ALTA TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED!

- $1,000 to emerging translators to attend the annual ALTA conference
- Fellows reading at ALTA40: Reflections/Refractions (October 5-8, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN)

ALTA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 ALTA Travel Fellowships, including the second annual Peter K. Jansen Memorial Travel Fellowship. Each year, ALTA provides four to six $1,000 fellowships to emerging translators to attend the annual ALTA conference. This year’s winners were selected by Dick Cluster, Sara Novic, and Sebastian Schulman. Congratulations to these exceptional emerging translators, chosen from more than 100 applications:

Aaron Coleman, 2017 Peter K. Jansen Memorial Travel Fellow (Spanish)
Aaron Coleman is the author of St. Trigger, which won the 2015 Button Poetry Prize, and Threat Come Close (Four Way Books, 2018). A Fulbright Scholar and Cave Canem Fellow, Aaron is currently a PhD student in Washington University in St. Louis’ Comparative Literature Program’s International Writers Track. Read more about Aaron here.

Bonnie Chau, 2017 ALTA Travel Fellow (Chinese and French)
Bonnie Chau has an MFA in fiction from Columbia University, with a concentration in translation, focusing on Chinese and French fiction. Her writing has appeared in Flaunt, Timber, Drunken Boat, Queen Mob’s Tea House, and other journals. A Kundiman fellow, she currently works at Poets & Writers in New York City. Read more about Bonnie here.

Ellen Jones, 2017 ALTA Travel Fellow (Spanish)
Ellen Jones is Criticism Editor at Asymptote and a doctoral researcher at Queen Mary University of London. Her translations from Spanish into English have appeared or are forthcoming in the Guardian, Hotel, Palabras errantes, and Columbia Journal, and in Enrique Winter’s bilingual chapbook Suns (Cardboard House Press, 2017). Read more about Ellen here.

Zoë Sandford, 2017 ALTA Travel Fellow (Arabic and French)
Zoë Sandford was born in the US and moved to the UK at the age of eight. She holds a BA in French and Arabic from St John’s College, Oxford. Her original writing has appeared in The ISIS and Vulture. Read more about Zoë here.

Timea Sipos, 2017 ALTA Travel Fellow (Hungarian)
Timea Sipos is a Hungarian-American translator and writer currently earning her MFA in Fiction at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her translation has appeared at The Short Story Project. She is in the process of translating Ilka Papp-Zakor’s short story collection and 2015 JAK Kendő Award winner, Angel Dinner. Read more about Timea here.

David Smith, 2017 ALTA Travel Fellow (Norwegian)
David M. Smith is an Atlanta-based translator of Norwegian fiction. He holds a Master’s Degree in the Humanities from the University of Chicago. His work has appeared in Drunken Boat. Read more about David here.

As part of ALTA40: Reflections/Refractions, October 5-8, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN, there will be a Fellows Reading to feature the work of these excellent Fellows. More information on the conference is available at http://www.literarytranslators.org/alta40.

The mentor for the 2017 ALTA Travel Fellows is Russell Valentino.