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# Asking the Questions **Big**

Scholars tackled religion,  
politics, and the future of  
human civilization at  
The John W. Kluge Center in 2013

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# Greetings from The John W. Kluge Center



Carolyn T. Brown, Director, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress

## 2013 by the Numbers :

**128**  
**Total Residents**

**8**  
**Senior Scholars**

**7**  
**Seminar Instructors**

**91**  
**Research Fellows**

**22**  
**Research interns**

**15**  
**Different Nationalities**

**634**  
**Total alumni since the  
Kluge Center's inception**

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Greetings from Washington, D.C.

Another year is winding down, and with it comes the close of another wonderful year at The John W. Kluge Center.

Now in our thirteenth year, the Kluge Center continued to make the Library of Congress a premier destination for, and producer of, distinguished scholarship on topics of national political, societal, and cultural significance. From the possibility for moral deliberation in politics, to the longevity of human civilization, scholars used the Library's collections to explore some of humanity's most pressing questions.

In total, 128 individuals produced or contributed to the production of scholarly works this year—a 2.4% increase over the previous fiscal year and once again a record number. From highly accomplished senior scholars such as astrobiologist Dr. David H. Grinspoon and former president of Bryn Mawr College Dr. Jane McAuliffe, to dozens of promising young minds from around the world, the level of scholarship this year was extraordinary.

Programmatically the Center expanded its presence as a vibrant intellectual corner on Capitol Hill. Members of Congress, federal agency policymakers, scholars, professors, students, and lifelong learners populated our halls for lively conversation on topics of global significance. The Center hosted 43 public programs that brought more than 1,900 people to the Library for discussion on foreign policy, religion, American history and government, world history, the Earth and the environment, and arts and culture. The Center also re-designed significant portions of the website, to make it more attractive, easier to navigate, and to better highlight the opportunities for scholars that we provide.

One highlight of the year was the remarkably successful completion of the inaugural year of the Baruch S. Blumberg NASA/Library of Congress Chair in Astrobiology, held by David Grinspoon, an author, scientist, and curator at the Denver Museum of Natural Sciences. The details of his scholarship and far-reaching impact of his research are detailed in this newsletter on pages 3 and 4.

Most important, we want to know your highlights. What did 2013 hold for you, our Kluge Center alumni? What great things are in store for 2014? We'd love to hear from you and take pride in your accomplishments. Achievements of some of our alums are on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.

On behalf of all of us at the Kluge Center, our best wishes for a happy and healthy close of 2013 and beginning of 2014.

# Shaping the Future of the Earth...

## David Grinspoon and the inaugural NASA/LC Chair in Astrobiology

*The following is a story written by Jason Steinbauer of The John W. Kluge Center for the Library of Congress staff newsletter, The Gazette*

David Grinspoon expected an office inside the Library of Congress to be a great opportunity to write and do research. How it would enable him to shape the debate on the future of our planet – that he did not anticipate.

“It’s been incredible. A dream come true. Unbelievable,” the outgoing Baruch S. Blumberg NASA/Library of Congress Chair in Astrobiology said recently, when asked about his yearlong residence at The John W. Kluge Center.

“The community of scholars at the Kluge Center has surprised me,” said Grinspoon, whose tenure ended Oct. 31. “You want to hide in your office and write, but in the Center people are working on fascinating projects that have unexpected synergies with yours.

“A scholar says, ‘Have you read this?’ and it turns out to be invaluable to your research. The contact with other scholars has been so stimulating and so fruitful.”

The Library collections and staff proved another surprise.

“The Library has everything a scholar could want,” Grinspoon said. “But the people who navigate that – they perform wizardry, digging things out that I didn’t know existed.” Grinspoon cited as an example the philosophical writings of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, a Soviet rocket scientist and pioneer of astronautic theory – and an important source in Grinspoon’s research.

“Tsiolkovsky had writings related to how we would evolve and transcend Earth,” Grinspoon said. “But everyone I contacted said the writings were only in Russian. I mentioned this to Peg Clifton, one of the science librarians, and a week later English translations, books, pamphlets and theses started showing up in my office. “I now have a half a shelf in my office of Tsiolkovsky philosophy in English. That seemed miraculous and encapsulates what’s so great about working here.”

