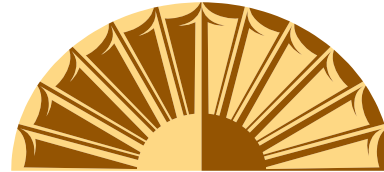


2008-09 Taft Annual Report

The Charles Phelps Taft Research Center



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I. Taft Research Center: Major Activities and Special Projects in 2008-09

The 2008-09 academic year was an eventful, exciting, and challenging one for the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center. Concluding its fifth academic year, the Taft Research Center underwent many vital and invigorating transformations: conforming with the new financial policies implemented by the University of Cincinnati, the Taft Research Center worked with the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences Business Office to complete the 2009-10 Budget Formulation process and conform to the administrative fiscal review required by UC; the center also began the long and arduous, yet vital process of converting to an electronic submissions process; and additionally, the center sought to foster interdisciplinary exchange among Taft faculty and students by hosting important intellectual and social events, including a New Year's reception, a luncheon for dissertation fellows and graduate directors, two grant writing workshops, three interdisciplinary reading and discussion groups, a summer grant writing group, as well as supporting annual Graduate Recruitment events and participating in the Undergraduate Research Week at the University of Cincinnati.

The Taft House—as the institutional location, visible presence, and convening space for the Taft Research Center—is vital to center activities; and during 2008-09, the Taft House hosted many events sponsored by the Taft Research Center. In addition to lectures, seminars, committee meetings, and Taft Executive Board meetings, the Taft House also became the locus of intellectual exchange and social interaction among Taft faculty and students, visiting scholars, and UC administrators. To better facilitate academic, scholarly, and programmatic events at the Taft House, we have updated the lecture equipment by installing

a new LCD projector and large-size, pull-down screen in the lecture room and moved the flat wall monitor to the library (in order to streamline committee evaluation of electronic submissions). Key events for 2008-09 are highlighted below, as are major projects undertaken by the Taft Executive Board and Taft staff.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AT THE TAFT HOUSE

Taft "New Year's" Reception: January 2009

On December 3, 2004, the official transformation of the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Fund into the Taft Research Center was formally announced to the Taft Faculty; and to commemorate the move of the center into the Taft House in Stratford Heights, and in celebratory acknowledgement of the commitment and vision shared by previous Faculty Chairs Judy Muyskens, Barbara Ramusack, Chris McCord, and Rich Harknett, who oversaw this transformation, as well as the many hardworking and dedicated faculty who directly contributed to creating the Research Center, the Taft faculty chair hosted a "New Year" Reception at the Taft House on Friday, January 16 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Taft faculty, students, and UC administrators convened for wine, hors d'oeuvres, conviviality, and festivities. Building on the past and present successes of the Taft Research Center and foregrounding the Taft House as a vital place of intellectual exchange, scholarly debate, and creative synergy, the New Year Reception was the first of several events to be held at the Taft House during winter, spring, and summer 2009.

***Taft Reading & Discussion Groups:
January through June 2009***

In January 2009, the Taft Research Center introduced three reading and discussion groups to foster interdisciplinary conversation around key themes: Humanities and Human Rights; Darwin; and Narrative and Cognitive Theories.

- *Humanities and Human Rights*

(60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: December 10, 1948)

In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (this past December), the Humanities and Human Rights Discussion Group was created in January 2009 and brought together individuals intellectually engaged with the import of human rights for the study of the humanities. From January until May 2009, the group read and discussed scholarly articles addressing sex trafficking, hunger in Haiti and food rights, the political crisis in Sri Lanka, and the relationship between civil rights and human rights.

The Discussion Group met monthly during winter and spring 2009 and will continue to meet monthly throughout the 2009-10 academic year.

- *Darwin Reading Group (Darwin Sesquicentennial)*

During winter and spring 2009, the Darwin Discussion Group brought together a group of engaged, interdisciplinary scholars from the Taft Departments to read and discuss *Origin of the Species* (1859) during its sesquicentennial anniversary. To encourage a direct engagement with Charles Darwin's ideas, to foster the broadest possible interest across disciplines, and to maximize faculty participation, the Taft Darwin Discussion Group read exclusively and in entirety *On the Origin of Species* (1859).

While the Darwin Discussion Group fostered cross-disciplinary perspectives, faculty discussion leaders also contributed a valuable discipline-specific focus as well. Dr. Ronald Millard, Professor Emeritus in Cellular Biology, College of Medicine, led the first session in January 2009; Dr. George Bishop, Political Science, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, led the second session in February 2009; Dr. Kenneth Tankersley and Dr. Jeremy Koster, Anthropology, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, led the third

session in March 2009; Dr. Bob Richardson and Dr. Rob Skipper, Philosophy, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, led the fourth session in April 2009; and the final session in May 2009 was an interdisciplinary session. Beginning fall 2009, the Darwin Discussion Group will be reading and discussing *Descent of Man* (1871). Additional details are forthcoming.

- *Narrative and Cognitive Theory*

The Cognitive and Narrative Discussion Group brought together interdisciplinary scholars (primarily literature scholars, anthropologists, and philosophers) engaged in the importance of narration for cognition, and cognition in the construction of narratives. Composed of scholars interested in narrative theory, cognition, philosophy or mind, ethnography, autoethnography, and neurophilosophy, the Group read and discussed scholarly work from medicine, literary theory, and anthropology.

Graduate Recruitment: March 2009

On March 7, 2009, the Taft Research Center hosted a Graduate Recruitment Reception for prospective graduate students in the ten Taft Departments. During the afternoon reception, the Taft Research Center welcomed visiting students, current students, department heads, graduate directors, and UC administrators to the Taft House for coffee, tea, soda, cookies, fruit, and other snacks. Although primarily an informal social gathering, the faculty chair did provide a welcome letter and a detailed list of Taft Graduate Awards for prospective students.

Dissertation Fellows Luncheon: March 2009

On March 12, 2009, the Taft Research Center hosted a luncheon for current 2008-09 and incoming 2009-10 Dissertation Fellows, as well as department heads, graduate directors, UC administrators, and other interested Taft faculty. A luncheon of lasagna, steamed asparagus, roasted vegetables, wild rice, salad, and cream cheese cake squares was served buffet style; and the luncheon allowed for casual conversation and cross-disciplinary interactions among Taft doctoral students and faculty.

April 2009 Taft-Sponsored Grant Writing Workshops in the Humanities and Social Sciences

- *Taft-Sponsored National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Writing Workshop (Guest: Jane Aikin, Acting Director, NEH).*

In coordination with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Taft Research Center sponsored a Grant Writing Workshop in the Humanities on April 1, 2009 at the Kingsgate Marriott with lunch at the Caminetto Restaurant for registered participants. Jane Aikin, the Acting Director of the NEH, led the workshop: she provided an overview of the NEH and its award programs; discussed general application procedures for applying to the NEH; and led a peer-review workshop of sample applications for the individual research fellowship. During this afternoon "peer-review workshop," three UC faculty members and former NEH recipients served as panelist/evaluators: Lily Frierson, History; Hilda Smith, History; and William Johnson, Classics.

The Taft-Sponsored Grant Writing Workshop in the Humanities was attended by 40 individuals (faculty, staff, administrators, and doctoral students) from five different area institutions (the University of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College, Miami University, Northern Kentucky University, and Raymond Walters College), and representing 16 different disciplines (African American Studies, Anthropology, Classics, English and Comparative Literature, Geography, History, Jewish American Studies, Math, Media, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion/Theology, Romance Languages and Literatures, Sociology, Women's Studies).

- *Taft-Sponsored Grant Writing Workshop in the Social Sciences (Bob Frank, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs)*

In coordination with the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, and led by Bob Frank, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs, the Taft Research Center hosted a Grant Writing Workshop in the Social Sciences on the afternoon of April 2, 2009, in McMicken Hall. In addition to inviting Taft faculty to attend, the Taft Research Center opened the workshop to all faculty and students at the University of Cincinnati and at regional institutions. It was attended by faculty and graduate students from the University of Cincinnati and Miami University,

including administrators of the Applied Research Center at Miami.

Undergraduate Research Week: June 1-5, 2009

On Monday, May 1, 2009, Cherrie Westmoreland, the Director of the Undergraduate Research Council, which was created by Vice President for Research Sandra Degen, met with the Taft Undergraduate Directors to discuss the Undergraduate Research Week (June 1-5, 2009), to answer questions about the Undergraduate Research Poster Session on June 5, and to encourage the Taft Undergraduate Senior Research Fellows and other Taft undergraduate majors to participate in the poster session. The Taft Research Center agreed to pay the cost for the posters for all undergraduate majors in Taft departments; and the Taft Faculty Chair both served as a judge for the poster session and introduced the keynote speaker at the Undergraduate Research Luncheon. The Taft Faculty Chair also served on the 2008-09 Undergraduate Research Council and the 2008-09 Research Officers, both affiliated with the Office of Research. Through these service commitments and participatory efforts, we hope to build research collaborations with the UC Office of Research and the Taft Research Center.

Summer 2009 Grant Writing Group

During summer 2009, the Taft Research Center coordinated and hosted a Grant Writing Group to meet twice monthly in June, July, August, and September 2009. The group was open to all Taft faculty who were currently writing or planning to write a grant for 2009-10. Although the group centered on writing for the 2010 NEH Summer Fellowships and the 2010-11 NEH Individual Research Fellowship applications, the group also welcomed all writers of grants in process (or in planning) for any external organization. The group met every other Thursday afternoon from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Taft House, beginning with a Planning Session on Thursday, June 11 and following the schedule below throughout the summer quarter: Thursday, June 25; Thursday, July 9; Thursday, July 23; Thursday, August 6; Thursday, August 20; Thursday, September 3; and Thursday, September 17, 2009.

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE TAFT EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TAFT STAFF

Revision of Taft Bylaws: Winter 2009

In winter 2009, the Taft Executive Board revised the Taft Bylaws to streamline the language of the document and to determine how a Taft Faculty Chair is selected and/or replaced. The revised Taft Bylaws are available for review on the Taft website.

Taft Conversion to Electronic Submissions Process: Summer 2009

Beginning in 2009-10, the Taft Research Center will only accept electronic submissions for all award categories. Working in collaboration with the Office of Research, Vice President for Research Sandra Degen, Executive Director of Research Programs, and UC-IT Management Specialist Josette Riep, the Taft Research Center will implement an electronic submissions process based on a model first used by the University Research Council.

Restructuring of the Taft Research Seminar Program: New Deadlines, Flexible Structure for 2010-11

In November 2008, the Taft Executive Board approved the restructuring of the Taft Research Seminar Program to include 1- and 2-quarter seminar proposals, as well as year-long seminars. One-quarter seminars will be approved and funded proportionately at 33.3% of the year-long seminar award; and two-quarter seminars will be approved and funded proportionately at 66.6% of the year-long seminar award. Given the restructured seminar program, the Taft Research Center will accept applications throughout the academic year at set deadlines. 2010-11 Taft Seminar Proposals may be submitted for the following 2009-10 deadlines: September 8, November 1, January 4, February 1, and April 6. Additional details about the restructured Taft Research Seminars program is available in the 2009-10 Request for Proposals on the Taft Research Center website.

Revision of Taft Research Center Website

During summer 2009, the Taft Research Center, in collaboration with the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, and the UC Branding Committee, undertook major revisions of the website. Sarah Domet, the graduate assistant in web writing and design, revised the content on the site. Melanie Cannon and Micah

Ovadia, both on staff with the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, designed the frame and coordinated efforts to receive approval by the UC Branding Committee. Dawn O'Neill and Josette Riep, in the Office of Research, revised the Awards pages on the Taft Research Center website to facilitate online electronic submissions of Taft awards applications.

II. Administration and Governance

Faculty governed, the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund and the Taft Research Center are administered by the Taft Executive Board and Taft committees. Comprised of the faculty chair, seventeen Taft faculty, and five UC administrators (President, Vice President for Research, Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School, Provost, and Dean of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences), all of whom serve as ex officio members, the Taft Executive Board reviews and approves all award recommendations by Taft committees, establishes policy, procedures, and guidelines, writes and implements the Taft Bylaws, and makes recommendations to the Taft Trustees.

Additionally, the Taft Research Center is governed by eight committees, seven award committees and a planning committee that prepares and submits the annual Taft budget for review by the Taft Executive Board and the Taft Trustees. The Taft Awards committees include Conferences & Lectures; Faculty Travel; Research Support; Faculty Fellowships; Student Awards; Publications; and Center Fellows.

Members of the 2008-09 Taft Award Committees included Wlod Bryc (Math); Steve Carlton-Ford (Sociology); Stan Corkin (English); Jim Deddens (Math); Scott Dumas (Math); Jennifer Glaser (English); Michael Griffith (English); Carlos Gutiérrez (Romance Languages and Literatures); Todd Herzog (German); Beth Honadle (Political Science); Laura Jenkins (Political Science); Wendy Kline (History); Xiaodong Lin (Math); Claude Lopez (Economics); Jennifer Malat (Sociology); Deborah Meem (English and Comparative Literature and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies); Thérèse Migraine-George (Romance Languages and Literatures); Jeffrey Mills (Economics); Kelly Moore (Sociology); Thomas Moore (Political Science); Maura O'Connor (History); Olivier Parent (Economics); Tom Polger (Philosophy); Bob Richardson (Philosophy); Richard Schade (German

Studies); Nageswari Shanmuligam (Math); Rob Skipper (Philosophy); Tara Smith (Math); Alfredo Sosa-Velasco (Romance Languages and Literatures); David Stradling (History); Kenneth Tankersley (Anthropology); Nicasio Urbina (Romance Languages and Literatures); and Gary Weissman (English).

