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## News Release

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### **Nonprofit Academic Centers Council Announces Fellowship Awardees**

The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC) is pleased to announce the four Fellows selected in the 2008 competition for its David Stevenson and William Diaz Faculty Fellowships. The William Diaz Fellowships were awarded to Dr. Katherine M. Babiak of the University of Michigan and Dr. Bin Chen of Baruch College, City University of New York. The David Stevenson Fellowships were awarded to Dr. Shena R. Ashley of Georgia State University and Dr. Shannon Marie Gleeson of the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Faculty Fellowship Program was established in 2004 by the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 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 encourage the development of new research in the field of nonprofit and philanthropic studies. 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 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 the 2008 cohort of fellows chosen through a competitive application process, NACC Fellowship Committee Chair David O. Renz noted, "We are delighted to see once again, examples of some of the most exciting and interesting research being undertaken in the field. The work of this team of fellows exemplifies the true spirit of this program and the leaders whom these fellowships honor: Bill Diaz and David Stephenson. Among the research being implemented by these fellows are a study of mergers and alliances between nonprofit organizations and an examination of the extent to which public and private grants are targeted to communities of need. David and Bill would be proud of this work being carried on in their memory."

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](mailto: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](http://www.naccouncil.org).

The **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves." Specifically, the organization supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. For greatest impact, the Foundation targets its grants toward specific areas, including health, food systems and rural development, youth and education, and philanthropy and volunteerism. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org).

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