### Into the Anthropocene

Grinspoon’s research has been astrobiological investigation into the Anthropocene Era, the name given by some scientists to the current era in the Earth’s history wherein humans are the key drivers of geological and climatic change. It’s a controversial topic, involving issues of climate change, evolution and the future of human life on the planet. Astrobiology, Grinspoon said, brings an important perspective to the debate.

“Astrobiology is the scientific study of life in the universe,” Grinspoon said. “Another way to say it is that astrobiology is about the relationship between life and planets. If you look at it that way, the Anthropocene is an interesting phase. It’s a fundamental change in the relationship between life and Earth. Life has always perturbed Earth, but are we now fundamentally transforming it? Studying the Anthropocene helps us answer what happens to complex life on planets, and what challenges life faces if it is to continue.”

### Meetings of Minds

The longevity of human life has been a central theme of discussion at the Kluge Center during Grinspoon’s tenure. Throughout the year, he invited scientists and scholars to the Center to confer on the Anthropocene. As astrobiology chair, he lectured at the Library of Congress, NASA headquarters, NASA Goddard Research Center, the Philosophical Society of Washington, the Carnegie Institute, the National Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His research at the center was cited by the New Yorker Elements, New York Times DotEarth blog, Air & Space Smithsonian Magazine, the Chronicle of Higher Education, Slate, and Astrobiology magazine. And, on Sept.12, he convened scientists, scholars, science-fiction authors and journalists in a daylong symposium to discuss the longevity of human civilization. The event was attended by 150 people and live-tweeted more than 700 times around the world.



David Grinspoon this year led a seminar on the longevity of human civilization.  
Photo by Shealah Craighead

# ...From Inside the Library of Congress

Grinspoon also met with U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. “It’s been enlightening,” Grinspoon said of the conversations. “I’m working on a perspective, not policy, which I think makes it easier to converse. I’m working on ideas about humanity and how we need to engage with our planet and fellow humans. We as scholars can engage in a less-threatening way on the big-picture questions facing members of Congress. I like to think that can percolate down into the kinds of decisions policymakers have to make.”

## Managing a Planet

The big-picture questions are where Grinspoon is turning his focus.

“We’ve entered a new era in the geological evolution of the Earth,” he said. “We’re not just another species. Our presence is a significant perturbation, a fundamental change in the way the planet is operating. We’re managing this planet. But we don’t really know how to manage a planet.”

Grinspoon said it’s analogous to waking up and realizing you’re at the wheel of a truck you don’t know how to drive. “We better learn, or we’ll drive ourselves off the road,” he said.



David Grinspoon and panelist Odile Madden of the Smithsonian’s Museum Conservation Institute at the September symposium. Photo by Shealah Craighead.

His ideas include fostering more global decision-making and encouraging more long-term thinking. But he stressed he’s advocating a mindset, not policy. “I’m trying to express an informed perspective on how the human race needs to see itself,” he said. “I’ve become more optimistic during this year. There’s a global community that is slowly evolving that may bring us to be where we need to be. I’m eager to see where we go from here.”

And where does Grinspoon go from here? “I want to keep doing space research and comparative climatology,” he said. “But the year here has made me more focused on Earth and how to solve our problems. I want to try to be helpful in a more direct way. I want to align space and planetary science to ensure human survival.”

*The Baruch S. Blumberg NASA/Library of Congress Chair in Astrobiology is made possible through a unique interagency agreement between NASA Astrobiology Program and the Library of Congress. Established in 2011, the collaboration by NASA and the Library of Congress owes a great deal to the vision of the late Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg, Nobel Prize winner and founding member of the Library’s Scholars Council. Dr. Blumberg served as the founding director of the NASA Astrobiology Institute in 1999. The funding for the position is provided by NASA, and execution of the agreement is with the Kluge Center in consultation with the NASA Astrobiology Institute. The Astrobiology Chair creates an opportunity to research the range and complexity of societal issues related to how life begins and evolves, and to examine the religious, ethical, legal, cultural and other concerns arising from scientific research on the origin, evolution and nature of life. The Chair is open to scholars and leading thinkers in the fields of philosophy, history, religion, astrobiology, astronomy, planetary science, the history of science, paleontology, Earth and atmospheric sciences, geological sciences, ethics, or other related fields.*

