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2012–13 proved to be a major transitional year at the Taft Research Center.

AS INTERIM CHAIR OF THE TAFT FACULTY



during the year, I led:

- the **completion of the financial audit** and the implementation of its recommendations
- the final architectural, design, and construction plans and the budget negotiations for the **new location** of the Taft Research Center on the University of Cincinnati campus
- the **preparation for the move** from the Taft House to its suite of offices and meeting, lecture, and reception rooms in Edwards One
- the revision of the bylaws and all award descriptions and schedules to reflect the **shift from quarters to semesters** at the University of Cincinnati in Fall 2012
- the creation of Taft's inaugural **presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Vimeo** as well as its first annual newsletter, Taft Talk, distributed initially internally and to members of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes, the annual meeting of which I attended as the beginning of Taft's increased participation in it
- the planning and budgeting for major **improvements to the online electronic submissions** process for better communication, tracking, and database management
- the **shift to Blackboard** for internal and more horizontal communication and greater access to policy documents and examples of successful proposals
- the addition of **external grant-procuring** as among the activities that can receive support in select award categories and the encouragement of newly-funded Taft Research Groups to parlay their seed funding into external grant opportunities
- the revamping of the Taft Annual Symposium proceedings and preparations to **encourage more cross-fertilization** between Taft Faculty Fellows and Dissertation Fellows and among Dissertation Fellows

- the creation of ad hoc committees to better **address the structural recommendations made** in the 2011 external review of Taft and a proposal for a Visiting Fellows program as one approach to the need for enhancing Taft's national visibility identified by the external review
- the creation of a **new full-time Program Coordinator** position, as also recommended by the external review, to further professionalize Taft operations, provide greater support for Taft constituencies, and build a more external presence capable of attracting external grant support to supplement our very unique endowment
- a greater **rationalization of budgeting processes** based on patterns of award category over- and under-subscription over time and actual operational expenses as well as the recommendations of the audit to better position Taft, now under the leadership of Taft Faculty Chair Adrian Parr, for more forward-looking, flexible, and timely budgeting and new initiatives in future.

ALL THESE ACTIVITIES WERE UNDERTAKEN IN ADDITION TO overseeing the everyday work of Taft that is so essential to enhancing the intellectual life and scholarly production of Taft faculty and students and the university-at-large. It was a privilege to contribute to that effort, and I thank the Taft Board of Trustees, the Taft Executive Board, the Taft Planning Committee, the many awards and other committees and their chairs, and especially the Taft staff, for assisting me with these many special projects and helping to carry on the core activities of Taft during 2012-13, which are detailed in this annual report. Special thanks go to past Taft Faculty Chair Jana Braziel for inviting me to serve as Interim Chair and former Dean of the McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Ron Jackson for appointing me; Taft Board of Trustees leaders Dudley Taft and Bob Rich for their special assistance

with budget negotiations for Taft's new location and UC Senior Vice President Robert Ambach and Associate Provost Kathy Qualls for the major contribution the Office of the Provost made to the costs of the new location; Jeffrey Weimer, Barrett Bamberger, and Beth McGrew of the UC Office of Planning + Design + Construction and members of glaserworks, the outside architectural firm, all of whom worked with Taft to create the new Taft location; Christine Ackerman from the UC Office of Internal Audit for her careful and helpful work on the audit; and Dawn O'Neill and Josette Reip of the UC Research Office for their assistance in upgrading the Taft electronic submissions system. My deepest thanks go to Taft Administrative Coordinator Joy Dunn for all that she does and being the heart, soul, and greatest custodian of Taft; Sean Keating, who has transitioned from being a long-time Taft graduate assistant to its first Program Coordinator, for always going above and beyond the call of duty to assist Taft constituencies and improve Taft operations; Graduate Assistant Manuel Iris for bringing Taft into the 21st century world of social media; Graduate Assistant Sherri Allen for launching Taft's first newsletter; and Graduate Assistant Milton Romero for managing the residential component of the Taft House during the final year of its existence. I wish all the best in the years to come to the new and continuing members of the Taft staff, governing boards, and committees as well as all Taft departments, faculty, and students who benefit from and contribute to the life of Taft.

Sincerely,

ANNE SISSON RUNYAN
Interim Taft Faculty Chair 2012-13
The Taft Research Center and The Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund

I.*Major Initiatives in 2012-13***Results of the 2012 Internal Audit of the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund**

