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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished professionals to the United States from designated countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Eurasia for a year of study and professional experience. Fellows are selected based on their potential for national leadership. The program provides these future leaders with a shared experience of American society and culture and exposes them to current approaches in their fields, thus encouraging ties between them and their professional counterparts in the United States.

This is the eleventh year the University of Maryland Merrill College of Journalism has welcomed a group of Humphrey Fellows in Journalism. The College is home of the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, the Casey Journalism Center for Children and Families, and the Journalism Fellowships in Child and Family Policy. It also publishes the American Journalism Review, a national bi-monthly magazine on print and broadcast news performance. College faculty represent an outstanding cross-section of research and professional experience. The university's prime location enables Fellows to draw on the rich resources of the Washington-Baltimore area.

The Humphrey Program at Maryland is led by award-winning journalist and media consultant Lucinda Fleeson, formerly with the Philadelphia Inquirer. She is assisted by Kalyani Chadha who holds a Ph.D in mass communication from the Merrill College. With guidance from the Humphrey staff, each Fellow undertakes an individualized, non-degree program of academic coursework, professional affiliations, field trips, and consultations with experts in their field.

The Humphrey Fellows in Journalism are a valuable resource for the College Park community. The Merrill College of Journalism is proud to have hosted 140 Fellows from over 73 countries in the last eleven years.
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Daisy Amaya is an editor for El Diario de Hoy, one of the main national dailies in El Salvador. Prior to coming to the U.S., she was city editor and also wrote for the paper's Sunday magazine. She hopes to enhance her understanding of investigative journalism techniques and improve her leadership and management skills.

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Laureyna Bucaitis has headed the government press office in Lithuania since 2001. As Media Advisor to the Prime Minister, he is responsible for the development and implementation of the government’s information and public relations strategies. He intends to use his Humphrey year to deepen his understanding of public administration and enhance his leadership abilities.

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Abdoulaye Gambia is the social issues editor for the daily, Sidiwaya, and has written extensively on human rights abuses. In June 2000, he received an international prize for his article on poverty and child labor. His main focus is learning to use journalism effectively as a tool for raising public awareness in Burkina Faso.

Saidazim Gaziav has worked with Internext Network, an international media development organization, since 1998. He is a stringer for Transitions, a web-based magazine. As a Humphrey Fellow, he hopes to study online journalism and develop local online news in Uzbekistan.

Pamela Gutierrez, a prize-winning reporter, has worked for one of Chile's major dailies, La Tercera, for 12 years. She has been actively involved with the journalists’ union of her company. She plans to spend her Humphrey year studying public relations.

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Lidija Kujundzic is a reporter for the Belgrade-based weekly, Nin, and has specialized in the coverage of conflicts and other political crises. As a Humphrey Fellow, she hopes to further her knowledge of U.S. policies as well as enhance her professional skills in the area of online journalism and investigative reporting.

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