**Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society**  
The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

**READINGS¹ (ASSIGNED AND RECOMMENDED) FOR SEMINARS & SITE VISITS**  
**Senior International Fellows Program**  
March 2 (Mon.) – March 27 (Fri.), 2015  

**Tuesday March 3, 2015, 10 am – noon**  
**Seminar: Concepts and Issues: Building a Common Vocabulary**


Foundation Center. “Key Facts on Community Foundations (2012).”

Glossary of English language terms [copy provided in packet and available via IFP resource page]

Knight, Barry. “The Value of Community Philanthropy. Results of a Consultation” (February 2012) [Photocopy provided in welcome packet]


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¹ For readings, see: [http://www.philanthropy.org/seminars/ifp.htm](http://www.philanthropy.org/seminars/ifp.htm) and also visit the Center’s resource room.
Tuesday March 3, 2015, 3 pm – 5 pm
Seminar: Early US community foundations: The case of New York Community Trust  [R. Edgar]


www.nycommunitytrust.org : visit the website to learn about New York Community Trust’s mission, approach, services, resources and grantmaking. Or see printed organizational materials available in the CPCS resource room (material will also be provided by R. Edgar).

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 10.30 am – 12.30
Seminar: Peer Learning Session: Civil Society around the globe - I
and
Friday, March 6 2015, 10.30 am – 12.30
Seminar: Peer Learning Session: Civil Society around the globe - II

Be prepared to share something about your work at home – including key characteristics, successes, and challenges for your home organization or philanthropic work or initiative with which you are involved.

Please prepare a description/précis of the civil Society sector for your home country to share with the group; see provided template provided for suggestions

Please continue reading about community foundations and the sector more generally.
Berks County Community Foundation — www.bccf.org/
For an overview and history of the foundation, see:
https://bccf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=120&Itemid=577
To read about the building project (BCCF is the first LEED-certified green building in the City of Reading), visit the BCCF blog at http://greenerberks.blogspot.com/.

Berks Vital Signs (2014). For report highlights (and link to full report) see:


Local Mission-Global Vision: Community Foundations in the 21st Century. Foundation Center in partnership with the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network. 2008. [Contains chapters that you may find useful during; review and select those chapters that resonate with your work.]

Magat, Richard, ed. An Agile Servant. Community Leadership by Community Foundations. The Foundation Center, 1989. [This is a resource w/chapters that you may find useful throughout the program; select those chapters that resonate with your work.]

Murphy, Kevin. “The Freedom to Irritate and Agitate” [written for foundation board] [copies provided. Also watch extended presentation by the same title made at the New Zealand Philanthropy conference (April 2013) at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_7K-wrJ0PA]
Friday, March 6 2015, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm  
Seminar: Peer Learning Session: Civil Society around the globe – II

Be prepared to share something about your work at home – including key characteristics, successes, and challenges for your home organization or philanthropic work or initiative with which you are involved) as well as the broader civil Society sector for your home country to share with the group.

Ted Talk by Dan Pallotta: “The way we think about charity is dead wrong” (18:54 minutes · Filmed Mar 2013 · Posted Mar 2013 · TED2013) – [http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_pallotta_the_way_we_think_about_charity_is_dead_wrong]

“Activist and fundraiser Dan Pallotta calls out the double standard that drives our broken relationship to charities. Too many nonprofits, he says, are rewarded for how little they spend -- not for what they get done. Instead of equating frugality with morality, he asks us to start rewarding charities for their big goals and big accomplishments (even if that comes with big expenses).” [From: This Week on Ted.Com, E-news, March 16, 2013]

Monday, March 9, 2015, 10 am – 11.30 am  
Seminar: Introduction to UK CF movement, collaborations & mergers  
[C. Elliot]

“UK Community Foundations” – summary sheet (copy provided in folders in resource room)


Local Mission–Global Vision: Community Foundations in the 21st Century. Foundation Center in partnership with the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network. 2008. [Review and select those chapters that resonate with your work.]

