

STUDENT PANELIST BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES:

MABINGO ALFDANIELS, UGANDA

Mabingo obtained his bachelor's degree in Dance from Makerere University in Uganda. He later earned his Master's degree in Dance Anthropology. He is currently attending New York University on a Fulbright Scholarship. He has used his expertise in dance as a therapeutic and transformational tool for a variety of areas including cultural empowerment. Learn more about Mabingo at http://www.observer.ug/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17730%3Amabingo-gives-dance-a-healing-touch&catid=85%3Aeducation&Itemid=106.

PALOMA BAYTELMAN, CHILE

Paloma holds degrees in communications and journalism from the Universidad Diego Portales, as well as a diploma in Digital Management from the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. She is currently a Fulbright Scholar at New York University with interests in how to connect public institutions with citizens through new media in an effort to create conversation and exploring crowd-sourced initiatives. Learn more about Paloma at http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/mcc/masters/bios/baytelman_paloma

ANDREA CASTRO OSORIO, MEXICO

Andrea is a native of Mexico City, Mexico. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Film and Video. Currently, she is a graduate student of Theater History and Criticism at Brooklyn College. She plans to focus her thesis work on filmed archiving practices of theater. In her spare time she collects postcards and is "trying to master doing cross-stitch on the subway, to mixed results".

MASAKO HATTORI, JAPAN

Masako is a PhD candidate in the history department at Columbia University studying U.S. history, with particular interests in the social history of ideas, history of education, and the impact of war on American society in the twentieth century. Before coming to Columbia, she received a BA (2006) and a MA (2008) in American Studies from the University of Tokyo and was a research fellow for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. In 2012, she received a MA and a MPhil in history from Columbia. Her study at Columbia has been supported by Columbia's Richard Hofstadter Fellowship and by a Fulbright Fellowship. She firmly believes that cultural exchange and education are among the best ways to promote mutual understanding and friendship among people of the world. Her goal is to become a historian and an educator that helps Japanese students think globally and organizes international meetings at academic and non-academic levels.

ARANCHA SAN GINES, SPAIN

Masako has a joint PhD in Philosophy by the Universities of Granada (Spain) and Paris1-Panthéon-Sorbonne (France). Currently, she is a Fulbright/Spanish Ministry of Education post-doctoral scholar at Teachers College Columbia University. The aim of her grant is to advance her research on language and diagrams, at the same time that she collaborates and learns from the varied and good work that is being done in Philosophy by the different universities of New York City.

BO (ELISA) YUAN, CHINA

Bo Yuan is an international student who is studying for her master's degree from the TESOL program at City College of New York. Before she came to the US, she taught Chinese in Cairo University in Egypt for two years. Back in college her major was Chinese and education in Zhejiang Normal University in China. In the past year, she has been volunteering with One To World as a global classroom guide sharing her experiences and culture, which are great experiences. She likes teaching and traveling. Her professional goal is to be a researcher in language education field.