Members of the 2008-09 Taft Planning Committee included Stan Corkin (English and Comparative Literature); Tom Moore (Political Science); Barbara Ramusack (History); Nages Shanmugalingam (Mathematical Sciences); Rob Skipper (Philosophy); David Stradling (History); Howard Tolley (Political Science); Jay Twomey (English and Comparative Literature); and Jana Evans Braziel, faculty chair.

The Taft Research Center depends mightily on the indefatigable service and intellectual dedication of all of these devoted committee members, and to them we are extremely grateful.

Finally, the Taft Trustees vote to approve the annual Taft Budget, prepared by the Planning Committee and approved by the Taft Executive Board. We are expressly grateful to the magnanimity and support of the Taft family and the Taft Trustees.

The Taft Research Center benefits daily from the expertise, experience, and equanimity of Joy Dunn, the Administrative Coordinator, without whom we could not and would not run—and certainly not as smoothly! Joy Dunn continues to be, as I tell everyone, the *3Hs: heart: hands: head* of the Taft Research Center. To her, I owe a debt of gratitude beyond my measure to amply repay, though I will earnestly assay repaying that debt during my tenure as Taft faculty chair.

During 2008-09, we were also fortunate to have two skilled and resourceful graduate assistants on staff: Yan Cui, the residential graduate fellow, was always dutiful and mindful, greeting visiting scholars in the evening or late night, arranging chairs for lectures, cleaning up after lectures, serving as resident assistant to the Taft House residents, and facilitating the work of the office. Sean Keating, the graduate assistant in the Taft House office, unfailingly served with good humor, alacrity, energy, wit, pragmatism, and seemingly endless optimism: he answered email and telephone queries, greeted students and faculty visiting the office, scheduled committee meetings, hand-delivered applications to committee members, and aided in processing travel reimbursements and

other forms, as well as offering sage intellectual and programmatic advice, when asked and even when unasked to do so.

During spring and summer 2009, the Taft Research Center was also extremely fortunate in being able to hire Sarah Domet, as a mid-year graduate assistant and then as a temporary consultant: she masterfully guided us all with her technological savvy and flawless organization and writing skills through new projects requiring innovation and imagination—conversion to electronic submissions, revision of the Taft Research Center website, initial conceptual plans for a Taft Newsletter, and other design-based projects.

III. 2008-09 Taft Budget and Awards

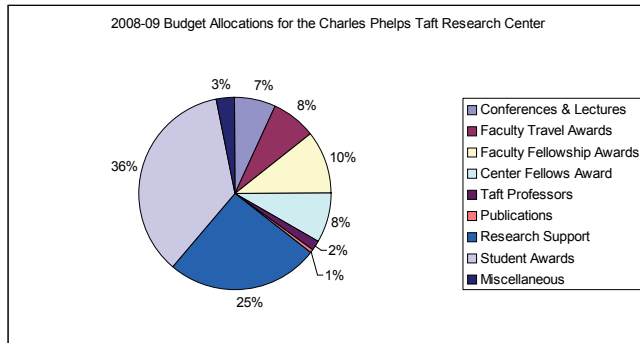
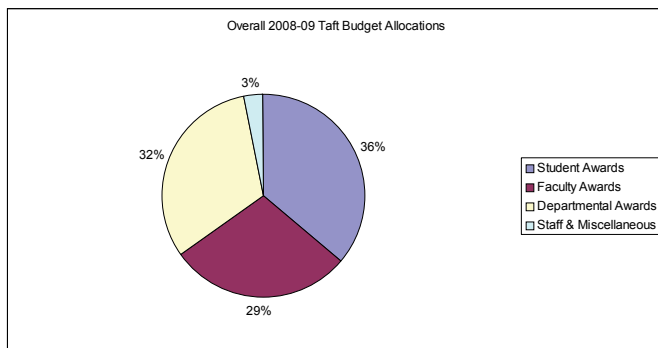
The total annual distribution for 2008-09 from the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund to the Taft Research Center equaled \$1,302,364 dollars, which was deposited into the endowment fund managed by the A&S Business Office in twelve monthly installments of \$105,083.34. Because the awards deadlines and reimbursements are variable from month-to-month, the Taft Fund Balance is also highly variable throughout the academic year.

As the first chart below reveals, the overall 2008-09 Taft Budget was allocated proportionally among Student Awards (36%); Faculty Awards (29%); Departmental Awards (32%); and Staff and Miscellaneous expenditures (3%).

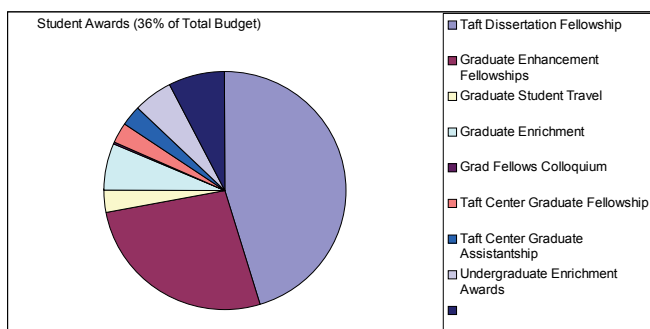
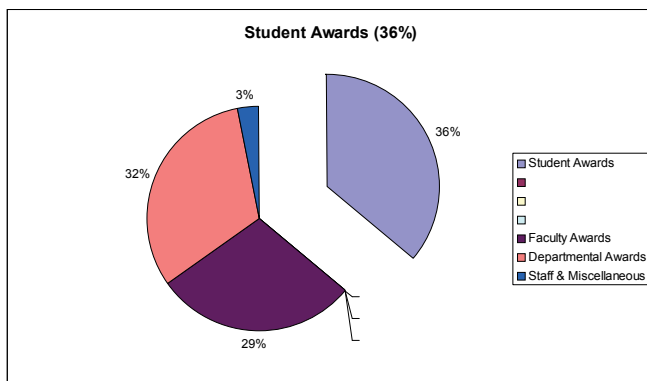
A further statistical analysis of Taft allocations (as documented in the second chart below) demonstrates the Taft awards are disbursed in the following percentages:

Student Awards (36%);
Research Support (25%);
Faculty Fellowships (10%);
Faculty Travel Awards (8%);
Center Fellowships (8%);
Conferences & Lectures (7%);
Staff and Miscellaneous (3%);
Taft Professorships (2%);
Publications (1%).

OVERALL 2008-09 TAFT BUDGET & AWARDS



STUDENT PROGRAMS (36% OF BUDGET)



Student Awards Committee

The Student Awards Committee for the 2008-09 academic year consisted of the following faculty: Nageswari Shanmuligam (Mathematics), Chair; Beth Honadle (Political Science); Kelly Moore (Sociology); Gary Weissman (English); and Alfredo Sosa-Velasco (Romance Languages and Literature). The Committee's allocated budget was \$469,000. Total funds expended amounted to \$460,193. The committee met throughout the academic year. The following provides a breakdown of the committee's work in the relevant grant categories:

Taft Dissertation Fellowships

The budget for Taft Dissertation Fellowships for academic year 2008-09 was the same as that for the previous year: \$213,000. Total expenditures were \$212,800. These expenditures funded 14 fellowships at a base stipend of \$15,200 each: 7 through departmental selection and 7 through Student Awards Committee selection. The committee approved the 8 candidates nominated for the department-allocated fellowships. In addition, it awarded 6 committee fellowships: 3 dissertation fellows were selected from the Departments of Mathematical Sciences and English and Comparative Literature; 2 fellows from German Studies and Sociology; and 1 each in History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Romance Languages. First and second alternates came respectively from Sociology and Romance Languages.

Graduate Travel Awards

The 2008-09 budget for this category was \$14,000, the same amount budgeted for 2007-08. Our expenditures ran \$893 over budget, totaling \$14,893. The \$893 deficit was covered by an internal reallocation of funds approved by the Taft Faculty Chair. 33 students from 8 departments received Graduate Travel Awards.

Graduate Enrichment Awards

The 2008-09 budget for Taft Graduate Enrichment Awards was \$30,000, the same amount budgeted for 2007-08. Total expenditures in 2008-09 were \$37,345, which exceeded the allocation by \$7,345 (an amount covered by internal reallocation of unexpended amounts from other award categories, particularly from Research Support). The committee awarded Taft Graduate Enrichment Awards to 19 graduate students from 7 departments.

Graduate Enhancement Fellowships

This total allocation of \$125,000 allows departments to enhance university assistantships to recruit and retain highly competitive graduate student applicants. In 2008-09, nine Taft departments awarded total of 55 awards totaling \$125,100.

Undergraduate Enrichment Awards

The allocation here was \$25,000 for 2008-09, the same as for 2007-08. Total expenditures were \$15,860, leaving a balance of \$9,140. The committee made awards to 12 students representing 5 Taft departments: Economics, German Studies, Political Science, Romance Languages and Literatures, and Sociology. In 2007-08 the Undergraduate Enrichment Awards were awarded to students in Anthropology, History, Political Science, Romance Languages and Literatures, and Sociology. This award category seems to be underutilized by several Taft Departments, including English and Comparative Literature, Philosophy, Math; and in the 2009-10 academic year, I will meet with all of the Taft Undergraduate Directors to promote the award and to encourage applications from undergraduate majors.

Undergraduate Senior Research Fellows

The allocation of this award was \$3,500 per Taft department for a total of \$35,000. Each department selected a senior research fellow, who completed a substantial piece of independent research as mentioned earlier. Departments viewed this new award as a major enhancement in their capacity to attract and support outstanding undergraduate majors. We expect this program to grow in prominence over the next few years. The selection is conducted in each Taft department, so the Student Awards Committee did not take direct action on this award, except to provide oversight of department decisions.

Taft-Niehoff Community Scholar Graduate Assistant

This award is a collaborative effort with the Niehoff Urban Studio in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at UC. Only one application was received by the joint committee; and the student was determined meritorious and awarded the fellowship. Chad Kinsella (Political Science) will spend the 2008-9 year at the Studio.

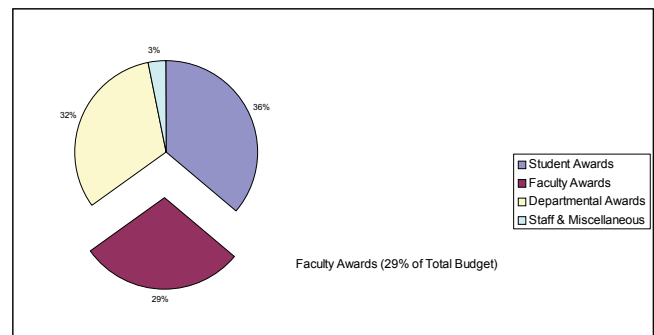
Summary

In 2008-09, the Taft Research Center continued its longstanding practice of providing crucial support for

graduate and undergraduate students in Taft departments. By and large, applications were of high quality, and programs were competitive. While the number of applications for Student Enrichment Awards was down from 2007-08, applications for Travel Awards increased, and, of course, the actual cost of travel and enrichment activities for students went up significantly. Small increases in the budget lines for Undergraduate and Graduate Enrichment Awards allowed us to avoid the problems of 2007-08, when we were forced to cancel the allocation of Graduate Student Travel during the spring application round because the committee was already over budget by winter quarter. All in all, there seems to be a good balance now between our budgetary limits and the influx of competitive applications over the course of the three quarters.

After the clarifications to forms and website information developed in 2007-08, the committee proposed only minor changes this year. These were in the guidelines for Taft Committee-selected Dissertation Fellowships, involving clarification of the status of students who have already held a Taft Dissertation Fellowship. Changes were proposed at the June 2008 Executive Board meeting and are due to be discussed and voted on in fall of 2008-2009.

FACULTY AWARDS (29% OF THE FUND)

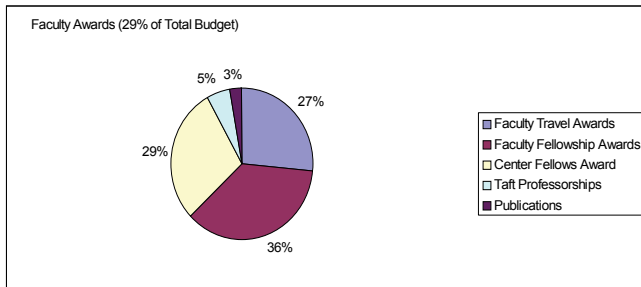


Faculty Awards (29% of Fund)

Faculty Travel Awards	\$	100,000
Faculty Fellowship Awards	\$	136,000
Center Fellows Award	\$	109,050
Taft Professors	\$	20,000
Publications	\$	10,250
Total	\$	375,300

Faculty Awards comprise 29% of the Total Fund in the amount of \$375,300 with a breakdown among the following Taft award categories:

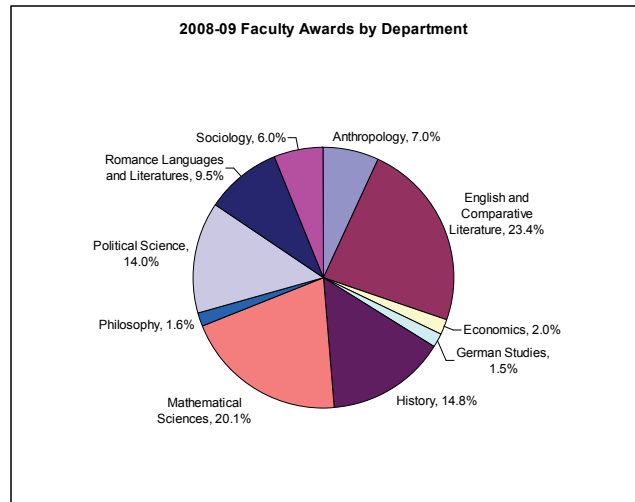
Faculty Travel Awards in the amount of \$100,000;
 Faculty Fellowships in the amount of \$136,000;
 Center Fellowships in the amount of \$109,050;
 Taft Professorships in the amount of \$20,000;
 Publication Awards in the amount of \$10,250.



