



CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

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2017 HIGHLIGHTS

NEW IFP COHORTS IN NYC

APRIL-MAY 2017 INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



In April-May 2017, we welcomed five Fellows to our Center. Pictured above (L-R), Shani Horowitz-Rozen (Israel), Myrna Cacho (the Philippines), Mariane Maier Nunes (Brazil), Rūta Dimanta (Latvia), and Federica Corda (Italy) at the Center for two months, in an experimental hybrid of our Emerging Leaders and Senior Fellows programs. Their experiences were shared via dispatches from [Myrna](#), [Ruta](#) and [Federica](#) on the Center's blog and CUNY Academic Commons, and Mariane's [blog for the Global Fund for Community Foundations](#).

SHARED LEARNINGS AND PRACTICES

International Fellows Program alumna Cathy Elliott (England) teamed up with alumnus Daniele Giudici (Italy) to help pilot Italy's first **VITAL SIGNS** project. Alumni from Bulgaria, South Africa, the U.S., Hungary, the Philippines, and Argentina are exchanging challenges, models, and best practices for **GIVING CIRCLES**. Additionally, IFP alumni from Turkey, Canada, Germany, Latvia, the U.S., and Mexico shared their experiences and knowledge with the 2017 Fellows through **IFP SEMINARS**, **MENTORING** or one-on-one conversations.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2017 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

October-November 2017 brought six Senior Fellows to New York. Marina Fay (Brazil), Ndana Bofu-Tawamba (Zimbabwe), Andrea Szegedi (Hungary), Marta Petenzi (Italy), Lesia Naichuk (Ukraine) and Carola Carazzone (Italy) pictured below (L-R) have just returned home after an intense four weeks of lectures, readings and research. We wish them the best on their re-entry!



RECRUITING 2018 FELLOWS

We look forward to recruiting a new group of Senior Fellows! Send us your recommendations and nominations.

CPCS IN 2017

SOCIAL MEDIA

IFP alumni can now find each other in a dedicated [LinkedIn](#) group where you can see what other alumni are up to and share professional resources. You can also follow the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@cpcs_gccuny).

CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

Recognizing that civil society concepts are used in many disciplines but with different languages, a group of Ph.D. students launched a workshop on civil society for students, professors and practitioners to present their work in progress. Fellows and friends of the Center are invited to attend or present their work. More information is [here](#).

CPCS ON CUNY ACADEMIC COMMONS

The Center launched an [interactive website and shared platform](#) for the International Fellows to connect across cohorts, countries and continents. Using CUNY's Wordpress-based Commons, we have collected many [IFP alumni publications](#), [past IF research papers and presentations](#), and [resources on specific themes](#). The [Forum](#) allows you to post discussion topics and responses, and look out soon for an interactive map of all the Fellows and their current locations.

MERRILL SOVNER, RESEARCH FELLOW

We were delighted to have Merrill Sovner on staff in 2017. A Ph.D. candidate in political science at the Graduate Center as well as a career practitioner in philanthropy, Merrill brought new energy to our IFP alumni outreach and her expertise to our impact studies. We look forward to continuing to engage her in our activities in the coming year.

CUNY CONNECTIONS

Our 2017 Senior International Fellows had a lively panel discussion with graduate classes at Baruch College's Center on Nonprofit Management and Strategies, facilitated by Prof. George Mitchell and Merrill Sovner. In the same month, Kathleen McCarthy gave a keynote address to a workshop organized by the International Comparative Policy Analysis Forum at Baruch College, leading to a Special Issue of the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*.

CONFERENCES 2017

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INITIATIVE, CARDIFF, WALES (UK), SEPTEMBER



Barbara Leopold was delighted to catch up with so many IFP alumni, including Svetlana Chaparina, Monika Pisankaneva, Shaun Samuels, Alina Porumb, Mihaela Giurgiu, James Magowan, 2017 Fellows Federica Corda and Ruta Dimanta, and incoming Fellows Carola Carazzone and Marta Petenzi. The conference was chaired by IFP alumna Cathy Elliot.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA, OTTAWA (CANADA), MAY



Fellows from four countries met up at the CFC Conference (L-R): Daniele Giudici (Italy), Mercedes Mosquera (Spain), Andrés Thompson (Uruguay), and Mariane Maier Nunes (Brazil).

WINGS FORUM, MEXICO CITY (MEXICO), FEBRUARY

Kathleen McCarthy, Barbara Leopold and Merrill Sovner organized a meeting for our ongoing impact study with a dozen IFP Alumni attending the Forum or living in Mexico. Thanks to Rosa Morales for her hospitality!