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MESSAGE FROM THE CURATOR ANN MARIE LIPINSKI

When Agnes Wahl Nieman endowed the Nieman Foundation for Journalism, she and Harvard agreed that it would “promote and elevate the standards of journalism and educate persons deemed specially qualified for journalism.” With simple and elegant intent, so began the fellowship program that annually selects the most promising journalists for a year of study at Harvard. What started as a fellowship for U.S. journalists eventually expanded to include international candidates and this year welcomes a class of 24 from across the globe. All of the fellows come with study plans designed to enhance their expertise and return them to their news operations better prepared to lead, to innovate and to understand and interpret an increasingly complex world. In addition to guiding their academic studies at Harvard, the Nieman Foundation runs programming to further educate the fellows about news values and the revolution in communications through seminars, conferences and professional training.

While at Harvard, the fellows also serve as resources to students and faculty through a variety of collaborations. Recent fellows have co-authored papers with faculty, led seminars, given classroom lectures and served as mentors to students. The deep knowledge and experience found in this year’s class of fellows represents an important asset to the Harvard community and beyond.

On behalf of former fellows, I extend my gratitude to those faculty and others who have been so generous with their time and expertise over the many years of this program. You have advanced the work not only of individual journalists but of journalism more broadly. We thank you in advance for your support of the Nieman class of 2013.

Ann Marie Lipinski

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administers one of the most influential fellowship programs for journalists in the world. Grants are awarded to accomplished professionals who come to Harvard for a year of study. In addition to hosting journalism workshops and conferences, the foundation’s other initiatives include Nieman Reports, a quarterly print and online magazine that explores contemporary challenges and opportunities in journalism; the Nieman Journalism Lab, a website that reports on the future of news, innovation and best practices in the digital media age; Nieman Storyboard, a website that showcases exceptional narrative journalism and explores the future of nonfiction storytelling; and Nieman Watchdog, a project that explores how to monitor and hold accountable those who exert power in public life.

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