While Faculty Awards (29% of the Fund) includes the \$20,000 allocated for the Taft Professorships (2%), the statistic analysis of Faculty Awards by Department does not include Taft Professorships, which are ongoing annual allotments, but only awards granted during the 2008-09 academic year.

FACULTY AWARDS BY DEPARTMENT

Anthropology	7.0%	\$24,862
English	23.4%	\$83,552
Economics	2.0%	\$7,076
German Studies	1.5%	\$5,481
History	14.8%	\$52,903
Math	20.1%	\$71,890
Philosophy	1.6%	\$5,747
Political Science	14.0%	\$50,120
Romance L&L	9.5%	\$33,842
Sociology	6.0%	\$21,484
Total	100.0%	\$356,957



Four distinct standing committees provide oversight and review of individual faculty awards: the Faculty Travel Committee administers 3 programs, the Faculty Fellowship Committee 3 programs, the Center Fellows committee 1 program, and the Publications Committee 2 programs. The four committee chairs' reports are summarized below.

A. Faculty Travel Awards Committee

The Faculty Travel Awards Committee included Steve Carlton-Ford (Sociology), Sigrun Haude (History), Olivier Parent (Economics), Jim Deddens (Mathematics), and Thérèse Migraine George (Romance Languages). Jana Evans Brazier, Faculty Chair, served as committee chair and delivered the chair's report to the Taft Executive Board.

Faculty Travel Awards supported three award categories: Research Travel Grants, International Conference Travel Awards and Domestic Travel Grants. The total budget for the travel awards was \$100,000; and the total expended for 2008-09 was \$118,217 with the additional \$18,217 being covered by reallocation of unexpended amounts from Research Support.

Travel for Research Grants

Travel for Research Grants are awards meant to cover expenses for faculty who need to travel in order to conduct their research. These individual awards are limited to \$3,700 in any 24-month period. The initial budget for this category was \$25,000; however, the Taft Faculty Travel committee awarded \$44,569 Travel for Research Awards in two rounds (fall and spring) during the 2008-09 academic year. The excess in the

amount of \$19,569 was covered from unexpended balances in Research Support.

International Conference Travel Awards

Taft provides support for faculty members who are invited or selected to make presentations at international academic meetings. The initial budget for this category was \$50,000. These grants are particularly valuable to our faculty and they continue to be a popular and well-utilized source of funding. These grants enable faculty to publicize their research around the world and garner important and useful contacts with international colleagues in their fields. These awards are limited to \$2,700 in any 24-month period. This year we were able to fund __ requests (totally or partially) totaling \$43,402. The remaining expended balance (\$6,598) was reallocated to cover excesses in Domestic Travel.

Domestic Travel Grants

The Taft Research Center helps to defray travel expenses for faculty members invited to make presentations at academic meetings within the United States. The budget for this category was \$25,000, an increase of \$5,000 since the 2007-08 Taft Budget. We were able to fund __ proposals totaling \$30,300. The additional \$5,300 was covered through the reallocation of unexpended amounts from International Travel.

Summary

Demand for faculty travel awards continues to trend upward and the Faculty Executive Board will need to consider expansion of the number of awards that maybe given through an increase in the overall budget for this category. Although deadlines were consolidated during 2007-08, the Taft Executive Board and the Taft Faculty Travel committee opened an additional spring 2009 deadline for Travel for Research. The rationale for this decision was three-fold: 1) the committee received a paucity of applications to the Travel for Research category during the fall 2008 deadline; and 2) the Travel for Research consequently had a large unexpended balance by spring 2009; and 3) Department Heads suggested that many Taft faculty were unable to plan for research travel so far in advance. One guideline change that will be added in 2008-9 based on the committee's review of domestic travel proposals is the addition of criteria detailing future publication plans within the Domestic Travel proposal. Typically, faculty use domestic conferences to forward early

research and receive feedback from national and international colleagues with the eventual prospect of submitting their research for publication. The addition of this criterion strengthens the committee's capacity to assess productivity when considering subsequent proposals from the same faculty at later stages of the work or proposals in a new line of research. Overall, Faculty Travel remains a critical aspect of Taft Research Center support.

B. Faculty Fellowship Committee

The Faculty Fellowship Committee included Wlodek Bryc, (Mathematics) - Chair; Michael Griffith (English & Comparative Literature); Jennifer Malat (Sociology); Wendy Kline (History); David Stradling (History). (Members, when also applicants, recused themselves from voting on individual fellowship awards.)

Faculty Release Fellowships

These \$6,000 release fellowships are provided directly to the Department to allow a faculty member to be released from teaching for one quarter in order to pursue a specific research project. It is required that applicants obtain at least one additional quarter of release time (generally in the form of academic or professional leave) and thus this award pool tends to correlate with the number of sabbaticals in a given year. The budget supports up to 5 fellowships for a total of \$30,000 with the possibility of research cost supplements of up to \$1,500. All of the awards were allocated. This year the Committee received 11 applications for the 5 fellowships (an increase of three from the previous year). The quality level of the applications was excellent and the committee review was, therefore, made very difficult. The awards went to 3 Associate Professors and 2 Full Professors with one Associate Professor ranked as an alternate. The awardees are from English & Comparative Literature, History, Political Science, Romance Languages & Literatures, and Sociology. In addition, research supplement support was awarded to one of the five FRF recipients for a total of \$1,500.

Summer Research Fellowships

This program provides up to twelve fellowships of \$8,000 to support faculty members' summer research endeavors. Of these up to 3 fellowships are set aside for untenured junior faculty in tenure-track positions who have never been awarded and used a Taft Summer Research Grant. The number of applications

and the number of applicants qualifying for the set-aside pool fluctuates significantly from year to year. This year we had 24 applications, an increase of 7 from last year. All 12 awards were allocated; eight awards went to assistant professors. In addition, the Committee awarded a total of 4 research supplements for specific project costs for a total of \$5,000 and denied 3 requests for supplements.

Taft-Niehoff Community Scholar

This was the third selection round for the collaborative program established in 2007-8 between the Taft Research Center and the Niehoff Urban Studio in UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. This program is a specialized collaborative appointment and we do not anticipate significant numbers of applicants per year. We initially received no applications for the fellowship; but the application deadline was reopened and readvertised through the Taft Faculty listserv: Beth Walter Honadle, after receiving confirmation that the reapplication was appropriate, reapplied for the 2009-10 academic year and was awarded the Taft Niehoff Community Scholar fellowship. Beth Walter Honadle from Political Science will thus serve again as the Taft Scholar at the Niehoff Urban Studio for 2009-10.

Summary

Faculty fellowships continue to be very competitive awards, making the selection and evaluation process particularly arduous. Taft Faculty Fellows are highly sought after awards; and the selected faculty fellows, without fail, utilize the time productively to research, write, and publish free of teaching responsibilities.

C. Taft Center Fellows Committee

Given the high profile nature of the Center Fellows program and its unique objective of encouraging a multidisciplinary environment at the Taft Research Center, the Center Fellows Committee membership is established through by-law procedures. The Faculty



Chair selects candidates from a pool of previous Taft Center Fellows. The committee membership in 2007-08 was the first year of full implementation of this structure which is patterned on prestigious national fellowship granting agencies; and the procedure was followed again in 2008-09.

The 2008-09 Taft Center Fellows Committee included Stan Corkin (English and Comparative Literature); Maura O'Connor (History); Richard Schade (German Studies), Tom Polger (Philosophy), and Thomas Moore (Political Science). The Center Fellows Committee, chaired by the Taft Faculty Chair, met in October 2008 to evaluate the applications and to select the 2009-10 Taft Center Fellows:



Jintai Ding, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Project Title: *Post-quantum Cryptography and Long Term Security*

Project Abstract: For this project, Jintai will use the Taft Center Fellows program to conduct research in information security and its related issues. He will study post-quantum cryptography to prepare for the future world of quantum computers, and he wants to understand and study its impact and its necessity in terms of long term security for our modern information systems. He also hopes to use new mathematical tools, in particular, tools from abstract algebra, to develop new secure and efficient cryptosystems that could resist the future quantum computer attacks, and he hopes to study how we can help the society to prepare such a future transition technically and socially. The project will benefit from and contribute significantly to the interdisciplinary environment of the Taft Center through interaction with other Taft Fellows, in particular, people from political sciences, economics, and sociology. The resulting exchange of ideas will lead to a reassessment of information security problems from a social,

economic and policy perspective. This opportunity will improve the quality and scope of our research in terms of the development of both theory and practical applications.

Biographical Note: Jintai Ding is a Professor at the Department of Mathematical Sciences of University of Cincinnati. He received his Ph.D. at Yale in 1995. He was awarded the Zhong Jia Qing Prize by the Chinese Mathematical Society in 1990. He was a lecturer at the Research Institute of Mathematical Sciences of Kyoto University 1995-1998. He was an Alexander V. Humboldt Fellow and a visiting professor at the Technical University of Darmstadt 2006-2007. His research interests are post-quantum cryptography and lightweight crypto. He co-authored "Multivariate Public Key Cryptography" and co-chaired the second international workshop of Post-Quantum Cryptography. He is on the editorial board of "Advances in Mathematics of Communications", and the Editorial Council for the UNESCO Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems for the Theme of Cryptography and Network Security.



Richard Harknett, Department of Political Science

Project Title: *Nuclear Prominence: Security and the Contestability of Costs*

Project Abstract: Nuclear Prominence will offer a distinct conceptual framework for the study of international security dynamics. The thesis is quite simple, but powerful in its implications for theoretical explanation as well as policy prescription – the emergence of nuclear weapons represents a true revolutionary moment that overturns traditional paradigms of security thinking and general international relations. Specifically, I offer an explanatory model that suggests it is the pursuit,

acquisition, and possession of nuclear weapons (or the lack of the three) that drives the security relations among states as well as non-state actor dynamics. Since the end of the 'cold war,' security studies and the policy community have searched for an organizing concept to manage the complexity of both the study and practice of international security. Nuclear Prominence is offered as just such a conceptual frame. The book will expand upon the core concept for which I am known in the field – the constestability of costs – to apply the concept across multiple weapon types. I will argue that weapons type is the critical variable in defining the strategic environment in which international relations is conducted. I will, thus, modify structural approaches to international relations theory (defensive/offensive realism and neo-liberal institutionalism) through introduction of the nuclear strategic environment as the critical intervening variable in modeling the consequences that follow from an anarchical structure and self-help imperative that define the international system. Considering Center Fellow interactions, the research draws from literatures concerned with war, the development of the United States as great power, technological change, paradigmatic reasoning, and institutional/structural theory.

Biographical Note: Richard J. Harknett is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati. He holds a professorial lectureship at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria, where he served as a Fulbright Professor in 2002. He earned a doctorate from The Johns Hopkins University and a BA from Villanova University. He has published some twenty academic pieces including, *The Absolute Weapon Revisited: Nuclear Arms and the Emerging International Order* (Univ. of Michigan, 2001) and *Lenses of Analysis: A Visual Framework for the Study of International Politics* (W.W. Norton, 2001). His research on international security dynamics has been published in such journals as *Security Studies*, *Parameters*, *The Berkeley Press Forum*, *Orbis*, *National Security Studies Quarterly* as well as in numerous edited book volumes. He has completed policy analysis for US government agencies and European organizations and has published in popular press venues. He is the former Faculty Chair of the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati. He was awarded the Edith C. Alexander Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Distinguished Faculty Service Award in McMicken College, University of Cincinnati.



Tamar Heller, Department of English and Comparative Literature

Project Title: *A Plot of Her Own: Rhoda Broughton and English Fiction.*

Project Abstract: Known as “Queen of the Circulating Libraries,” Rhoda Broughton (1840-1920) was one of the most popular late-Victorian writers. Until recently, however, Broughton’s daringly frank representation of female sexuality and her incisive critique of women’s unequal position in nineteenth-century domesticity have been neglected by literary scholars. The first full-length critical study of Broughton’s twenty-six novels, *A Plot of Her Own* reevaluates Broughton’s place in English literary history while situating her work in the context of changing gender roles during her fifty-three year career—a period in which women steadily entered professional and public realms from which they had previously been excluded. Showcasing rebellious heroines who reject the Victorian ideal of the Angel in the House, Broughton’s popular fiction helped to shape innovative images of women such as the late-Victorian New Woman. Examining her experimental revision of the traditional courtship plot in order to suggest new opportunities available for women, my study shows how Broughton engaged contemporary debates about gender from the publication in 1867 of her first two best-selling—and scandalous—narratives of female desire, *Not Wisely but Too Well* and *Cometh Up as a Flower*, to the posthumous appearance in 1920 of her metafictional novel about a would-be female sensation writer, *A Fool in Her Folly*. In this sense, my project is not simply a literary one but points to the inevitable dialogue between literature and ever-shifting cultural attitudes toward gender and sexuality.

Biographical Note: Tamar Heller is the author of *Dead Secrets: Wilkie Collins and the Female Gothic* (Yale UP, 1992), as well as of a number of essays on Victorian literature and gender issues. The co-editor of two

essay collections—*Scenes of the Apple: Food and the Female Body in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Women’s Writing* (SUNY, 2003) and *Approaches to Teaching Gothic Fiction: The British and American Traditions* (MLA, 2003), she has also edited Rhoda Broughton’s *Cometh Up as a Flower* for the series *Varieties of Women’s Sensation Fiction: 1855-1890* (Pickering and Chatto, 2004), and is currently editing Broughton’s *Not Wisely but Too Well* for Valancourt Press.



Laura Jenkins, Department of Political Science

Project Title: *The Politics of Religious Conversion in India*

Project Abstract: The book manuscript addresses religious conversion and apostasy in India. Research on untouchables (Dalits) and tribals (adivasis) embracing Indian minority religions, including Buddhism, Christianity, and Judaism, highlights identity change as a form of protest and empowerment. Drawing on legal and archival research and interviews with converts, activists, politicians, and government officials, this study of identity improvisation via religious conversion documents and analyzes the ways individuals and groups reinvent identities, while still facing limits from social and political structures and traditions.

