History of the Humphrey Program

The Humphrey Program was initiated in 1978 in honor of the late senator and vice president Hubert H. Humphrey. Since then, more than 4,492 fellows have participated. In the 2011-12 year, 204 Humphrey Fellows from 93 countries are placed at 18 universities in the United States. The program is a Fulbright exchange activity with primary funding from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is administered by: Institute of International Education Department of Scholar and Professional Programs Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 1400 K St. NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 686-8664; Fax: (202) 326-7841 www.humphreyfellowship.org

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2011-2012

About the Humphrey Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-career journalists and others from various fields to 18 American campuses for a year of study and professional pursuits. Fellows are selected for their national leadership potential from developing nations in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, Near East, South and Central Asia, and the Western Hemisphere. The program exposes Fellows to state-of-the-art approaches in their fields, to encourage ties between them and their United States counterparts.

For 19 years Fellows have come to the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism, a leading center for journalism education. Notable faculty encompass both research and professional experience. Each year, working journalists participate in professional programs affiliated with the College, including those sponsored by the Journalism Center for Children and Families. The American Journalism Review, also based at the College, publishes news and analysis of print and broadcast performances on a bi-monthly basis.

The university’s central location enables Fellows to draw on the rich resources of the Washington-Baltimore area.

The 2011-12 Humphrey Fellows sailing on the Chesapeake Bay

Award-winning journalist Lucinda Fleeson, formerly with the Philadelphia Inquirer, leads the Humphrey program at Maryland. Deputy Director Sarap Rada, Ph.D serves as academic advisor for Fellows.

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.

The Humphrey Fellows in Journalism provide a valuable resource for the College Park community. The Merrill College has proudly hosted 234 Fellows from more than 93 countries over the last 19 years.

Organizations that have provided Professional Activities for Maryland’s Humphrey Fellows:

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Sindhu Manjesh worked as a reporter for various TV news stations in India before joining the editorial board of the Times of India as an editorial writer and op-ed editor. She has served as the Comment Page editor for the publication's weekend edition. Her areas of interest include international affairs, public policy, society, globalization, gender issues, popular culture and media. She won a Commonwealth Broadcasting Association award for her investigative reports. She will study the role of media in national security along with database journalism and new media trends during her Fellowship year.

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