



Left to right, BMWFW Fellows Matthias Falter 2012-13, Verena Stern 2013-14, and Martin Baresch 2015-16. Photo: Lisa Miller

*"In my year in Minneapolis and at CAS I made considerable progress on my PhD and also appreciated the social life in the Twin Cities. I was able to deepen the research for my dissertation by visiting specific courses, finding useful literature that I probably would not have had access to in my home university, and just reading and deepening my knowledge. I made wonderful friends with people from all over the world but especially with the people from CAS and IGS. I would recommend everyone who is interested in the program to apply; it's a lifetime experience you will never regret."*

*Martin Baresch, 2015-2016 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*

*"My year at the University of Minnesota's Center for Austrian Studies was nothing less than a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The libraries and databases at the U of M offer an amazing scope of material. The people at the U in general—and at the CAS in particular—made me feel welcome and comfortable from the very first day. It was easy to make friends, both inside and outside the university. Minneapolis as a city leaves nothing to be desired, with its lakes, parks, and—most important to me—its vibrant theater scene.*

*Michael Streif, 2016-17 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 were published as edited volumes. 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 its Somali community.*

*Thomas Schmidinger, 2010-11 fellow*

*"The BMWFW Fellowship at the University of Minnesota provides you with many opportunities: access to a comprehensive library, approachable faculty who will happily discuss your research, interesting lectures and classes covering your research topic. But most importantly, it will give you time to read, think, and write. You will leave the Twin Cities with happy memories of bike rides along the Mississippi and the lakes, improved English language as well as academic skills, and a significant part of your dissertation finished."*

*Verena Stern, 2013-14 fellow*

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