Biographical Note: Laura Jenkins (PhD Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison) is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati. Her publications focus on social justice and identity politics in South Asia, notably her book on affirmative action, *Identity and Identification in India: Defining the Disadvantaged* (RoutledgeCurzon 2003). Her articles on religion, caste, gender and politics have appeared in journals including *Law and Contemporary Problems*, *Connecticut Law Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, and *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*. She has authored book chapters on the empowerment of low castes via

religious conversion, the role of religious civil law, and comparative affirmative action. Jenkins was a Fulbright New Century Scholar (2007-8), carrying out research in India and South Africa on access and equity in higher education and, previously, a Dartmouth Humanities Institute Fellow for research on religion and politics in India.



Christopher Phillips, Department of History

Project Title: *The Rivers Run Backward: The Civil War on the Middle Border and the Creation of American Regionalism*

Project Abstract: One of the most quixotic legacies of the Civil War is that the victorious North created a larger South than the defeated Confederacy could accomplish for itself. This book project explores that very conundrum by examining the Civil War and its aftermath in its most fragile space: the Trans-Appalachian border states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri. At its heart is the identity politics surrounding the states' emergent war narratives by which the western region became parts of the most broadly defined North and South. The book explains how the West once was culturally similar until the war divided it into two, with the portion below the Ohio and Missouri rivers defining itself as "southern" specifically as a result of the war experience and the ensuing postwar experience, while the region north of the Ohio and Missouri rivers soon lost its western identity in favor of a "northern," or more politically benign "Midwestern," one. Indeed, an old adage holds that Kentucky, like Missouri, joined the Confederacy only after Appomattox. The amusing anecdote effectively captures the ideological, rather than the political, process through which the war and its aftermath "southernized" the western border states. My book thus argues that American regional identity is intrinsically political rather than cultural, with the politics of identity surrounding the war the driving engine. Border southerners hold to

their self-assumed identification so defiantly because of the peculiar saga of the region's place in the federal Union and the destruction of slavery within its borders. Heretofore, most histories of the Civil War in the region have centered upon its political and military aspects. What the scholars have overlooked, and what this book addresses in detail, is that in the contested region outside the Confederacy—in the border slave states of Kentucky and Missouri and in the Ohio River valley states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio—an internal war existed, a true "people's contest," as Abraham Lincoln characterized the Civil War as a whole, that included a war of political language about regional identity. This conflict would ultimately be overshadowed by the broader, more traditional narrative of the clash of arms, but in truth it ultimately determined the immediate, military outcome of the war. Historians have yet to take fully into account either how or why deeply divided western states resolved in favor of North and South, or the surprising and lasting changes that followed it.

Biographical Note: Christopher Phillips received his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Georgia in 1992. His research and teaching are in the era of the Civil War and Reconstruction, more specifically, the American South, with particular interest in the border states during the period. His five published books and ten peer-reviewed articles have focused variously upon slavery and freedom, emancipation, war, race, politics, and memory during and after the Civil War era. His work has been supported by fellowships and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Charles Phelps Taft Center, among other granting agencies. Since 1999, he has served as co-editor of *Ohio Valley History*, a peer-reviewed quarterly publication of regional history. In 2009 he was named a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians.



Leah Stewart, Department of English and Comparative Literature

Project Title: *Lucy's War*

Project Abstract: *Lucy's War*, a historical novel, is interested in what a culture—in this case World War II-era America—told women they should be, and how and to what degree women internalized those roles. The story follows a young woman from basic training through the end of the war in an investigation of how her time in the army alters her self-perception. The nurses in frontline field hospitals came as close as a woman could to actual combat; they heard and saw artillery fire, they treated horrific wounds fresh from the battlefield, and in some cases they even came under fire themselves. The nurses who went ashore in the immediate aftermath of D-Day waded past floating corpses on their way to the beach. Certainly experiences like these are horrific for any individual. What was particular about the female experience of war at that time (and to some degree this time as well) was how removed it was from cultural ideas about female roles. The standard conception of female identity and appropriate behavior did not apply in a war zone, and yet the situation assigned an even greater value to femininity, so that the women became remarkable simply by virtue of being women. In their trousers, combat boots, and lipstick, they felt at once defeminized and more desirable than ever before.

Biographical Note: Leah Stewart is the author of three novels, including *The Responsible One*, due out from Harper in summer 2010.

Summary

The third year of the Center Fellows program cemented this program as a centerpiece of the Taft Research Center. The six 2008-09 fellows met at the

Taft House in lunch seminars and finished the year convinced that they would continue their cross-disciplinary professional exchange as they returned to their departments. This is a critical aspect of the program and the success of creating a multidisciplinary cohort rested primarily on the seriousness of purpose which all six Center fellows displayed through the year.

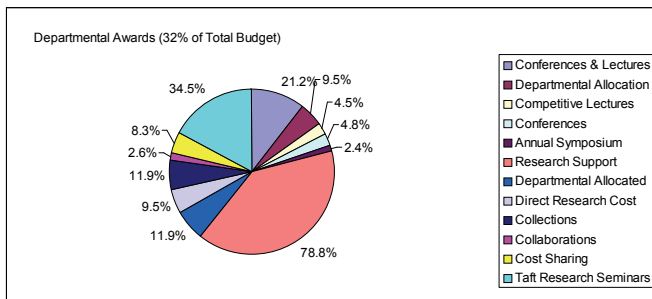
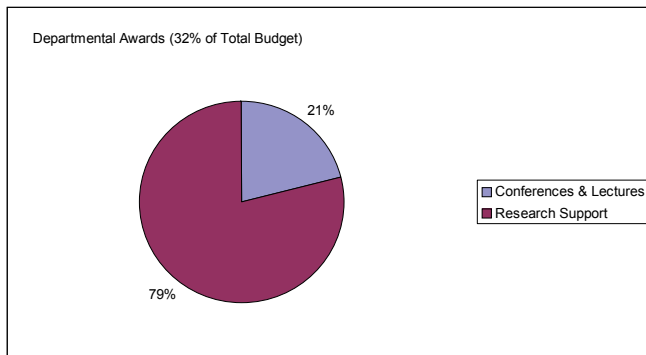
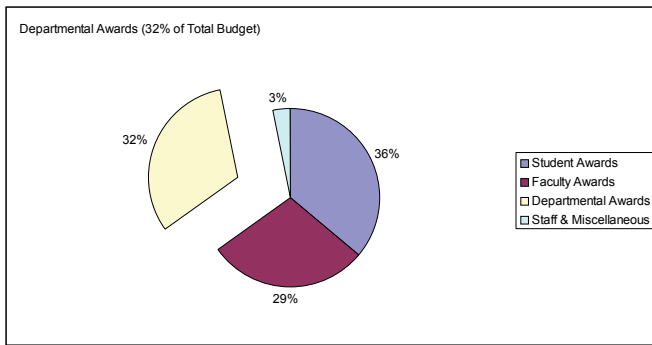
D. Taft Professor Search Committee

The Taft Professor Committee did not meet during the 2008-09 academic year, because there were no openings in the Taft Professorships. With the retirement of Taft Professor Barbara Ramusack (History) in spring 2009, however, the Taft Professor Search Committee will accept nominations for the open Taft Professorship in fall 2009.

E. Publications Committee (1% of the Fund)

The Publications Committee consisted of Todd Herzog (German Studies, Chair), Jennifer Glaser (English and Comparative Literature), and Tara Smith (Mathematics). The Committee evaluates support for direct publication subvention and subsidies for indexing, translations, the preparation of photos, illustrations, and maps, and accompanying copyrights. In the academic year 2008-2009 the Committee provided awards totaling \$2,370.73, compared to the previous year's awards of \$1,346. The two awards were: Jeffrey Loveland (Romance Languages and Literatures), and Jenefer Robinson (Philosophy). Two applications, one from Connie Scarborough (Romance Languages and Literatures) and one from Deborah Meem (English and WGSS) were deferred from the November round. The committee requested more information from Scarborough and, per Taft Center regulations, asked Meem to reapply in February. Neither applicant reapplied and neither request was funded.

**DEPARTMENTAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY AWARDS
(32% OF THE FUND)**



A. Research Support (32% of the Fund)

The Research Support Committee for 2008-09 consisted of Scott Dumas (Mathematics), Laura Jenkins (Political Science), Robert Skipper (Philosophy) Nicasio Urbina (Romance Languages), and was chaired by Claude Lopez (Economics).

The committee had four meetings (September, January, February, and April), during which it reviewed 8 applications: one for cost-sharing, two collection and five for research seminars. We funded all of them, except two: one collection was withdrawn and one research seminar did not meet the criteria explained in the guidelines.

Cost-Sharing Awards

The full amount allocated for Cost-Sharing grants totals \$40,000. The Research Support committee received and reviewed one Cost-Sharing Grant application from Mathematics to supplement a grant received from the National Security Agency. This one award was granted in the amount of \$14,952, leaving \$25,048 unexpended for the 2008-09 academic year. The unexpended amount allowed for excesses in Faculty Travel awards—Domestic Conference Travel and Travel for Research.

Research Cost Support

As initiated in 2007-08, the Research Support committee now reviews Research Cost Support applications under three major sub-categories: Collections; Direct-Research Cost; and Research Collaboration.

Collections

The Research Support committee received 2 requests for library purchases, but one was subsequently withdrawn from consideration. The committee awarded \$32,500 from the total \$50,000 allotment to the Department of History to purchase a research archive on women and U.S. social movements from 1600-2000. An unexpended balance of \$17,500 was reallocated to cover excesses in Faculty Travel.

Direct-Research Cost

During the 2008-09 academic year, no applications were received for Direct-Research Costs. The total budgeted amount of \$40,000 will be held in reserve to supplement the 2010-11 Taft Budget, which will dramatically decrease due to the economic recession.

Research Collaboration

During the 2008-09 academic year, no applications were received for Research Collaboration. The total budgeted amount of \$11,000 will be held in reserve to supplement the 2010-11 Taft Budget, which will dramatically decrease due to the economic recession.

Taft Research Seminars

In the 2008-09 cycle of award deadlines, five proposals for Taft Research Seminars were received from organizing faculty in the Departments of Economics, Mathematics, and Romance Languages and Literatures. Although the Economics proposal was declined, the remaining seminars were funded for a total of \$ 80,000.00

Donald French will organize the Taft Research Seminar on *Mathematical Modeling of Biofilms in Urban Water Distribution Systems*. Three Taft Research Seminars will be hosted by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures: a seminar on *Spanish American Poetry and Poetics*, organized by Armando Romero; a seminar on *Meta-Poetry and Self-Fashioning in Spanish Cotemporary Poetry*, organized by Carlos Gutiérrez; and a seminar on the *Contemporary Central American Short Story*, organized by Nicasio Urbina.

Summary

The re-structured research support categories of Collections, Direct Research Support, and Research Collaboration received positive feedback from faculty and reviewers. The separation of these guidelines has produced a more rationalized system. Overall, the Research Support funds were underutilized for the 2008-09 academic year with only \$195,175 awarded from the total budgeted amount of \$331,000. The remaining unexpended funds (in the amount of \$135,825) were partially reallocated to cover excess expenditures in other award categories, but the majority will be held in reserve to offset the overall budget decrease to be implemented in 2010-11 due to the 2008 economic crisis and ongoing recession.

B. Conferences & Lectures (7% of the Fund)

The committee consisted of Carlos M. Gutiérrez, Chair (Romance Languages), Xiaodong Lin, (Mathematics), Deborah Meem (English), Jeffrey Mills, (Economics) and Kenneth Tankersley (Anthropology). This committee oversees two programs: support for conferences to be held at UC and lectures beyond those allocated to departments, which must be considered competitively for funding.

Lectures

The 22 lectures approved presented a very strong and diverse field including, for example, New York Times best seller author and Harvard professor James Wood; award-winning mathematician Jean-Michel Coron and Lydia Falcón O'Neill, a Spanish feminist icon. Support of those 22 lectures required \$29,712 in Taft support. The additional \$10,712 needed beyond our budget of \$20,000 was authorized through Taft Faculty Chair transfer of underutilized funds. The average cost per lecture was \$1,350, which is a very reasonable figure.

Conferences

The committee recommended the funding of five conference proposals, for a total amount of \$25,673. The additional \$5,673 needed beyond our budget of \$20,000 was authorized through Taft Faculty Chair transfer of underutilized funds. The Taft Research Center was a co-sponsor of Paul Krugman's visit to the University of Cincinnati on April 24, 2009. Professor Krugman is the 2008 winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics and was the keynote speaker of the *Midwest Research in Economics Teaching Symposium*, organized by the Economics Department and hosted by Professor Sourushe Zandvakili. The Taft Research Center contributed \$6,000 to this high profile academic event at UC.

"Darwinism, Science, Religion & Society," a two-day conference co-organized by Professor George Bishop (Political Science) and Professor Larry Jost (Philosophy) will be held in October 2009. It will be the cornerstone of the 2009 Darwinian Celebrations sponsored by the University of Cincinnati, bringing together social scientists, philosophers, and other interdisciplinary Darwin scholars.

A conference proposal on "International Workshop on Theory and Practice of Multivariate Polynomial Solving over Finite Fields," presented by Professor Jintai Ding (Math), was funded with \$6,000. This money will be used as seed money in order to attract additional funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

"Ohio Festival of the Short Story," hosted by doctoral student Peter Grimes (English and Comparative Literature), was funded in the amount of \$3,000.

"Eye, Mind and Art," an interdisciplinary conference of aesthetics, presented by Professor Jenefer Robinson (Philosophy), was funded with \$4,673. The conference will be a cross-college collaboration between the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Design Art Architecture and Planning.