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# Wesley Granberg-Michaelson on the Pilgrimage of World Christianity

The distinguished visiting scholar examines the seismic changes in the Christian world



Distinguished Visiting Scholar Wesley Granberg Michaelson discusses the pilgrimage of world Christianity at the Library of Congress

**By Jason Steinhauer, Program Specialist at The John W. Kluge Center**

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson has seen the shift in global Christianity first hand. As former General Secretary of the Reformed Church of America and a leader in pan-Christian unity efforts, the explosion of diversity of Christian practice in the Global South fascinated him. With one out of four Christians now living in Africa, and more Christians attending church in China than the U.S. on any given Sunday, he felt he was witnessing an historic trend.

This past year Granberg-Michaelson came to the Kluge Center as a distinguished visiting scholar to research the changing demographics of the Christian world. He wrote his most recent book, *From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church* while in residence. His final lecture at the Center recapped months of research, and was one of our most successful programs of the year, drawing scholars, practitioners, students, and policy-makers to the Kluge Center.

“The typical Christian in the world today is a woman in a village in Kenya,” said Granberg-Michaelson. “The shifts to Africa, Asia and Latin America constitute an astonishing change in how Christianity is present within the world. That creates a huge challenge to Christianity in learning how to stay in relationship to one another.”

Granberg-Michaelson returns to the Kluge Center on February 26, 2014 to discuss the impact of this trend on the United States. He'll be joined by three leading scholars of religion for the morning panel discussion: Scott W. Sundquist, Dean at Fuller Theological Seminary; Jehu J. Hanciles of Emory University; and Virginia Garrard-Burnett of the University of Texas at Austin.

Visit <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/news/worldchristianity-2013.html> to see the full event details.

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## Dr. Robin Lovin on the Possibility for Morality in Politics

The Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History explores how theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's Christian Realism can inform political discourse in the 21st century

*The following is contributed by Dr. Robin Lovin, 2013 Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History*

Much of my research and writing has been focused on the work of Reinhold Niebuhr, whose Christian realism was probably the most significant public use of religious ideas in the 20th century. His papers are at the Library of Congress, and the opportunity to work on them for an extended period of time was the most important resource the Cary and Ann Maguire Chair provided for me.

Niebuhr is known for introducing an element of political realism into American thinking about politics and foreign policy, especially as the U.S. assumed a position of global leadership during and after the Second World War. He shared the idea that the way to understand political behavior within or among nations is to see it as the pursuit of power in the service of self-interest. Niebuhr's realism, however, was not purely political. It was embedded in a theological understanding of human nature that allowed him to connect the pursuit of power to a moral ideal as well as to self-interest.

Niebuhr challenged a generation of religious and political idealists to think realistically about the requirements of power. The "children of light," he suggested, are right to believe that self-interest is not all there is to political life, but they are usually foolish in thinking that transcending self-interest will be easy or agreeable, and they are too quick to identify their own version of political values with universal truth. Americans have been susceptible to this sort of foolishness from the beginning, which is why they have often been surprised by history's ironic reversal of their good intentions. It is a testimony to the continuing relevance of Niebuhr's work that his most important political writings, *The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness* (1944) and *The Irony of American History* (1952) have recently been reissued in new editions.

What Niebuhr realism means for us today is difficult to determine. Without losing the balance and sense of limits that are central to Niebuhr's thought (and to the theological traditions that shape it), what we need today is to recover politics as a common search for the human good. Since Niebuhr's time, liberal political theory, political realism, and market economics have all tended to exclude the idea of the good from public discourse as irrelevant, unnecessary, or even dangerous; but the classical and Christian traditions on which Niebuhr draws find it indispensable.

I continue to be interested in that problem, but my current writing project is focused on the more general question of the possibility of moral deliberation in politics. Can politics be part of ethics, as Aristotle thought it was? Is the good relevant to politics, not in the sense that we use political power to impose an idea of the good on the world, but in the sense that political discussion is one way to learn what the human good is? Is politics possible if questions about the human good are excluded? (If not, efforts to avoid conflict by keeping religion and morality out of politics are self-defeating.)

