

# International Nieman Fellows Invited to the May 20-22 Weekend



**Helen Branswell** (Canada), medical reporter, *The Canadian Press*, will study the politics and practicalities of disease eradication in the 21st century, with a particular focus on polio eradication.



**Stefan Candea** (Romania), a freelance journalist and co-founder of the Romanian Centre for Investigative Journalism in Bucharest, will explore new perspectives on the failure of societies evolving from totalitarian autocracy to develop core values of effective contemporary civil society. Candea is the Carroll Binder Nieman Fellow.

[Stefan is accompanied by Cristina Ramona Mutiu.](#)



**Pablo Corral Vega** (Ecuador), photojournalist and founder of [nuestramirada.org](#), the largest online network for Latin American documentary photographers, will study the construction of online networks as tools to facilitate collaboration between journalists, and to promote transparency and human rights. He is a John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Latin American Nieman Fellow.



**Kevin Doyle** (Ireland), editor-in-chief, *The Cambodia Daily* in Phnom Penh, will explore the rise of market freedoms among illiberal governments in Southeast Asia, with a focus on the region's "managed" models of democracy.

[Kevin is accompanied by Anna Tuyet Van Bywater and their child, Etienne \(4\)](#)



**Nazila Fathi** (Iran) a reporter who covers Iran for *The New York Times*, will explore political development and democratization in the digital age and investigate how the Internet, new media and satellite television can affect civil society in Iran and lead to sustainable development and meaningful change. Fathi is the Ruth Cowan Nash Nieman Fellow.

[Nazila is accompanied by Babak Pasha and children Shayan Pasha \(6\) and Tina Pasha \(4\)](#)



**Hui Siu Fun** (China), principal producer, Television Broadcasts Limited in Hong Kong, will study how press freedom in mainland China and Hong Kong is affected by official propaganda promoting social harmony. She is the Atsuko Chiba Nieman Fellow. Her fellowship honors the memory of Atsuko Chiba, a 1968 Nieman Fellow.

[Ms. Hui is accompanied by Koon Man Ng \(Robert\).](#)



**Florence Martin-Kessler** (France), a freelance documentary filmmaker, will study the dynamics of change from a public policy perspective, especially how, in the realm of peace-building and anti-poverty efforts, good intentions collide with hard realities. She is the Robert Waldo Ruhl Nieman Fellow. A 1903 Harvard graduate, Ruhl was editor and publisher of the *Medford Mail-Tribune* in Oregon from 1910-1967.

[Florence is accompanied by Mark Kessler and children Liv \(7\) and Rose \(6\).](#)



**Hollman Morris Rincón** (Colombia), independent journalist and Contravía TV series director, will study human rights issues, focusing on conflict negotiation strategies, international criminal court procedures and the Rome Statute. He is a John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Latin American Nieman Fellow.

[Holman is accompanied by Patricia Helena Casas Herrera and children Daniela \(9\) and Felipe \(5\).](#)



**Rob Rose** (South Africa), a reporter in the business investigations unit of the *Sunday Times*, will study conflicts of interest in the business-political landscape in developing economies as well as media law in those emerging countries. His fellowship is supported by the Nieman Society of Southern Africa. [Rob is accompanied by Janice Kew.](#)



**Philippa Thomas** (United Kingdom), anchor and correspondent, BBC World News television, will look at the role of journalism in building community cohesion with a particular emphasis on how social media can be used to empower citizen journalists in developing democracies. [Philippa is accompanied by Richard Lister and their child, Tom \(7\).](#)



**Maxim Trudolyubov** (Russia), editorial page editor of the business daily *Vedomosti*, will explore current research on values and the interconnection between values, faith, culture change and democracy. Trudolyubov is the William Montalbano Nieman Fellow. Montalbano was a 1970 Nieman Fellow and a prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* reporter who reported from 100 countries during his 38-year career. [Maxim is accompanied by Inna Berezkina and possibly children, Peter \(17\) and Maria \(11\)](#)



**Abdul Waheed Wafa** (Afghanistan), a reporter for *The New York Times* in Kabul, plans to study international affairs and learn more about state-of-the-art journalism, particularly the revolution in websites and online reporting. He is the Barry Bingham Jr. Nieman Fellow. Bingham, a 1956 Harvard graduate, was the editor and publisher of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times* in Kentucky. [Abdul is accompanied by Freshta Frough and their child, Asma \(1\)](#)

## U.S. Nieman Fellows Also Expected to Attend



**Jennifer Eccleston**, a broadcast journalist/writer who has reported extensively overseas, predominantly in the Middle East and South Asia, as a foreign correspondent for network news and national cable outlets, will study the intersection of religion and war, the ethics of engaging, conducting and exiting war and the role of morality in foreign policy. [Jennifer is accompanied by Azfar Dean and daughter, Mikaela \(3\).](#)



**Gwen Thompkins**, East Africa correspondent, National Public Radio, plans to study the art of storytelling within a variety of disciplines, including music composition, filmmaking, epic poetry and the history of science.