Summary

The request for conference support and competitive lectures varies annually. This was an especially productive year, in which we had more proposals than usual. In the case of conference proposals, Taft money is often used to attract external funding, which is key to bring high profile events and speakers to UC.

Given the economic climate, the committee felt that an especially careful revision of the proposed budgets was in order. Thus, several proposals had to be resubmitted. Also, the committee tried to standardize the honoraria of speakers whose profile was strictly academic. Both measures made possible to fund 22 competitive lectures (beyond the ones supported through department allocations) and 5 conferences. Both figures are significantly up from last year's 12 and 3, respectively. In that regard, we were very fortunate to be able to draw from unexpended funds to go over budget and support them.

III. The 2008-09 Taft Annual Symposium

Celebrating the intellectual synergy and cross-disciplinary collaborations promoted by the Taft Research Center, the Taft Annual Symposium also foregrounds the year-long accomplishments by Taft fellows during their fellowship year and fosters dialogue among faculty and students in the Taft departments.

Beginning on Tuesday, May 5, and concluding on Friday, May 8, the 2008-09 Taft Annual Symposium featured research presentations by the 2008-09 Taft Dissertation Fellows and 2008-09 Taft Center Fellows, as well as a keynote lecturer by invited guest scholar Dr. Joseph Carroll, the Curators' Professor in English and Comparative Literature at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Supporting the 2009 Darwinian Celebration at the University of Cincinnati, organized by Professor Ronald Millard and coordinated by the Provost's Office at UC, the 2008-09 Taft Annual Symposium opened with a provocative lecture by Professor Joseph Carroll on *Literary Darwinism*.

Carroll is the author of *The Cultural Theory of Matthew Arnold* (1982); *Wallace Stevens' Supreme Fiction: A New Romanticism* (1987); *Evolution and Literary Theory* (1995); *Literary Darwinism: Evolution, Human Nature, and Literature* (2004); and *Graphing Jane Austen: Palaeolithic Politics in British Novels of the Nineteenth Century*, which was co-authored with Jonathan Gottschall, John Johnson, and Daniel Kruger. He is also editor of *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, by Charles Darwin (Broadview Press, 2003); and *Evolution, Literature, and Film: A Reader*, which he co-edited with Brian Boyd and Jonathan Gottschall and which is forthcoming from Columbia University Press in 2009.



Professor Joseph Carroll delivered the opening lecture on "Literary Darwinism" on the evening of May 5, 2009.



L- to R-: Taft Center Fellows Michèle Vialet and Anna Linders and Taft Professor Bob Richardson.



Former Taft Faculty Chair Richard Harknett (left foreground) and Associate Professor Tom Polger (right background).



Julian Wuerth (Philosophy) attends a colleague's lecture.

***Presentations by Taft Center Fellows
at the 2008-09 Taft Annual Symposium***



*Words and Pictures: An Essay on the Origin of Ideas
by Christopher Gauker, Center Fellow, Philosophy*



*The Great Slave Conspiracy of 1831
by Wayne Durrill, Center Fellow, History*



*The Argument of the Eudemian Ethics: An Individualist
Approach by Larry Jost, Center Fellow, Philosophy*



*Loyalty Matters: Literary Daughters and the French
Algerian Colonial Legacy by Michèle Vialet, Center
Fellow, Romance Languages and Literatures*



*The Bad Soldier by John Drury (R), Center Fellow,
English and Comparative Literature. Introduction by
English Department Head Professor Russel Durst (L).*



“An Island in the South”: Tampa’s 19th Century Regional Identity by Gregory Jason Bell, Dissertation Fellow, History

Keeping the Faith in Global Civil Society: Illiberal Democracy, International Human Rights and the Rise of the Religious Right by Marjon Kamrani, Dissertation Fellow, Political Science

Error Analysis of a Meshfree Method with Diffuse Derivatives by Mauricio Osorio, Dissertation Fellow, Mathematical Sciences

In Search of the Perfect Execution Audience by Annulla Linders, Center Fellow, Sociology



Presentations by Taft Dissertation Fellows



The Developmental Synthesis: Toward A More Complete Theory of Evolution by Lindsay Craig, Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy

Creating a Healthy and Decent Industrial Labor Force: Health, Sanitation, and Welfare in Colonial Bombay, 1896-1950 by Priyanka Srivastava, Dissertation Fellow, History



On the Very Idea of Realization in the Philosophy of Mind by Doug Keaton, Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy

Edwidge Danticat and Julia Alvarez: Écrivaines Engagées and Caribbean-American Women by Karen Floeckher (L), Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literatures. Introduction by Professor Vialet (R).



The Gospels of Faith and Doubt by Charlie Green, Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature



Migrant Literary and Filmic Trajectories in Francophone Africa: From Assimilation to Transnational Imaginations by Paul N. Touré, Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literatures



New to the Lost Coast by Joshua Butts, Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature

Modernity in Word and Image: Narrative Literature and Film in Weimar Germany by Todd Heidt, Dissertation Fellow, German Studies



Narratives of Sexual Identity Change by Ahoo Tabatabai, Dissertation Fellow, Sociology

IV. Taft House: The Residential Component

In addition to being the site of the Taft Research Center offices, the setting for most Taft-funded lectures and seminars, as well as Taft Departmental Retreats, committee meetings, and Taft Executive Board meetings, the Taft House is also the permanent residence for six Taft graduate students and the temporary residence for visiting scholars, guest seminarians, and other guests of the University of Cincinnati. The administration of the residential component of the Taft Research Center is a significant time commitment and all four of the Taft Center's staff – Faculty Chair, Taft Secretary, and 2 part-time students – were involved regularly in ensuring a living experience that enabled intellectual productivity.



V. Cash Reserve and Contingency Fund

Given the announced and anticipated 2010-11 Taft Budget decreases, the Taft Executive Board voted in spring 2009 to hold \$250,000 in cash reserve. The 2008-09 Planning Committee prepared, per the explicit request of the Taft Trustees, a 2010-11 Taft Budget in the amount of \$1,125,500, which will be supplemented by excess funds in the amount of \$84,888 from the Contingency Fund.

During 2008-09, the Contingency Fund was used to fund Board-Approved Special Requests: the Taft-Sponsored Grant Writing Workshop in the Humanities; a Forum on *Sexuality and Politics* featuring Dr. Nawal El Saadawi, organized by Professor Amy Elder (English) and co-sponsored with the UC Diversity Council and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program; and the hiring of additional Taft Research Center staff (Sarah Domet, who served as Taft graduate assistant during spring 2009). A supplement award of \$500 to defray additional conference costs was authorized by the Faculty Chair for the *Eye Mind and Art Conference*, organized by Professor Jenefer Robinson (Philosophy).

Yours in gratitude,

Jana Evans Braziel, *Faculty Chair*

*The Charles Phelps Memorial Endowment Fund and
the Taft Research Center*

Upcoming Event

January 2010 Humanities Forum

The January 2010 Humanities Forum will feature a keynote lecture by Professor Srinivas Aravamuda, President of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) and Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Duke University, as well as former Director of the John Hope Franklin Institute for the Humanities at Duke. In his lecture, Professor Aravamuda will address the vital need for an engaged public humanities in the 21st century academy. The Humanities Forum will also include a roundtable discussion between Professor Aravamudan, and two other guest visitors—Gerald Early, Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters and Director of the Center for Humanities at Washington University in Saint Louis, and Victory Bailey, Professor of British History and Director of the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas.

For the roundtable discussion, Professor Aravamudan, Professor Early, and Professor Bailey will engage three key questions:

- *What roles will the Humanities serve in the 21st century academy?*
- *Do the humanities have to “justify” their importance during economic recession? (in other words: formulate engaged critical responses to the provocative articles published in the *New York Times*: “In Tough Times, the Humanities Must Justify Their Worth”)*
- *And finally, as directors and faculty, how do we trim budgets without dismantling programs?*



APPENDICES

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1	TAFT MEMORIAL FUND: 2008-09 BUDGET							
2	(2007-08 budget for informational purposes)							
3						2007-8	08-9 Budget	08-9 Awards
4	Conferences & Lectures			7%				
5	Lecture Hosting					\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -
6	Lecture Publicity					\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
7	Departmental Allocation			10 @ \$3,000		\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 37,779
8	Competitive Lectures					\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 29,712
9	Conferences					\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,673
10	Annual Symposium					\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,935
11	Total					\$ 85,000	\$ 89,000	\$ 98,099
12	Faculty Travel Awards			8%				
13	Conference Travel & Research Travel					\$ -		\$ -
14	Travel for Research					\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 44,569
15	International Conf					\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,402
16	Domestic Conf					\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,300
17	Total					\$ 95,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 118,271
18	Faculty Fellowship Awards			11%				
19	Summer Research Fellowships			12 @ \$8,000		\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000
20	Faculty Release Fellowships			5 @ \$6,000		\$ 27,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
21	Research Supplements					\$ -		\$ -
22	Summer research supplements					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
23	FRF research supplements					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
24	Total					\$ 133,500	\$ 136,000	\$ 135,000
25	Center Fellows Award			8%				
26	Center Fellows					\$ 100,050	\$ 109,050	\$ 109,050
27	Major Awards			2%				
28	Departmental Enhancement Awards					\$ -		\$ -
29	Taft Professors			5 @ \$4,000		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
30	Total					\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
31	Publications			1%				
32	Subventions					\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,371
33	Taft House Library Binding					\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
34	Total					\$ 10,250	\$ 10,250	\$ 2,371
35	Research Support			25%				
36	Departmental Allocated			10 @ \$ 5,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
37	Special Requests					\$ -		\$ -
38	Direct Research Cost					\$ 26,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
39	Collections					\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 32,500
40	Collaborations					\$ 20,000	\$ 11,000	\$ -
41	Cost Sharing					\$ 40,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,925
42	Taft Research Seminars					\$ 132,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 97,750
43	Total					\$ 318,000	\$ 331,000	\$ 195,175
44	Student Awards			37%				
45	CP Taft Dissertation			14 @ \$15,200		\$ 213,000	\$ 213,000	\$ 212,800
46	Advanced Departmental Fellowships					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
47	Summer Support					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
48	Advanced Competitive Fellowships					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
49	Graduate Enhancement Fellowships					\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,100
50	Graduate Student Travel					\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,891
51	Graduate Enrichment					\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,345
52	Grad Fellows Colloquium					\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
53	Taft Center Grad Fellowship					\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
54	Taft Center Grad Assistantship					\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 16,295
55	Undergraduate Enrichment Awards					\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,860
56	Undergraduate Research Fellow					\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
57	Total					\$ 469,000	\$ 469,000	\$ 470,791
58	Miscellaneous			2%				
59	Staff Compensation					\$ 19,290	\$ 19,868	\$ 28,207
60	Fringe Benefits for Staff (36%)					\$ 9,548	\$ 9,834	\$ 12,162
61	Chair's Contingency					\$ 362	\$ 362	\$ 15,311
62	Supplies/Office					\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,996
63	Lecture Hosting					\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,451
64	Lecture Publicity					\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 927
65	Total					\$ 30,200	\$ 38,064	\$ 66,054
66	Total Allocated					\$ 1,261,000	\$ 1,302,364	\$ 1,214,811

**DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
2009-10**

English and Comparative Literature

Jesseca Cornelson

Difficult History: Alabama in Poems

Erica Dawson

The Rabbit Patch

Julianne Lynch

*Mother, Mother, and Novel***German Studies**

Michael J. Ennis

The M.S. Wilhelm Gustloff and the "Germans as Victims" Debate in German Memory Culture

Michael Hutchins

*W.G. Sebald's Melancholy Messianism***History**

Evan Hart

*Guerrillas in the Midst: The Natinal Black Women's Health Project***Mathematical Sciences**

Daniel Cabarcas

Mutant Algorithms for Solving Polynomial Equations

Ivonne Rivas

Analysis and Control of the Boussinesq Equation

Yan Sun

*Regularization for Stationary Multivariate Time Series***Philosophy**

Clement Loo

*Towards a New Normative Framework for Environmental Philosophy and Policy***Political Science**

John P. Callaghan

*Slavery and Major Power Warfare: Similar Paths to Obsolescence?***Romance Languages and Literatures**

Rafael Garcia

*Textual Horizons and Religious Interpretive Communities in 16th Century Spain: The Reception of the Works of Fray Luis de Granada (1504-1588)***Sociology**

Ying Ma

Ethnic Language Maintenance Among Second-Generation Immigrant Children at Their School Age

Rachel A. Sebastian

Class-Based Parenting Orientations and Gender Ideology as Determinants of Child Care Arrangements

**GRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS
2008-2009**

Anthropology

Marianne Ballantyne Atlanta, GA \$500
Miami Fort: An Ancient Hydraulic Structure

English and Comparative Literature

Byron Bailey Washington D.C. \$495
Kissed in General: Text and Interpretation in the Kissing Scene of Shakespear's Troilus and Cressida

Walter Bosse Albuquerque, NM \$500
Poems as Contact Zones: Ezra Pound and the Art of Collecting

John Branscum Boston, MA \$500
Speaking in Tongues: The Holy Spirit in 19th Century Women's Suffrage Rhetoric

Allison Carr Boston, MA \$500
Resisting the Feminine: Desire and Concealment in Zoe Wilcomb's "David's Story"

Joseph DeLong St. Louis, MO \$500
You Can Play No Part But Pyramus: Competence in A Midsummer Night's Dream

Peter Grimes Chicago, IL \$350
Plotting Against Plot: Exploring Alternatives in Narrative Progression

Julianne Lynch Chicago, IL \$335
Nonlistening: A Dialogue Exercise

Kristi Maxwell Chicago, IL \$410
Revision as Disrupting and Reconstructing: Mapping One's Approach Onto Another's