My effort at the moment, then, is to explore what Niebuhr realism has to tell us about politics and the human good. I am learning a good deal about this by re-reading his major works with this question in mind, and exploring his correspondence and papers at the Library of Congress. You might say that I'm trying to rewrite "The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness" for the early 21st century, when the totalitarian children of darkness have largely disappeared and the children of light have ironically taken on the role of the moral cynics and skeptics.

*Dr. Robin Lovin delivers the annual Maguire address on the possibility for moral deliberations in politics on January 23, 2014 at the Kluge Center*

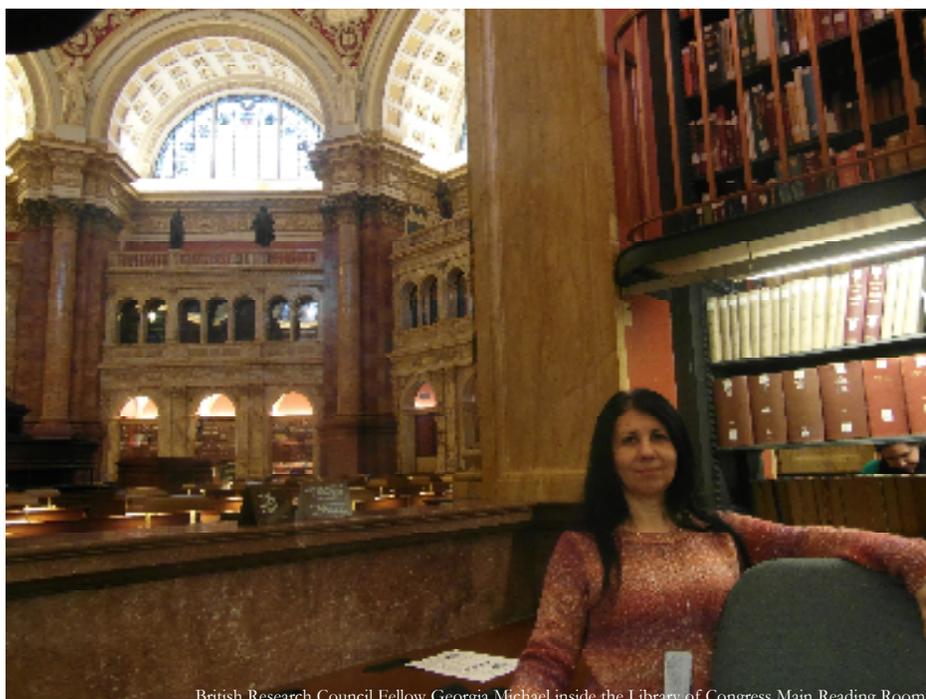


Dr. Robin Lovin., 2013 Cary and Ann Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History at The John W. Kluge Center  
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# Finding (Images of) God in the Library of Congress

British Research Council Fellow Georgia Michael on the iconography of the Holy Father



British Research Council Fellow Georgia Michael inside the Library of Congress Main Reading Room

*The following is contributed by former Kluge scholar-in-residence Georgia Michael (AHRC Fellow 2012).*

My work investigates the iconography and imagery of God the Father and the Holy Trinity in ancient illuminated manuscripts—images important to art historical scholarship and viewed as controversial within contemporary Christian theological circles.

As an Arts and Humanities Research Council scholar at the University of Birmingham, my supervisor informed me of the opportunity to spend a few months at the Library of Congress Kluge Center. He encouraged me to apply, and I was accepted for a three-month fellowship. I had the opportunity to pursue my project with the resources of the world's largest library at my fingertips.

The highlight of being at the Library (and there were many) was the opportunity to hear the latest technological advances in the study of ancient texts found in manuscripts. Father Justin, a librarian at St. Catherine's Monastery, and Michel Troth of Sinai Palimpsest Project, presented at the Library on how advanced hyper-spectral imaging is revealing what is written on ancient parchment dating back to 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> centuries. These technological advances, made in a remote monastery in the desert, will reveal hidden material to scholars never seen before.

Working at the Kluge Center gave me the opportunity to consult material not readily available back home. Library of Congress specialists also connected me to amazing resources I could never have found otherwise. I was connected to a 90-year old woman in New York who edits a famous Armenian periodical. I visited with her twice in my three months.

From the Library collections, to the extraordinary staff, to access to amazing specialists, the three month fellowship at the Kluge Center was an amazing opportunity. It significantly improved my project.

