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Einstein Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

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The Call for Proposals for the 2014 class of Einstein Fellows was released in July 2013. This is the 6th year of the Einstein Fellowship Program, which started in 2008 with the combination of the *Chandra* and Fermi Fellowship programs. Interest in the program remains very high with 185 applications for 12 Fellowships. The Fellowship Selection Panel met January 15-16, and all candidates received a “sorry,” “wait list,” or “offer” email on the afternoon of January 16. At the time of writing (January 2014) finalists are considering their offers. We expect the 2014 class to be finalized by mid-March, with the list posted to <http://exc.harvard.edu/fellows/>. The 2013 Fellowship Symposium was held in October here at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA). The talks were terrific and much-enjoyed by scientists from the CfA and other institutions in the vicinity.

Einstein Fellows have had some notable successes this year. Meng Su (Class of 2012) was awarded the AAS High Energy Astrophysics Division Bruno Rossi Prize with Douglas Finkbeiner (Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics) and Tracy Slatyer (MIT) for their discovery of the “Fermi Bubbles.” Jennifer Siegal-Gaskins (Class of 2011) was awarded a Marie Curie (Incoming International Fellow) Fellowship and Amy Reines (Class of 2011) is starting a Hubble Fellowship at the University of Michigan in the fall. Smadar Naoz (Class of 2012) has accepted a faculty position at the University of California, Los Angeles and Claude-Andre Faucher-Giguere at Northwestern University. Smadar Naoz had a paper published in *Physics Review Letters* that was featured as a “Physics Viewpoint” article, and work by Amy Reines on supermassive black holes in dwarf galaxies was the subject of a press release at the American Astronomical Society.

In addition to their busy professional lives, several Fellows celebrated personal milestones. Rutger van Haasteren married violinist Olga D. Katkova on December 5, 2013. Joey Neilson and his wife Kate are the proud parents of Owen Oliver Neilson (born 11 December 2013) and Radoslaw Nalewajko was born on July 23 2013 just 7 days before his papa Krzysztof Nalewajko started his Fellowship at the University of Colorado at Boulder!