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 10 am – noon  
Seminar: Third Sector data: CF Atlas, mapping successes & challenges  
[L. McGill]


Features a special series of interviews conducted during Foundation Center’s 50th anniversary year (2006). Includes interviews with 15 leaders in the field, as well as an introduction about the Foundation Center. See the full volume online at: http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/research/pdf/21century.pdf. Transcripts and videos of selected interviews are found at: http://foundationcenter.org/about/50years.html.
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, CONTINUED


Visit: [http://foundationcenter.org/](http://foundationcenter.org/) to learn about the Foundation Center, its resources, library and publications.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 10 am – noon

Seminar: Social Intelligence & Donor Mission: Vital Signs approach (and closing the gap)  

*C. Elliot*

*Berks Vital Signs (2014). For report highlights (and link to full report) see:*  


*Canada's Vital Signs 2012: GenerationFlux and the seismic shifts shaking our nation's youth | Signes vitaux du Canada 2012: la jeunesse canadienne face à des changements sismiques.*  

*Toronto's Vital Signs Report* – for information on this approach to monitoring the health of Toronto (Canada) and other cities through an annual Vital Signs® report, visit: [https://torontofoundation.ca/torontos-vital-signs-report-archive](https://torontofoundation.ca/torontos-vital-signs-report-archive).  
[Note that similar reports are being produced by ICom - Institute Comunitário Grande Florianópolis, in Brazil, in Eastern Europe, and most recently in the UK.]

*Macro Auckland Report* [Printed summary available for viewing in CPCS resource room]; summary and full report available online at:  

*MacroMelbourne Initiative.* This substantial report is part of an initiative to map major areas of disadvantage in Greater Melbourne in order to provide those concerned with a knowledge base for collaborative, evidence-based funding across the corporate, government, and philanthropic sectors.  
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 10 am – 12 pm
Seminar: Grantmaking leadership, social justice, spend-down [V. McGee]


For readings on social justice/social change grantmaking, see:

*Alliance* magazine, December 2010. [Issue focuses on social justice/change philanthropy.]


Friday, March 13, 2015, 10 am – noon
Seminar: Wellmet – The experience of a NYC women’s giving circle  [D. McManus & F. Eberhart]


Eikenberry, Angela and Bearman, Jessica. "*The Impact of Giving Together: Giving Circles’ Influence on Members’ Philanthropic and Civic Behaviors, Knowledge and Attitudes.*" Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and The University of Nebraska at Omaha, May 2009.

Shaw-Hardy, Sondra. "*Women's Giving Circles: Reflections from the Founders.*" Women's Philanthropy Institute and Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, August 2009.
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 10 am – noon
Seminar: Participatory grantmaking, community, and women’s economic security at New York Women’s Foundation


For readings on women and philanthropy in historical and international contexts see:


Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 2 pm – 4 pm
Seminar: Civil society, global cities, interdependence


Barber, Benjamin. Inaugural lecture at The Graduate Center, CUNY, entitled "If Mayors Ruled the World." Watch the full lecture at: http://videostreaming.gc.cuny.edu/videos/video/422/

See also: http://www.interdependencemovement.org for information on CivWorld and The Interdependence Movement.

Friday, March 20, 2015, 10 am – noon
Seminar: Foundation strategies in support of lasting, positive change


Moody, William, S. (w/Priscilla Lewis, editor). *Staying the Course. Reflections on 40 years of grantmaking at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.* Alliance Publishing Trust, 2014


**Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Seminar: Diaspora funds: Building long-distance partnerships for local solution  [S.Ataselim]**


Interviews w/ Turkish Philanthropy Funds leadership on the ‘positive impact that diaspora communities can have in their countries of heritage.’:
http://diasporaalliance.org/interview-turkish-philanthropy-funds-leaders/interview-turkish-philanthropy-funds-leaders/


[www.tpfund.org/](http://www.tpfund.org/) (this is a good example of a ‘full disclosure’ website)

[www.brazilfoundation.org](http://www.brazilfoundation.org) (for annual reports, grantee stories, capacity building efforts, and the history/background of the Foundation).


Knight, Barry. “Bringing Community Philanthropy to the Next Stage,” Alliance magazine, 1 March 2012. [Photocopy provided]

Knight, Barry. “The Value of Community Philanthropy. Results of a Consultation.” Aga Khan Foundation and C.S. Mott Foundation, February 2012. [Copy provided in welcome packet]

Wilkinson-Maposa, Susan (ed.). The Poor Philanthropist (Series) 
"How and why the poor help each other"
"New approaches to sustainable development"
"A practice-relevant guide to community philanthropy"

If you are interested in Evaluative thinking, you may wish to look at:


Visit http://www.wallacefoundation.org/ for information on The Wallace Foundation.