*Have a story from your experience you'd like to share? Email us at [Kluge.Alumni@loc.gov](mailto:Kluge.Alumni@loc.gov).*

## A Guide to Religion Resources at LC *Cheryl Adams, Library of Congress Religion Specialist*

From the earliest religious writings on cuneiform tablets to the changing face of spirituality affecting churches, theology and liturgy, the religion collections of the Library of Congress cover centuries of religious expression in writings, images, diaries, motion pictures, maps, recorded sound and song—in hundreds of languages.

Want to examine Hindu hymns by deity? Explore the personal papers of Reinhold Niebuhr? Research American shape note history? We have the collections here. Is your interest in the Islamic world or Tibetan Buddhism? Our specialists can guide you.

Our reading rooms have subject and area studies specialists in Hebraica, Tibet, Religion: General Collections, the Arab World, and the Russian Orthodox Church. Explore your ideas, hunches, and studies through our multiple formats, historical documents and the latest research found in hundreds of databases. We have a wealth of resources waiting for you.

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Library's religion  
collections in  
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Libraries and Archives:  
A Guide to Resources in  
Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.:*  
[loc.gov/rr/main/religion/dc.html](http://loc.gov/rr/main/religion/dc.html)

# Who did research at the Kluge Center this year?



**Amanda Ciafone**  
Kluge Fellow  
University of Illinois



**Adrienne Lundgren**  
Kluge Staff Fellow  
Library of Congress  
Conservation Division



**Amanda Lahikainen**  
Kluge Fellow  
Aquinas College



**Arun Sood**  
British Fellow  
University of Glasgow



**Ananya Vajpeyi**  
Kluge Fellow  
Centre for the Study of  
Developing Societies,  
New Delhi



**Beatriz Caballero**  
British Fellow  
Birkbeck College



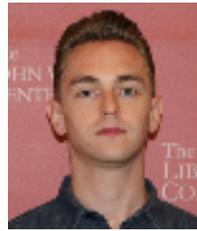
**Cassandra McLuckie**  
British Fellow  
University of Leeds



**Catherine Oakley**  
British Fellow  
University of York



**David Grinspoon**  
Baruch S. Blumberg  
NASA/Library of Congress  
Chair in Astrobiology



**Diarmuid Hester**  
British Fellow  
University of Sussex



**Dario Sarlo**  
Kluge Fellow  
Independent Scholar



**Ernesto Capello**  
Visiting Fellow  
Macalester College

## A community of scholars



**Emily Trafford**  
British Fellow  
University of Liverpool



**Francesca Bratton**  
British Fellow  
Durham University



**Ilaria Poerio**  
British Fellow  
University of Reading



**John Bew**  
Henry A. Kissinger Chair  
in Foreign Policy and  
International Relations



**Joshua Caffery**  
Alan Lomax Fellow in  
Folklife Studies  
Independent Scholar



**Dr. Jane McAuliffe**  
Distinguished Visiting  
Scholar



**Kirsty Day**  
British Fellow  
University of Leeds



**Lindsay Tuggle**  
Kluge Fellow  
University of Sydney



**Mark Byers**  
British Fellow  
University of Oxford



**Morton Kondracke**  
Jack Kemp Chair in  
Political Economy



**Manuella Meyer**  
David B. Larson Fellow  
in Health and Spirituality  
University of Richmond



**Michele Navakas**  
Kislak Fellow for the Study  
of the History and Cultures  
of the Early Americas  
Texas Tech University



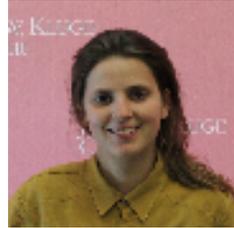
**Nico Kuhlman**  
Bavarian Fellow  
University of Bayreuth



