eleanor Clift, contributing editor, *Newsweek* and regular panelist, *The McLaughlin Group*; Robert Shetterly, painter, author, and activist; Anita Perez Ferguson, former president, National Women's Political Caucus; Jameel Jaffer, director, National Security Project, American Civil Liberties Union; Constance Morella, former congresswoman and ambassador; A. Lee Fritschler, former assistant secretary for postsecondary education; Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, former lieutenant governor of Maryland, former U.S. deputy assistant attorney general; Jeffrey Ball, environmental journalist and scholar; Susan Shaw, marine toxicologist, founder/director of the Marine Environmental Research Institute; Stephen Lang, Hollywood actor, playwright, Tony Award nominee; and Callie Crossley, journalist, radio host, and documentary filmmaker.



The Fellows interact with students, faculty members, administrators, local civic leaders, and the media—both informally outside the classroom and formally in campus lectures and seminars. They talk about their areas of expertise, of course, but connecting with campus communities is what they treasure. Fellows report that spending a full week on campus fosters intellectual intimacy with campus constituencies, and campuses report that the full week with Fellows devoted to campus activities changes outlooks, brings new perspectives, and excites imaginations.

The goal of the program is to provide colleges and universities with an intellectual and cultural experience that will enrich the lives of all members of the campus community. As a group, participating institutions share the belief that a liberal arts education is the best preparation for well-informed and publicly engaged citizenship.

Which Campuses Are Eligible?

The Visiting Fellows program is available to all four-year colleges and universities in the United States as well as CIC International Member institutions. CIC member campuses participate at a discounted rate. The cost is modest because Fellows care more about participating in the educational process than receiving financial reward.

Since the inception of the program in 1973, more than 285 colleges have participated, many for a number of years.

How Are Fellows Selected for the Program?

CIC strives to match Fellows' expertise with campus programming and to work with campuses to meet academic needs by helping to select the appropriate Fellow.

Fellows are selected for their professional expertise, personal enthusiasm for the goals of the program, interest in interacting with students, and ability to listen as well as to speak. They share their practical knowledge in such areas as journalism, politics, the arts, the role of the United States in global affairs, business practices, and the social and environmental impact of technological advances.



Photo courtesy of Dave M. Shumway, Rocky Mountain College

I cannot remember having a guest to our campus with the same energy and enthusiasm as Governor Christine Todd Whitman. She was unflappable, visiting an undergraduate research project on cheat grass, talking with students in an art class that was focusing on civil dialogue, and conducting media interviews that included appearing at a pre-dawn radio show. She was simply a terrific and tireless presence.

—Michael Mace, President, Rocky Mountain College (MT)

What Are the Fees for Hosting a Fellow?

Participating institutions pay a fee to CIC that covers the Fellow's honorarium, primary travel, and other expenses. The institution is also responsible for arranging and paying for the Fellow's lodging, meals, and transportation between the airport and the campus.

CIC members pay a reduced fee of \$5,950 for a Fellow's visit (or \$6,950 for a visit by a couple). The fee for non-member colleges and universities to host a Woodrow Wilson Fellow is \$6,550 (or \$7,550 for hosting a visiting couple). The fee remains at the same level as in 2011–2012.

How Does a Campus Apply to Host a Fellow?

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2012

To apply to host a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, please visit www.cic.edu/visitingfellows to view the complete roster of Fellows. You can search the listings by name or category or view the entire roster. Each Fellow's listing includes a brief biography and a sampling of the topics he or she can address while on campus.

Next, complete the online "Campus Request Form" available at www.cic.edu/visitingfellows. The priority application deadline is **March 9, 2012**, but applications will be accepted at any time.

Abbreviated visit options will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For more information and to apply to host a Fellow, please visit www.cic.edu/visitingfellows or contact Roger W. Bowen, CIC senior advisor and director of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program, at (202) 466-7230 or by email at visitingfellows@cic.nche.edu.

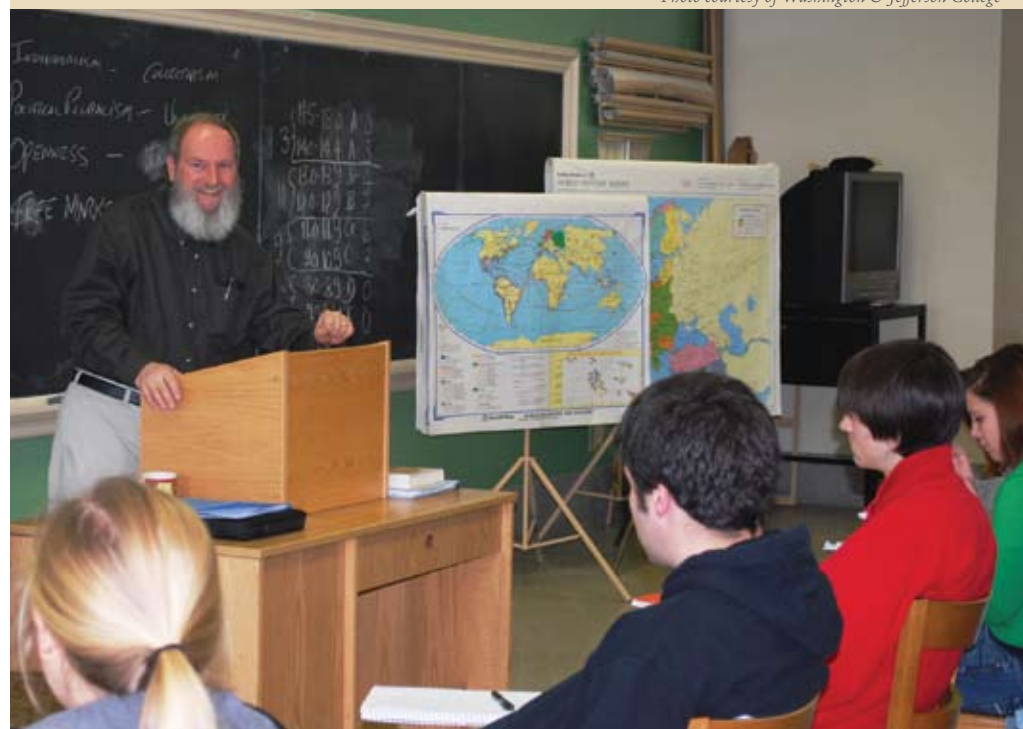
Who Administers the Fellows Program?

Beginning in 2007, the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) succeeded the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in administering this highly respected Visiting Fellows program.

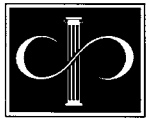
Through the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program, our students have enjoyed meeting with accomplished professionals who are leaders in their fields. Recently, David Shipler, an author and former foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*, talked with students in small group discussions, during meals, in class, and even one-on-one about how their classroom learning applies in the wider world.

—Tori Haring-Smith, President, Washington & Jefferson College

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