The Taft Audit Report, requested by previous Taft Faculty Chair Jana Braziel to confirm the expendable fund balance as of June 30, 2012 and to determine a schedule of unused and aged commitments against the fund between July 1, 2008 and May 31, 2012, was prepared by Christine Ackerman in Administration and Finance of the UC Office for Internal Audit and released on September 28, 2012. The audit found approximately \$744,000 in unexpended funds from non-fully utilized budgets accumulated during and likely prior to the audit period. Subtracting \$17,219 that turned out to be an accounting error showing a credit rather than a debit, \$134,381 for commitments made in 2011-12 for 2012-13 (mostly rent and budget supplement costs), \$300,000 for a cash reserve mandated by the Taft Executive Board to always have on hand, \$30,000 left in the Graduate Enhancement Reserve, and \$38,000 left in the reserve for Taft House and operational expenditures, this left approximately \$208,000 in non-earmarked expendable reserves. While revealing that Taft is on solid financial footing, the auditor found reserve levels to be “high,” warranting review of their necessity to ensure that budgeted Taft funds are put to maximum use to assist faculty and students in their research each year. She also found that internal accounting procedures needed to be more transparent and therefore less subject to tracking errors and thus recommended the entry of Taft financials into the more visible UCFlex system through the creation of internal orders to track awards and expenditures against them. She further questioned the open-ended carryover of many awards, further complicating accurate accounting and contributing to the holding rather than the utilization of allocated Taft funds, and recommended that all awards have end dates. A far more complete report on the past year’s annual revenues and expenditures should also be presented

to both the Taft Board of Trustees and the University of Cincinnati Trustees at the time of budget approval for the next year’s budget. Beyond these key findings, the audit identified a number of largely minor infractions of university financial policies, such as too many catered activities involving only UC faculty, insufficient documentation of the research that some expense reimbursements were to support, and the absence of annual performance evaluations for full-time Taft staff. All non-compliant practices were ceased or brought into compliance. Reserves were reviewed and although the \$300,000 mandated by the Taft Executive Board remains, the Graduate Enhancement Fund was disbursed by a vote of the Taft Executive Board as partial recompense to under-funded departments when past errors were found in the application of the long-standing Taft formula for distributing graduate enhancement allocations. Two-thirds of the operational reserve was spent during 2012-13 but was supplemented towards the end of the fiscal year with unspent budget funds to cover summer expenses associated with the move to the new Taft location. New policies were instituted by a vote of the Taft Executive Board regarding time limits for Taft award expenditures, including limiting the carryover of funds in some award categories to a maximum of two fiscal years and only beyond that by special permission of the Faculty Chair, and end dates were arranged to be added to all award letters. The longer-term process of shifting Taft financials to UCFlex was also begun. Over the course of the 2012-13, the auditor reviewed our progress with remediation and compliance and found that only the shift to UCFlex remained to be completed.

The Relocation of the Taft Research Center

In anticipation of the move planned for July 2013 of the Taft Research Center from the Taft House in the Stratford Heights complex to its new first floor suite of offices and meeting, lecture, and reception spaces in 1110 Edwards One, architectural and design plans, fixture and furniture selections, much of the construction, and most of the culling and packing for the move were completed during 2012-13. Taft has been granted this new location on the UC campus for a period of ten years, and renewable for an additional five years, at no additional cost beyond the one-time cost of creating and moving to the new location. The one-time cost of the creation of and relocation to the new space was estimated to be \$600,000 by the UC Division of Administration and Finance’s office of Planning + Design + Construction in September 2012. In light of the findings of the Taft audit released in late September 2012, negotiations between representatives of the Taft Board of Trustees and Taft Research Center, the UC Provost’s office, and the UC McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Dean’s office in November 2012 resulted in an agreement that Taft would be responsible for \$265,000 of those estimated costs, with the Provost’s office paying most of the remaining actual costs and the Dean’s office contributing \$40,000. The Dean’s office also continues to cover the annual telecommunications and copy costs for Taft. Taft’s one-time share came from the approximately \$208,000 in non-earmarked and unspent funds outside of reserves determined to be on hand by the audit and approved for expenditure by the Taft Executive

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Board, and additional funds resulting from no awards being made from the Taft Research Seminar budget line in the past year and through Fall 2012. Given that the Taft Research Seminar award category has been historically undersubscribed, the Taft Executive Board voted first to suspend it to help cover remaining costs for the relocation, and then to end it as an award category, after approving one final seminar, to enable reallocations to other oversubscribed categories and more utilized initiatives in future.

Although the residential component for visiting scholars afforded by the Taft House ended in June 2013, the Taft Research Center now has a more visible presence, better convening spaces, and greater opportunities for intellectual and interdisciplinary synergy. Located in the same building as the McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office but with its own separate first floor entrance to its self-contained suite, it provides multiple and well-appointed meeting and reception areas, a larger lecture space, and adjacent offices for Taft Faculty Fellows-in-residence during their fellowship year as well as greater office space for Taft staff. The new location also complements Taft's new online

presence, going onto Facebook and Twitter in 2012-13 and gaining control over its website at the end of 2012-13 for its revision in 2013-14, and its new print presence in the form of an annual newsletter, *Taft Talk*, inaugurated in 2012-13.

The Funding of Taft-Sponsored Interdisciplinary Research Groups

As recommended in the external review of Taft, its interdisciplinary research groups (Human Rights Studies, Global Studies, Medical Humanities, Visual Studies, and Urban Studies) received \$5,000 each in funding for 2012-13 to assist them with organizing readings, discussions, visiting lectures, and public fora at the University of Cincinnati as well as to use as seed or cost-share funding for larger projects requiring external and/or additional internal funding. The faculty coordinators for these groups during 2012-13 were Laura Jenkins and Vanessa Walker for Human Rights, Leila Rodriguez Soto, Amy Lind, and Olga Sanmiguel-Valderrama for Global Studies; Jeff Jacobson for Medical Humanities; Todd Herzog for Visual Studies; and Stan Corkin for Urban Studies.