**Noriko Manabe**  
Kluge Fellow  
Princeton University



**Renata Keller**  
Kluge Fellow  
Boston University



**Rebecca Wright**  
British Fellow  
Birkbeck College



**Sara-Louise Cooper**  
British Fellow  
University of Oxford



**Sally Denton**  
Black Mountain Fellow  
Independent Scholar



**Steven Dick**  
Baruch S. Blumberg  
NASA/Library of Congress  
Chair in Astrobiology



**Sasha Hoffman**  
Swann Fellow  
George Mason University



**Scott Sowerby**  
Kluge Fellow  
Northwestern University



**Alan Trotter**  
British Fellow  
University of Glasgow



**Camilla Sutherland**  
British Fellow  
University College London



**Charles Thompson**  
British Fellow  
University of Sheffield

## on Capitol Hill



**Rebecca Roach**  
British Fellow  
University of Oxford



**John Nott**  
British Fellow  
University of Leeds



**Lydia Morgan**  
British Fellow  
University of Bristol



**Natalie Rouland**  
Kluge Fellow  
Independent Scholar



**Nieves Garcia-Falces**  
British Fellow  
University of Essex



**Kevin McCluskey**  
British Fellow  
Queen's University Belfast

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We want you back! Join us at the Library of Congress in one of the many available research opportunities for scholars, including:

### Kluge Fellowships

Post-doctoral research for up to 11 months.

### Kluge Fellowships in Digital Studies

Research on the impact of the digital revolution on society, culture, and international relations.

### Kislak Fellowships in the Study of the History and Cultures of Early Americas

Advanced research based on the Kislak Collection.

### David B. Larson Fellowship in Health and Spirituality

Open to qualified scholars in the field of health and spirituality.

### J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in American History

One semester in the collections of the Library of Congress, funded by the American Historical Association.

### Visiting Fellows and Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Special appointments either by the Librarian of Congress or through partner organizations.

# Alumni Accomplishments

**Gwilym Morus**, AHRC Fellow 2009, has been awarded his Ph.D. and released a new album of Welsh music entitled “Awena”: <http://welshmythology.com/awena-album>.

**Peter West-Oram**, AHRC Fellow 2011-12, co-authored “Why Bioethics Must Be Global,” a chapter in the collected edition *Global Health and International Community Ethical* (2013, Bloomsbury Academic). Some of the research for the article was conducted at the Kluge Center.

**Thomas Western**, AHRC Fellow 2012, was awarded the British Forum for Ethnomusicology (BFE) top prize for the best student paper, for his submission “The Rigs of Time: Online Dissemination and the Oldness of Field Recordings.” The paper was presented at the BFE’s annual conference in Belfast. Western was cited for making “a compelling case for thinking about the ways that monuments of ethnomusicological recording entextualise ideologies while productively problematising ethnographic archives.”

**Emily Baughan**, AHRC Fellow 2011, received a yearlong Fulbright and will be based at Columbia University in New York. She will undertake research into the origins of international child sponsorship movements between 1915 and 1970.

**Steve Tuffnell**, AHRC Fellow 2010, was awarded a prestigious British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship after completing his doctorate in American History at Oxford in March 2013. He will remain in Oxford for his postdoctoral project entitled “The American Invasion of the British World, 1865-1914.”

**Chris Witter**, AHRC Fellow 2011, received top honors in the Raymond Williams Society Postgraduate essay competition with an essay titled “Grace Paley and the Tenement Pastoral.” Besides a cash prize, he received high praise from the panel judges and has been put forward for publication in a future issue of *Key Words*, the cultural materialism journal.

**Naomi J. Wood**, AHRC Fellow 2010, just had a second novel accepted for publication—researched during her Kluge Center fellowship. Titled *Mrs. Hemingway*, the book is about the four wives of Ernest Hemingway and is scheduled for release by Viking Press/Penguin in 2014. Her first novel, *The Godless Boys*, was published by Picador in 2011.

**Keir Strickland**, AHRC Fellow 2009, was awarded his Ph.D. from Durham University for his dissertation titled “The Jungle Tide: ‘Collapse’ in Early Mediaeval Sri Lanka.”

**Bill Booth**, AHRC Fellow 2009, and his wife, Antonia, welcomed a new baby, Eli, on December 15, 2012.

**Emma Login** and **Emma West**, AHRC Fellows 2012, both received awards from the British Federation of Women Graduates for their respective works. Emma West’s paper on fashion in British travel posters from the Library of Congress collection presented at the Modernist Studies Association annual conference in Brighton, Sussex, in late August 2013 was based on research done in the Library’s Prints and Photographs Division.