David Poissant Chicago, IL \$350
Point of View: More than I/He/You (More Ways to Show, Not Tell)

Katherine Polak Boston, MA \$500
Mortifying the Spirit: The Memory of the Camp in Hellblazer

Michael Rerick Chicago, IL \$410
Image, Memory, and Generating Image Based Poems in Workshop

Bryan Smith Chicago, IL \$295
Soul Sonic force, or Say it Loud: Introducing Style and Form in Beginning Prose

Linda Torok San Francisco, CA \$500
The Critical Difference between What ESL Students 'Should Be' and What They 'Are':Issues of Motivation and Representation when Teaching Saudi Students

History

Priyanka Srivastava Madison, WI \$500
Making the Subaltern Visible: Maternal and Infant Health Campaigns in Colonial Bombay, 1900-1947

Charlie Lester Chicago, IL \$491
Bound No'th Blues: Chicago's South Side, the First Great Migration, & Jazz, 1915-1930

Mathematical Sciences

Crystal Clough Frutillar, Chile \$500
Square: A new Multivariate Encryption Scheme

David Freeman Ankara, Turkey \$90
Bilipschitz Homogeneity and Jordan Curves

Philosophy

Lindsay Craig Hempstead, NY \$500
Defending Evo-Devo: A Response to Hoekstra and Coyne

Sean Keating Brisbane, Australia \$500
Bounds of Agential Systems

Douglas Keaton Savannah, GA \$492
Realization and Property Instances

Political Science

Ramin Ahmadov New York, NY \$500
Religion in Politics: Two Patterns of Religious Representation in Turkey

Ciprian Alionescu Timisoara, Romania \$500
Parliamentary Representation of Minorities in Romania

Ciprian Alionescu Budapest, Hungary \$500
Paramilitary Representation of Minorities in Romania

Marjon Kamrani New York, NY \$500
Global Civil Society and the Uneasy Relationship Among Women's Rights, Human Rights, and Religious Rights

Anil Pillai New York, NY \$247
Retreating from the Nuclear Path: Prudential Realism & Nuclear Forbearance

Rafael Ranieri New York, NY \$485
Who Wins at the WTO?: Outcomes of Trade Disputes and their Implications to the World Order and Globalization and Policy Space for Development: Is the WTO-based International Trade Regime a Straightjacket to Developing Countries?

Hasan Yalcin Chicago, IL \$500
International Structure and State Motivations; Islam and Democracy: The Case of Justice and Development Party in Turkey

Romance Languages & Literatures

Karen Floeckher	Toronto	\$500
<i>Ecrivaine Engage in lieu of Motherhood in the Works of Julia Alvarez</i>		

Arturo Gutierrez	Rosario, Argentina	\$500
<i>Poetry Reading/Amantes Antipodas (Poetry and Criticism)</i>		

Sociology

Hara Bastas	San Francisco, CA	\$443
<i>The Splitting of Girls' Body Politic</i>		

Patrick Kennealy	Madison, WI	\$500
<i>Community Representation in Local Development Planning</i>		

Ahoo Tabatabai	San Francisco, CA	\$500
<i>Protecting the Lesbian Border: The Tension Between Individual and Communal Authenticity</i>		

**GRADUATE ENRICHMENT AWARDS
2008–2009**

Anthropology

Lindsay Argo Say Ka Archaeological Site, Belize \$2,168
Exploring the Sociopolitical Role of Classic Maya Subsidiary Centers: A Ceramic Perspective of Say Ka, Belize

Angela Hood El Salvador \$827
Manioc at Cerén: Ancient Maya Garden Plant or Staple Crop?

Jessica Juarez Cleveland, OH \$1,393
Determining the Direction of Impact by Blunt Force Fracture Patterns: A Case Study on Modern Osteological Collection

Brian Lane Tikal, Guatemala \$1,906
A Comparison of Ancient Water Management Systems of the Ohio River Valley and the Central Maya Lowlands

Economics

Yan li Bergen, Norway \$2,500
Natural Resource Management: The Norwegian Model

Saurabh Niraula Bergen, Norway \$2,500
Summer Graduate Program at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration

English and Comparative Literature

Peter Grimes Burlington, Vermont \$982
Confessions of an Unmade Man

Katharine Polak Cincinnati & Columbus, OH \$400
Theorizing Sequential Art for Critical Theory

German Studies

Todd Heidt Marbach & Berlin, Germany \$2,357
Back to Basics: The Forgotten Manuscripts of Alfred Döblin and Bertolt Brecht

History

Lance Lubelski Goshen, India \$590
Between Pacifism and Diaspora: The Hutterites of Bohemia-Moravia, 1593-1624

Amy Selby London, England \$2,500
Experiences of British Prisoners of War in German East Africa during WWI

Romance Languages and Literatures

Rafael Garcia Granada & Valladolid, Spain \$2,350
Textual Horizons and Interpretive Religious Communities in 16th Century Spain: The Reception of the Works of Fray Luis De Granada (1504-1588)

Paula Garrido Buenos Aires, Argentina \$2,500
Tradition and New Voices in Fantastic Literature by Argentinean Women Writers

Nidia Herrera	Bogota, Colombia	\$2,500
<i>Tendencies in the last two decades of Colombian Poetry</i>		
Manuel Iris	Mexico City, Mexico	\$2,500
<i>Triple Diamond: Interpretive approach to Ali Chumacero poetic works</i>		
Gabriel Rudas	Salamanca & Madrid, Spain	\$2,500
<i>Periphery and Modernity in Carmen Martin's Gaité's "El cuarto de atrás"</i>		
Maria Sanchez	Medellin & Bogotá, Colombia	\$1,972
<i>Helena Araújo: self-portrait or auto fiction? In search of a genre beyond the magic realism and the feminist catalogue.</i>		
Sociology		
Stephan Groschwitz	Cincinnati, OH; Albuquerque, NM; San Francisco, CA	\$2,500
<i>Al Gore's "Army": Examining Storytelling as Social Movement Activity in the Contentious Politics of Knowledge</i>		
Rachel Sebastian	Cincinnati & Kentucky	\$2,400
<i>Class-Based Parenting Orientations and Gender Ideology as Determinates of Non-Parental Child Care Arrangements</i>		

**GRADUATE ENHANCEMENT
2008–2009**

Anthropology

Sarah C. Barth	\$5,025
Jessica Juarez	\$5,025

Economics

Saurabh Niraula	\$3,498
Ramon Velazquez Salinas	\$3,498

English and Comparative Literature

Sheri L. Allen	\$2,000
Nicholas B. Chuha	\$2,000
Jessica A. Cornelson	\$2,000
Erica G. Dawson	\$2,000
Charles R. Green	\$3,000
Peter J. Grimes	\$2,000
Matthew McBrice	\$1,000
Soren G. Palmer	\$1,000
David J. Poissant	\$2,000
Michael S. Rerick	\$2,000
Linda A. Torok	\$2,000
Dietrik P. Vanderhill	\$1,000
Ruth Williams	\$2,000

German Studies

Michael D. Hutchins	\$1,833
Wesley T. Jackson, Jr.	\$1,833
Nicole M. Lyon	\$1,834

History**Mathematical Sciences**

Daniel Cabarcas	\$1,500
Miguel Caicedo Caceres	\$1,000
Angelica Caicedo Casso	\$1,000
Marla Cordray	\$1,000
Kristen Fox	\$1,000
David Freeman	\$2,000
Wei Guo	\$1,000
JongHyuk G Gyun	\$1,000
Zhang Kang	\$1,000
Woosuk Kim	\$1,000
Jessica Knoch	\$1,000
Yongchao Liu	\$1,000
Longla Martial	\$1,000
Sasmita Patnaik	\$1,000
Nadesan Ramaruban	\$1,000
Andoniaina Rarivoarimanana	\$1,000

Ai Ren	\$1,000
Ivonne Rivas	\$1,500
Yan Sun	\$1,500
Roxana Tanase	\$1,000
Hongjun Wang	\$1,000
Xiaopei Wang	\$1,000
Philosophy	
Nina A. Atanosova	\$1,800
Sean P. Keating	\$1,800
Political Science	
Ramin Ahmadov	\$2,000
Brad Nestheide	\$1,500
Rafael Ranieri	\$2,000
Rike Rothenstein	\$1,500
Romance Languages & Literatures	
Estela R. Alvarado	\$1,760
Stacey Bill	\$2,168
Maria Canto	\$2,500
Yann Gaboriau	\$2,000
Sociology	
Harold Dawson	\$1,000
Holly N. Haywood	\$1,500
Patrick J. Kennealy	\$2,200

**UNDERGRADUATE ENRICHMENT AWARDS
2008-2009**

Economics

Ms. Susan Kayser	Bergen, Norway	\$2,000
<i>Natural Resources Management and Policy: The Norwegian Model</i>		

German Studies

Mr. James Thaxton	Munich, Germany	\$2,000
<i>Summer in Munich, Germany</i>		

Political Science

Mr. Daniel Inscore	Hague, Netherlands	\$400
<i>World Model United Nations Conference</i>		

Mr. Per Jansen	Hague, Netherlands	\$400
<i>World Model United Nations Conference</i>		

Ms. Courtney Pope	Hague, Netherlands	\$400
<i>World Model United National Conference</i>		

Mr. Justin Post	Hague, Netherlands	\$400
<i>World Model United Nations Conference</i>		

Mr. Keith Schomaker	Yucatan, Mexico	\$2,000
<i>Yucatan Field Trip</i>		

Mr. Adam Yosef	St. Petersburg, Russia	\$1,500
<i>Giant Tsar: Russia in the Age of Peter the Great</i>		

Romance Languages & Literatures

Ms. Brittany Brentley	Alicante, Spain	\$2,000
<i>University Studies Abroad Consortium in Alicante, Spain</i>		

Ms. Lindsay Krall	Yucatan, Mexico	\$2,000
<i>Yucatan Field Trip</i>		

Ms. Erin O'Brenier	Quiche, Guatemala	\$1,180
<i>Service Learning, Study Abroad, Habitat for Humanity</i>		

Ms. Melody Smith	Quiche, Guatemala	\$1,180
<i>Service Learning, Study Abroad, Habitat for Humanity</i>		

Sociology

Ms. Virginia Vega-Sifred	Hague, Netherlands	\$400
<i>World Model United Nations Conference</i>		

**UNDERGRADUATE SR. RESEARCH FELLOWS
2008-2009**

Anthropology

Mr. Varun Pawar

Nutritional Stresses and Diseases Related to Paleodiet: Correlations Between Stable Carbon and Nitrogen Isotopic Data and Paleopathology

Supervisor, Professor Joseph Foster

Economics

Mr. Sean P. Sullivan

Equity Options as Volatility Instruments; the Relationship between Historical and Implied Volatility: The Volatility Index (VIX®) and its Option's Characteristics

Supervisor, Professor Jeff Mills

English and Comparative Literature

Mr. Matthew Weber

On Wanting Pairs of Eyes: Virginia Woolf's Subjective Constructions of Identities

Supervisor, Professor Gary Weissman

History

Mr. Andrew Pilder

City Life and the Nation State: A Comparison of Visual Culture and Built Environment in Israel and Syria

Supervisor, Professor Elizabeth Frierson

Mathematical Sciences

Mr. Joshua Nohle

Differential Geometry, Hilbert Space, and Beyond: Understanding the Mathematical Tools of Modern Physics

Supervisor, Professor Steve Pelikan

Philosophy

Mr. Lucas Matthews

Neural Networks and the Dynamics of Science: Probing the Neurocomputational Perspective for the Criteria of a Specific Revolution

Supervisor, Professor Julian Wuerth

Political Science

Mr. Per de Vise Jansen

Silent Labor Flows: African Immigration and Cincinnati's Globalizing Economy

Supervisor, Professor Colleen McTague

Romance Languages and Literatures

Ms. Elisabeth Morgan

Lessons from the Rwanda Genocide: An Assessment of International, National, and Local Responses to Human Rights Abuses and the Responsibility to Protect

Supervisor, Professor Michele Vialet

**FACULTY AWARDS
2008-2009**

HUMANITIES

ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE (63 FACULTY) 20 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$83,552

Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Kathryn Rentz	Incline Village, NV	\$533
<i>The Group Report: Variations and Strategies</i> (2) <i>The Impact of Publishing Industry Trends on Publishing Business Communication Research</i> (3) <i>ERespondent for Outstanding Researcher Award Address</i>		
Edgar Slotkin	Berkeley, CA	\$453
<i>Oidheadh Chloinne Uisnigh and the Glenmasan Manuscript</i>		
Jay Twomey	Minneapolis, MN	\$300
<i>The Event of Conversion: Alain Badiou on the Road to Damascus</i>		
Jay Twomey	Boston, MA	\$229
<i>The Pastor and His Fops: Gender Indistinction in the Pastorals and Their Readers</i>		
Jay Twomey	Cambridge, MA	\$215
<i>Paulitics: Recent Theoretical Paulinism in Literary Perspective</i>		
Gary Weissman	Evanston, IL	\$273
<i>My Elie Wiesel Problem - and Ours</i>		
Barbara Wenner	Richmond, VA & Iowa City, IA	\$700
<i>Let's Pretend: Late 18th Century Children's Travel Books and Late 18th Century Feminine Landscape of Africa: Anna Maria Falconbridge and Miss Tully</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Stan Corkin	New York	\$1,550
<i>Starring New York, As Itself: Film, Globalization, and Cultural Narratives of Decline and Re birth, 1969-1981</i>		
John Drury	Cambridge & Bethesda, MD	\$1,000
<i>Voice Lessons for the Dead</i>		
Jon Hughes	India	\$3,000
<i>Documenting Sustainable Development in India</i>		
Center Fellowship		
Tamar Heller		\$18,000
<i>A Plot of Her Own: Rhoda Broughton and English Fiction</i>		
Leah Stewart		\$18,000
<i>Lucy's War (a novel)</i>		

