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Verena Stern, 2013-14 fellow

My fellowship at the University of Minnesota was one of the most important experiences during my PhD studies. I had time to write, to get to know a great American university, and to get in touch with the American scientific community. I got the opportunity to organize two scientific conferences with CAS and the Institute for Global Studies. The proceedings of one of the conferences were published as an edited volume and the other will be published soon. These publications in English are an important push for my scientific career. I also loved Minneapolis. I made a lot of new friends and learned a lot about political and social movements, the city’s vibrant LGBTQ community and Somali community, and the Anishinabe and Dakota communities in Minnesota.

Thomas Schmidinger, 2010-11 fellow

I was, and still am, very grateful for the chance to spend an academic year at the University of Minnesota. I was able to deepen the research for my dissertation and find useful literature that I probably would not have had access to in Austria. I made wonderful friends from all over the world and, thanks to the diverse program at the Center for Austrian Studies, got to talk with experts and professors from various fields. All in all it was a great and unforgettable once in a lifetime chance that I would not have wanted to miss.

Mirjam Marits, 2004-05 fellow

The stay in Minnesota turned out to be a formative time in my professional career. I arrived at the beginning of the financial crisis, and I left when President Obama was just a few months in. In the months between, I encountered an entirely new world of intellectual exchange, open-mindedness, and rigorous scientific scholarship (not to mention the harsh winter, which I spent mostly in libraries and hip coffee shops). Minneapolis is so neat, the U of M such a great university, and the small Center for Austrian Studies an unlooked-for beacon of transatlantic exchange.

Thomas König, 2008-09 fellow

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