**Sophie Jones** and **Catherine Spencer**, AHRC Fellows 2011-12, jointly organized two events celebrating the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson’s book *Silent Spring*: a March 2013 workshop at York University and a conference at Birkbeck College for which the AHRC made available workshop travel bursaries. The events explored how a growing awareness of the way biological, chemical and technological changes have impacted the environment also have shaped cultural explorations of nature and landscape in the post-1945 period, through visual art, literature and film.

**Daniel Brook**, Black Mountain Fellow 2010-11, released his latest book, *A History of Future Cities*, published by W.W. Norton and researched at the Kluge Center. The book was excerpted in the January 2013 issue of *Harper’s* and reviewed as an “uncommonly interesting and intelligent book” in the March 8, 2013 issue of the *Washington Post*.

**Janet Roseman**, Larson Fellow 2005-6, is now an Assistant Professor in Medical Education at Nova Southeastern School of Osteopathic Medicine, specializing in Spirituality and Medicine and Compassionate Care.

**Peter J. Kalliney**, Visiting Fellow 2012-13, has a new book *Commonwealth of Letters: British Literary Culture and the Emergence of Postcolonial Aesthetics* (2013, Oxford University Press).

**James Reston, Jr.**, Visiting Fellow 2010, has a new book—his eighteenth—*The Accidental Victim: JFK, Lee Harvey Oswald, and the Real Target in Dallas*. It is Reston’s first book to be published in e-book format. Zola, an electronic publisher, launched the book during the

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## Alumni Accomplishments, cont.

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**Chet Van Duzer**, Kislak Fellow 2011-12, had a recent article in *Imago Mundi* concerning Benedetto Cotrugli's "De Navigatione," which was composed in 1464-65 and is the earliest known European manual of navigation.

**Alex Hidalgo**, Short-term Kislak Fellow 2009, received his Ph.D. in 2013 from the University of Arizona and has accepted a tenure-track position teaching colonial Latin American history at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He also had two recent publications in the *Journal of Latin American Geography*.

**Michael Francis**, Kislak Fellow 2010-11, is the current co-guest editor of a special issue on mapmaking for the journal *Ethnohistory*, which is scheduled for release in April 2014.

**Patricia O'Brien**, Kislak Fellow 2013, has three recent publications: "Ta'isi O.F. Nelson and Sir Maui Pomare: Samoans and Maori Re-united" (*Journal of Pacific History*); "Reactions to Australian Colonial Violence in New Guinea: The 1926 Nakanai Massacre in a Global Context" (*Australian Historical Studies*); and "The Politics of Race, Nation, Empire and the Intimate: Recent Explorations (*Journal of Women's History*)."

**Maurice Jackson**, Kluge Fellow 2005-06, was sworn in by Mayor Vincent Gray as the District of Columbia Commission on African American Affairs.

**Ananya Vajpeyi**, Kluge Fellow 2013, won the Tata First Book Award for her work, *The Righteous Republic: The Political Foundations of Modern India* (Harvard University Press, 2012).

**Ekaterina "Tina" Khmel'nitskaya**, Fulbright Fellow 2012, Curator of Russian Porcelain at the Hermitage Museum, with help from her husband Dimitry "Dima" Lyubin (Fulbright Fellow, 2009) gave an annual holiday program for Russian orphans at the Hermitage, and received a special citation from the Hermitage Museum for this work.

**Jonathan Levy**, ACLS Mellon Fellow 2009-10, has a new book, *Freaks of Fortune: The Emerging World of Capitalism and Risk in America* (Harvard University Press, 2012).

**Mark D. Anderson**, Kluge Fellow 2008, has a new book, *Disaster Writing: The Cultural Politics of Catastrophe in Latin America* (University of Virginia Press, 2011).

Several Kluge Center alumni have recently received fellowships at the Huntington Library:

**Richard Bell**, Kluge Fellow 2010, received a short-term Fellowship from the Huntington for work on "The Blackest Market: Patty Cannon, Kidnapping, and the Domestic Slave Trade." Bell is an Assistant Professor at University of Maryland, College Park.

**Cecelia Tichi**, Kluge Chair in Modern Culture, 2006, received a short-term Fellowship to the Huntington for her work on "A Necessary Revolution: Jack London's Fight for a Progressive American Future." Tichi is a Professor at Vanderbilt University.

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