Faculty Release Fellowship

Michael Griffith		\$6,000
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Crossword: A Novel

Jay Twomey		\$6,000
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Radical Paulitics: Paul and Political Theory in Cultural Context

Faculty Release Fellowship - Research Supplement

Jay Twomey		\$1,500
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Radical Paulitics: Paul and Political Theory in Cultural Context

Summer Research Fellowship

Jennifer Glaser		\$8,000
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Exception Differences: Race and the Postwar Jewish American Literary Imagination

Trish Thomas Henley		\$8,000
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Velvet Women Within: Representations of Prostitutes on the Early English Stage, 1590-1642

Gary Weissman		\$8,000
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The Voice in the Well and The Bogey-Man in the Well

Summer Research Fellowship - Research Supplement

Jennifer Glaser		\$1,500
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Exception Differences: Race and the Postwar Jewish American Literary Imagination

Gary Weissman		\$300
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The Voice in the Well and The Bogey-Man in the Well

GERMAN STUDIES (5 FACULTY) 4 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,481**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Katharina Gerstenberger	Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN	\$476
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Bashing Berlin: A Critical History

Richard Schade	St. Louis, MO	\$505
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The Battle of Wittstock Revisited (1636/2006)" Grimmelshausen, Grass and Guilt

International Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Todd Herzog	Tokyo, Japan	\$2,700
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The Banality of Surveillance

Noriko Fujioka Ito	Sydney, Australia	\$1,800
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Interrelationship Between Learners' Factors and their Perception of Error Feedback during Writing Activities

HISTORY (23 FACULTY) 17 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$52,903**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Sigrun Haude	St. Louis, MO	\$506
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Reading the Heavens: Astrological Debates in Seventeenth-Century German Lands

Wendy Kline	Cleveland, OH	\$490
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Beyond Abortion: Women's Health Activism in Chicago after Roe

Hilda Smith	Corvallis, OR	\$700
<i>'Durst neither look up...nor speak': How far we can trust ,Margaret Cavendish's Autobiography?</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Isaac Campos Costero	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	\$1,840
<i>The War on Drugs and Human Rights in Mexico, 1890-2009</i>		
Mark Lause	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	\$1,738
<i>The Other Brothers;The African American Experience of 19th Century Revolutionary Secret Societies</i>		
Geoffrey Plank	Exeter, England	\$1,576
<i>Gibraltar, Britain and the Muslim World in the Eighteenth Century</i>		
Geoffrey Plank	London, UK	\$1,265
<i>The Quakers and 1759</i>		
Mark Raider	Jerusalem	\$1,200
<i>Free Associations: Hayim Greenburg-Secular Zionist Leader, Jewish Public Intellectual</i>		
Hilda Smith	Umea, Sweden	\$1,150
<i>Free and Willing to Remit: Women Petitioners and the Court of Alderman</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Steve Bowman	Israel	\$3,000
<i>The Book of Yosippon</i>		
Isaac Campos Costero	Mexico City, & Guadalajara, Mexico	\$1,137
<i>Marijuana, Madness, and the Origins of the War on Drugs in North America, 1545-1940</i>		
Man Bun Kwan	Ann Arbor, MI; Tianjin, P.R.C.	\$3,200
<i>Captive Capitalism: The Nationalization of Salt in Modern China, 1937-1953</i>		
Christopher Phillips	Columbia, KS, St. Louis, MO	\$1,600
<i>The Rivers Run Backward: The Civil War on the Middle Boarder and the Making of American Regionalism</i>		
Center Fellowship		
Christopher Phillips		\$18,000
<i>The Rivers Run Backward: The Civil War on the Middle Border and the Making of America Regionalism.</i>		
Faculty Release Fellowship		
Geoffrey Plank		\$6,000
<i>Peace in the British Empire: John Woolman, Imperialism and the Peaceable Kingdom</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship		
Stephen R. Porter		\$8,000
<i>A Benevolent Empire: Refugess, NGOs , and the American State</i>		

Summer Research Fellowship - Research Supplement

Stephen R. Porter \$1,500
A Benevolent Empire: Refugees, NGOs, and the American State

PHILOSOPHY (11 FACULTY) 4 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,747**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Lawrence Jost New York, NY \$301
Just How Platonist is Aristotelian Teleology: Does Sedley Overdo It?

Thomas Polger Savannah, GA \$555
Physicalism and Moorean Supervenience

International Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Julian Weurth Hong Kong, China \$2,291
Kant on How the Soul Both Is and Is Not a Substance

Research Travel Grant

Robert Richardson Amsterdam, Netherlands; Utrecht, Netherlands \$2,600
Mechanisms in Systems Biology; Evolution, Animal Behavior and Psychology

ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (13 FACULTY) 22 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$33,842**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Therese Migraine George New Orleans, LA \$448
"L'enfant est mort: mythe, mémoire et sacrifice dans Reine Pokou de Véronique Tadjo"

Fenfang Hwu Mesa, AZ \$700
Conducting Experimental Studies of L2 Instruction on the Web: Requirements and Solutions

Patricia Valladares Ruiz Lexington, KY \$128
Abrir la ventana para que corra el aire: Sincretismo religioso, género y sexualidad en la cultura cubana contemporánea

Connie Scarborough St. Louis, MO \$510
Racial Stereotypes, Misogyny, and Sexual Innuendo: A Politically Incorrect Approach to Teaching Humor in Medieval Spanish Literature

Alfredo Sosa Velasco Hempstead, NY \$209
Embodying Gay Icons, Performing Sexuality: Actresses, Performers, Transvestites, and Divas in Almodovar's cinema

Alfredo Sosa Velasco Minneapolis, MN \$491
Spain is Intersexual! Masculization and Heterosexualization of the Nation in Gregori Maranon: The Writing of Psicohistorias

Alfredo Sosa Velasco Boston, MA \$135
Writing, Past, and Memory from the Periphery: The Galician Case

Michele Vialet	Louisville, KY	\$287
<i>The Secret song of Arabic: Leila Sebbar's recits de filiation</i>		
Michele Vialet	Lexington, KY	\$210
<i>"Reappraising the Father's Legacy: Assia Djebar's Nulle part la maison de mon père</i>		
Michele Vialet	New Orleans, LA	\$274
<i>Roman des origines et filiation imagininaire dans les récits à la première personne de Leïla Sebbar</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Carlos Gutierrez	Santiago de Compostela, Spain	\$903
<i>Quevedo en los poetas norteamericanos del XX</i>		
Jeff Loveland	Halifax, NS, Canada	\$880
<i>The Sciences in the Encyclopedie and the Early Encyclopaedia Britannica</i>		
Maria Paz Moreno	Mexico City, Mexico	\$1,031
<i>Poetry reading from my own work</i>		
Armando Romero	Athens, Greece	\$924
<i>Cesar Vallejo, and the art of not seeing</i>		
Patricia Valladare Ruiz	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	\$1,757
<i>Cubanas Freestyle: Representaciones periféricas de género, sexualidad y raza en 'Las Krudas'</i>		
Nicasio Urbina	Leon, Nicaragua	\$860
<i>Ruben Dario: Mythology as a Permenant Characteristic</i>		
Nicasio Urbina	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	\$759
<i>Desigualdad y violencia en "Sombras nada más" de Serio Ramírez</i>		
Alfredo Sosa Velasco	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	\$336
<i>Queerness and Identity Formation in Edwin Sanchez's 'Trafficking in Broken Hearts'</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Nicaso Urbina	Nicaragua	\$1,000
<i>The New Central American Short Story</i>		
Faculty Release Fellowship		
Therese Migraine Migraine-George		\$6,000
<i>The New Aesthetics of Francophone Women Writers</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship		
Patricia Valladares Ruiz		\$8,000
<i>National Identity and Dissident Sexualities in Contemporary Cuban Fiction</i>		
Alfredo J. Sosa Velasco		\$8,000
<i>Spain is Ill! The Politics of Illness in Twentieth-Century Spain: Physicans, Writers as Healers of the Nation</i>		

SOCIAL SCIENCES**ANTHROPOLOGY (9 FACULTY) – 9 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,862****Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Sarah Jackson Atlanta, GA \$319
Monumental Meanings: Reflections on Space and Place in Central America and Inner Asia

Jeremy Koster Fullerton, CA \$700
Mate Choice Among the Mayangna and Miskito of Nicaragua: A Cultural Consensus Analysis Approach

Kenneth Tankersley Atlanta, GA \$345
Caves, Clovis, A Comet, and Climate Change; Miami Fort: A Hopewell Hydraulic Structure

International Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Sarah E. Jackson London, England \$1,608
Writing as Material Technology: Transforming Socio-political landscapes in Classic Maya Contexts

Jeremy Koster Mexico City, Mexico \$2,290
Grandparental and Parental Investment Among the Miskito and Mayangna of Nicaragua

Research Travel Grant

Sarah Jackson Berkley & San Marino, CA \$2,600
Investigating Colonial Maya Adaptations in the Archivo General de Centroamérica

Summer Research Fellowship

Sarah E. Jackson \$8,000
Investigating Heterarchical Relationships through Material Culture: Excavations at the Classic Maya Site of Say Ka, Belize

Kenneth B. Tankersley \$8,000
Investigating Miami Fort: An Ancient Hydraulic System

Summer Research Supplement

Sarah E. Jackson \$1,000
Investigating Heterarchical Relationships Through Material Culture: Excavations at the Classic Maya Site of Say Ka, Belize

ECONOMICS (11 FACULTY) 6 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,076**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

David Brassington Napa, CA \$695
Parents, Peers or School Inputs: Which Components of School Outcomes are Capitalized into House Value?

Claude Lopez Lawrence, KS & Washington, DC \$700
Testing for Convergence Using Panel Data Methods with an Application to Euro Area Inflation

Oliver Parent	Kansas & New York City	\$700
<i>1) Space and Time Filters Using Panel Data with Random Effects, 2) Space Time Analysis of the Knowledge Production Function</i>		
Nicolas Williams	Cleveland	\$339
<i>Sector Specificity of Training</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
David Brassington	Rome, Italy	\$2,450
<i>Parents, Peers, or School Inputs: Which Components of School Outcomes are Capitalized into House Value?</i>		
Debashis Pal	Toulouse, France	\$2,192
<i>On the Performance of Linear Contracts</i>		
POLITICAL SCIENCE (11 FACULTY) 11 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$50,120		
Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
George Bishop	Hollywood, FL	\$700
<i>The Year of Darwin: American's Scientific Knowledge & Beliefs about Human Evolution in 2009</i>		
Beth Honadle (Taft/Niehoff Faculty Fellowship)	Milwaukee, WI	\$455
<i>Urban Universities and Neighborhood Development: Reflections on a Stakeholder Analysis Studio Project</i>		
Beth Honadle	Miami, FL	\$700
<i>Roots and Progress of the Perfect Fiscal Storm: Assessing Implications for State and Local Public Finance</i>		
Laura Jenkins	Chicago, IL	\$77
<i>Backwards Classes and Creamy Layers: Intersectionality in Indian Affirmative Action</i>		
Dinshaw Mistry	Boston, Massachusetts	\$610
<i>The Politics of Proliferation</i>		
Stephen Mockabee	Chicago, IL	\$278
<i>Beyond the God Gap: Religion and Electoral Politics in America</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Dinshaw Mistry	Delhi, India	\$2,800
<i>Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, and International Cooperation: The Nuclear Agreement with India</i>		
Dinshaw Mistry	Geneva, Switzerland	\$500
<i>Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, International Cooperation: The Nuclear Agreement with India</i>		
Center Fellowships		
Richard Harknett		\$18,000
<i>Stable Imbalance of Power: The Conditions for Pervasive Hegemony</i>		
Laura Jenkins		\$18,000
<i>The Politics of Religious Conversion in India.</i>		

SOCIOLOGY (10 FACULTY) 13 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$21,484**Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Steve Carlton Ford	San Francisco, CA	\$700
<i>Praetorian Militarization: Children's Life Chances</i>		
Annulla Linders	Boston, MA	\$286
<i>Women in the Execution Audience: 'Never Did we see Their Sex More Disgraced'</i>		
Annulla Linders	San Francisco, CA	\$500
<i>Methods of Killing, Ways of Seeing: Execution Technology and the Scientific Gaze</i>		
Jennifer Malat	Boston, MA	\$515
<i>Racial Ideology and 'Cultural Competance' in Health Care</i>		
Jennifer Malat	San Francisco, CA	\$655
<i>National Black Political Leadership and Racial Variation in Health Status: The Obama Test; Race/Ethnicity, Inequality, and Health in The News</i>		
Carollette Norwood	Des Moines, IA	\$402
<i>Mitigating HIV with Women's Empowerment, A Look at Urban Women in Yaoundé, Cameroon</i>		
Jeffrey Timberlake	Chicago, IL	\$558
<i>Trends in Minority Suburbanization in American Metropolitan Areas, 1970-2000</i>		
Jeffrey Timberlake	Detroit, MI	\$142
<i>Trends in Minority Suburbanization in American Metropolitan Areas, 1970-2000</i>		
Rhys Williams	Boston, MA	\$315
<i>Religion and Labor: Work, Wealth, Poverty, and Movement Mobilization</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Kelly Moore	Rotterdam, Netherlands	\$2,410
<i>1) Explaining Failed Biogovernance: Federal Nutrition Guidelines and the 'Noncompliant Citizen' and 2) Using Women's Bodies: Establishing Causality in 'Sick Building Syndrome' (panelist)</i>		
Faculty Release Fellowship		
David Maume		\$6,000
<i>Social Determinants of Adolescent Sleep Quality</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship		
Jennifer Malat		\$8,000
<i>Racial Inequality in Health</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship - Research Supplement		
Jennifer Malat		\$1,000
<i>Racial Inequality in Health</i>		

SCIENCES**MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (36 FACULTY) 23 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$71,890****Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Jintai Ding	San Francisco, CA	\$510
<i>Square, a New Multivariate Public Key Cryptosystems</i>		
Victor Kaftal	Urbana, IL	\$270
<i>Strong Sums of Projections</i>		
Victor Kaftal	Boulder, Co	\$430
<i>Perturbation of Finite Frames and Projections</i>		
Xiaodong Lin	Storrs, CT	\$536
<i>Information Conversion and Bayesian Effective Sample Size</i>		
Nageswari Shanmugalingum	Middletown, CT	\$420
<i>Geometric Aspects of 1-Capacity in Metric Measure Spaces</i>		
Seongho Song	San Antonio, TX	\$700
<i>Hierarchical Bayesian Analysis of Genetic Diversity in Geographically Structured Populations</i>		
Gary Weiss	Williamsburg, VA	\$700
<i>3-Paving Small Matrices, Experimental Data for Possible Research Directions</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Xiadong Lin	Weihai, China	\$588
<i>Regularization for Stationary Multivariate Time series</i>		
Dan Ralescu	Kunming, China	\$2,700
<i>Applications of a Unified Theory of Uncertainty</i>		
Srdjan Stojanovic	Beijing, China	\$1,767
<i>Stochastic Control Approach to Financial Derivative Pricing and Hedging in Incomplete Markets</i>		
Bingyu Zhang	Beijing, Shanghai, & Daejeon, Korea	\$1,741
<i>1) Boundary Control of Nonlinear Schrodinger Equations, 2) Complex-valued Burgers and KdV-Burgers Equations, 3) Control and Stabilization of the Korteweg-de Vries equation on a periodic domain</i>		
Bingyu Zhang	Beijing, China	\$958
<i>Control and Stabilization of the Korteweg-de vries Equation</i>		
Ning Zhong	Hagen, Germany	\$1,687
<i>The Complexity of Blowup Problems</i>		

Research Travel Grant

Jintai Ding	Beijing, China	\$2,000
<i>New Directions in Multivariate Polynomial; Solving over Finite Fields</i>		
David Herron	Jycäskylä, Finland; Auckland, New Zealand	\$3,700
<i>Modern Geometric Function Theory</i>		
Philip Korman	Iowa City, Williamsburg, VA, College Park, PA, Columbus, New York,	\$3,000
<i>Exact multiplicity and efficient computation of solutions for some Partial Differential Equations</i>		
Dan Ralescu	Tokyo, Japan	\$3,700
<i>Fundamentals and Applications of a Unified Theory of Uncertainty</i>		
Siva Sivaganesan	Houston, TX; Columbia, MO	\$3,000
<i>Subgroup Analysis for Multiple Responses</i>		
Srdjan Stojanovic	Suzhou, China	\$1,482
<i>Research in Financial Engineering while on Academic Leave</i>		
Center Fellowships		
Jintai Ding		\$18,000
<i>Post-quantum Cryptography and Long Term Security</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship		
Donald A. French		\$8,000
<i>Analysis of Inverse Problems on Social Networks</i>		
Victor Kaftal		\$8,000
<i>The Carpenter's Theorem in Type II Von Neumann Factors</i>		
Ning Zhong		\$8,000
<i>Non-computability of Continuous Problems</i>		

RESEARCH SUPPORT
2008-2009

Cost Sharing Award	
Mathematical Sciences	
Magda Peligrad	\$14,925
<i>Modeling Dependence via Martingale Approximation and Limit Theorems</i>	
Library Purchases	
History	
Tracy Teslow	
<i>Women and Social Movements in the United States 1600-2000</i>	\$32,500

**RESEARCH SUPPORT
RESEARCH SEMINARS
2009-2010**

Mathematical Sciences

Donald French \$16,000

Mathematical Modeling of Biofilms in Urban Water Distribution Systems

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Nick Cogan, Florida State University

David Herron \$48,000

21st Century Geometric Analysis

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Volker Mayer, Universite des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France;

Dr. Jana Bjorn, Linkopings Universitet, Sweden; Dr. Dror Varolin, Stony Brook University

Romance Languages and Literatures

Carlos Gutierrez \$16,000

Meta-poetry and Self-fashioning in Spanish Contemporary Poetry

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Pilar Celma, Universidad de Valladolid, Spain; Dr. Javier Blasco, Universidad de Valladolid, Spain

Armando Romero \$32,000

Spanish American Poetry and Poetics

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Floriano Martins, Dr. Pedro Lastra

Nicasio Urbina \$11,500

The Contemporary Central American Short Story

Visiting Scholar; Dr. Enrique Jaramillo-Levi, Universidad Tecnologica de Panama

**LECTURES
2008–2009**

Anthropology

Charles Cameron Mann, (October 9, 2008) \$3,250
1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus

Bruce Winterhalder, University of California-Davis, (May 15, 2009) \$750
Ideal Free, Prehistoric Settlement of the Northern Channel Islands and the Evolution of Social Inequality

Economics

Henry J. Aaron, the Brookings Institution, (October 23, 2008) \$4,000
The Economics and Politics of Health Care Reform

English

Nicholas Roe, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, (November 7, 2008) \$4,000
The Making of Benjamin Robert Haydon's Christ's Entry into Jerusalem

German Studies

Katrin Sieg, Georgetown University, (October 31, 2008) \$1,500
German Theater in the Age of Intermediality

Steven Martinson, University of Arizona, (May 7, 2009) \$1,500
Transcultural German Studies and the Arizona-Leipzig Model

History

Anthony Pagden, University of California-Los Angeles, (April 30, 2009) \$4,000
An American Empire

Anthony Pagden, University of California-Los Angeles, (May 1, 2009)
Napoleon in Egypt

Mathematical Sciences

S.R.S. Varadhan, New York University, (March 20, 2009) \$1,500
Large Deviations in a Random Environment

Philosophy

Gregory Currie, University of Nottingham, (May 14, 2009) \$1,876
The Irony in Pictures

Noel Carroll, CUNY Graduate School, (May 16, 2009) \$1,174
Visual Humor, Cognition and Emotion

Jesse Prinz - CUNY Graduate School, (May 16, 2009) \$729
Seeing with Feeling

Political Science

Peter Feaver, Duke University, (October 31, 2008) \$2,000
Anatomy of the Surge: Why and Whence the Surge in Iraq

Hanspeter Neuhold, Vienna University, (May 23, 2009) <i>Common Security: The Litmus Test of International Solidarity</i>	\$2,000
Romance Languages and Literatures	
Geraldine Nichols, University of Florida, (February 12, 2009) <i>Dis-connect: Rodoreda and Women's Memories of Exile from Spain</i>	\$1,976
Julie Candler Hayes, University of Massachusetts, (May 7, 2009) <i>Naturalizing the Intruder: Shakespeare in France</i>	\$1,500
Lucia Guerra, University of California-Irvine, (May 8, 2009) <i>Palabra de mujer: Hacia una escritura desde los margenes (The Word of Women: Towards a Writing from the Margins)</i>	\$524
Sociology	
Steven Epstein, University of California-San Diego, (May 11, 2009) <i>The Politics of Difference in Medical Research</i>	\$3,000

**COMPETITIVE LECTURES
2008-2009**

Economics

Timothy Conley, University of Chicago, (Fall 2009) \$1,000
Title TBA

Nelson Mark, University of Notre Dame, (October 9, 2008) \$1,000
PPP Strikes Out: The Effect of Common Factor Shocks on the Real Exchange Rate

Toshihiro Matsumura, University of Tokyo, (Fall 2009) \$2,200
The Lost Decade in Japan

James Morley, Washington University in St. Louis, (May 1, 2009) \$1,000
The Asymmetric Business cycle

History

Julia Phillips Cohen, Vanderbilt University, (May 26, 2009) \$1,000
The Stuff of Empire: Ottomania, Orientalism, and the jews of the levant

Fuat Dunder, University of Michigan, (Fall 2009) \$1,250
The Dilemma of Kurdishness for Turkish Nationalism

Shirine Hamadeh, Rice University, (39912) \$850
Pleasure and Politics: Istanbul's New Public Spaces in the 18th Century

Valerie Kivelson, University of Michigan, (March 5, 2009) \$1,564
Angels in Siberia: Religion, Maps, and Imperial Visions in the Age of Peter the Great.

Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (June 5, 2009) \$2,000
The New Green Wave: Media Landscapes of Human-animal Relations

Robert Richards, University of Chicago, (39923) \$1,850
Darwin's Biology of Intelligent Design

Mark Steinberg, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (May 14, 2009) \$800
City of Melancholy: St. Petersburg Between the Revolution

Mathematical Sciences

Jean-Michel Coron, University of Pierre et Marie Curie, (April 30 - May 1, 2009) \$2,200
Control and Nonlinearity

Shuhon Gao, Clemson University, (May 14, 2009) \$1,400
Algorithms for Polynomial Systems

David Madigan, Columbia University, (May 8, 2009) \$1,728
Data Mining in Pharmacovigilence

Political Science

Carmen Martinez Novo, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Ecuador, (May 19, 2009) \$1,000
Is the Cultural Project of the Indigenous Movement in Crisis: Intercultural Bilingual Education in Ecuador

Carlos de la Torre, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Ecuador, (May 19, 2009) \$1,000
Radical Populism and Democracy in the Andes

Romance Languages and Literatures

Mildred Mortimer, University of Colorado at Boulder, (April 30, 2009) \$2,417
Women and War in Algerian Literature: Assia Djebar, The Woman Without a Tomb

Lidia Falcón O'Neill, Gabinete Juridico para la Mujer, Madrid, (March 9, 2009) \$2,759
Feminism and Globalization

Joan Ramon Resina, Stanford University, (May 22, 2009) \$2,694
Liberalism and Negation of Genocide

**CONFERENCES
2008-2009**

Economics

Midwest Research in Economics Teaching Symposium \$6,000
Sourushe Zandvakili
April 24, 2009
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English and Comparative Literature

Ohio Festival of the Short Story \$3,000
Peter Grimes
Date TBA
UC

Mathematical Sciences

*International Workshop on Theory and Practice of Multivariate Polynomial
Solving over Finite fields* \$6,000
Jintai Ding
October 9-11, 2009
UC

Philosophy

Eye, Mind, and Art \$4673
Jenefer Robinson
May 14-16, 2009
UC

Political Science

Darwinism, Science, Religion & Society \$6,000
George Bishop
Date TBA
UC

**ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
2008-2009
\$4,935**

May 5, 2009 - Keynote Speaker

Joseph Carroll, Curators' Professor in English at the University of Missouri-St. Louis
The Historical Position of Literary Darwinism

May 6, 2009 - University of Cincinnati Research

Gregory Jason Bell, Dissertation Fellow - History
An Island in the South: Tampa's 19th Century Regional Identity

Wayne Durrill, Center Fellow - History
The Great Slave Conspiracy of 1831

Karen Floeckher, Dissertation Fellow - Romance Languages and Literatures
Edwidge Danticat and Julia Alvarez: Ecrivaines Engagées and Caribbean-American Women

Marjon Kamrani, Dissertation Fellow - Political Science
Keeping the Faith in Global Civil Society: Illiberal Democracy, International Human Rights and the Rise of the Religious Right

Mauricio Osorio, Dissertation Fellow - Mathematical Sciences
Error Analysis of a Meshfree Method with Diffuse Derivatives

Priyanka Srivastava, Dissertation Fellow - History
Creating a Healthy and Decent Industrial Labor Force: Health, Sanitation and Welfare in Colonial Bombay, 1896-1950

Michèle Vialet, Center Fellow - Romance Languages and Literatures
Loyalty Matters: Literary Daughters and the French Algerian Colonial Legacy

May 7, 2009 - University of Cincinnati Research

Joshua Butts, Dissertation Fellow - English and Comparative Literature
New to the Lost Coast

Lindsay Craig, Dissertation Fellow - Philosophy
The Developmental Synthesis: Toward a More Complete Theory of Evolution

John Drury, Center Fellow - English and Comparative Literature
The Bad Soldier

Christopher Gauker, Center Fellow - Philosophy
Words and Pictures: An Essay on the Origin of Ideas

Charlie Green, Dissertation Fellow - English and Comparative Literature
The Gospels of Faith and Doubt

Larry Jost, Center Fellow - Philosophy
The Argument of the Eudemian Ethics: An Individualist Approach

Doug Keaton, Dissertation Fellow - Philosophy
On the Very Idea of Realization in the Philosophy of Mind

May 8, 2009 - University of Cincinnati Research

Todd Heidt, Dissertation Fellow - German Studies
Modernity in Word and Image: Narrative Literature and Film in Weimar Germany

Annulla Linders, Center Fellow - Sociology
In Search of the Perfect Execution Audience

Ahoo Tabatabai, Dissertation Fellow - Sociology
Narratives of Sexual Identity Change

Paul N. Touré, Dissertation Fellow - Romance Languages and Literatures
Migrant Literary and Filmic Trajectories in Francophone Africa: From Assimilation to Transnational Imaginations

PUBLICATIONS
2008-2009

Philosophy

Jenefer Robinson	Translation	\$371
<i>Emotion: biological Fact or Social Construction</i>		

Romance Languages and Literatures

Jeff Loveland	Publishing Cost	\$2,000
<i>The Early Years of the <u>Encyclopedia Britannica</u>: The Growth of an Outstanding Book of Knowledge</i>		

BOARD APPROVED CONTINGENCY COMMITMENTS

<i>NEH Grant Writing Workshop</i> Janet Aiken, April 1-2, 2009	\$3,205
<i>Eye Mind and Art Conference</i> Jenefer Robinson, Department of Philosophy May 14 - 16, 2009	\$500
<i>Sexuality and Politics</i> Nawal el Saadawi May 4-9, 2009 Amy Elder, Department of English and Comparative Literature	\$4,002
Taft Graduate Assistant - Sarah Domet	\$4,299

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