Relocation of the Taft Research Center

In 2013, the Taft Research Center moved from a location on Clifton Avenue to 1110 Edwards One, a dedicated on-campus space.



Taft's Continuing Contributions to UC2019

Taft advances UC 2019 and the Liberal arts into the Third Century of UC

Taft funds learning...

The Taft Research Center, created in 2005 from the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund (endowed by Annie Sinton Taft in her husband's name in 1930), supports learning and research in thirteen departments—twelve in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and one in the Carl Lindner College of Business. Funding research in Anthropology, Africana Studies, Economics, English and Comparative Literature, History, German Studies, Judaic Studies, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Romance Languages and Literatures, Sociology, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, the Taft Research Center supports learning at the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty levels. Providing funds for seminars, symposia, conferences, lectures, and fellowships, the Taft Research Center is dedicated not only to the ongoing learning of students, faculty, and staff, but also to the community of Cincinnatians that the University of Cincinnati serves.

Taft encourages discovery...

The Taft Research Center offers over 60 fellowships annually to undergraduate seniors, dissertation-writing doctoral students, and faculty who are all engaged in the discovery of ideas through scholarly research and ultimately publication of that research. Taft allows students and faculty the time to think, reflect, read, conduct research, and write—all essential to the process of discovery. During 2012-13, the Taft Research Center offered new summer fellowships for graduate and undergraduate students, dedicated almost \$500,000 to faculty and student fellowships, and devoted an additional \$131,600 for Graduate Enhancement Fellowships for Taft Departments. As a research center, we not only support and foster the scholarly work and professional development of faculty and graduate students; but we also have expanded our commitment to the UC mission of bolstering and promoting undergraduate research.

Taft fosters community...

Endowed in 1930 by the Taft family, the Taft Research Center still maintains a vibrant and vital connection to this Cincinnati family through its trustees. As a research center in the heart of an urban campus, the Taft Research Center sponsors public events that are always free and open to the public. In 2012-13, the keynote speaker for Taft's Annual Symposium was PBS talk show host Tavis Smiley, co-author with Dr. Cornel West, of *The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto*. Preceded by a roundtable of scholars studying economic inequality around the word and leaders of local organizations devoted to poverty abatement in Cincinnati where poverty rates are exceedingly high, Smiley's address attracted a broad cross-section of campus and local area attendees who were inspired by his calls and proposals for greater economic and social justice locally and nationally.

Taft contributes to the economy...

With total endowment assets valued at \$1.036B as of March 2013, the University of Cincinnati has been the clear beneficiary of the magnanimity, generosity, and philanthropic benevolence of numerous donors and sponsors since its founding in 1819. The Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund established with an initial gift of \$50,000 by Annie Sinton Taft in 1930 has grown over the past eight decades into an endowment fund with an asset value of about \$38M—funds devoted exclusively to fund research in the humanities, social sciences, and mathematics. While this amount reflects approximately 4% of total endowment assets of the University of Cincinnati, it marks a significant contribution toward liberal arts research, which is typically underfunded through national organizations and other venues for sponsored research. Both nationally and at the University of Cincinnati, academic leaders are recognizing the need to re-prioritize the liberal arts that are the basis of an informed democratic society, a creative economy, and a knowledgeable workforce. The Taft Research Center is a crucial supporter of the liberal arts at UC as well as an integral and valuable part of UC's total fiscal and economic portfolio.

Taft supports global engagement and international research...

A strong partnership between the Taft Global Studies and Human Rights Studies Research Groups developed in 2012-2013 to enhance global engagement and foster international research. Leaders and members from both groups won a U.S. Institute of Peace grant to bring leading experts on women and peacebuilding around the world to the University of Cincinnati in Fall 2013. These Taft research groups hope to generate more research focus and funding on this topic in collaboration with the co-sponsors of this initial event, including the UC College of Law Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice and Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, and the University of Dayton Human Rights Program, and the featured speakers, including the director of the Boston Consortium for Gender, Security, and Human Rights. These Taft research groups also collaborated in funding the Fall 2013 visit of a leading expert on gender inequality in the transitional Arab Spring states, who will also hold a workshop on increasing the impact of critical academic research on international policymaking. Numerous other international speakers and talks on international research were supported with Taft departmental and competitive lecture funds during 2012-13. The secured keynote speakers for the 2013-14 Taft Annual Symposium are Latin American development experts Arturo Escobar of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and Sonia Alvarez of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Annually, the Taft Research Center awards approximately \$50,000 for international conference travel for Taft faculty and supports a range of international research activities undertaken by students as well as faculty. During the 2012-13 academic year, the Taft Research Center devoted almost \$100,000 to support global engagement and international research by faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to 25 different countries in 5 continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America,

and South America). The Taft Research Center funded undergraduate and graduate students to engage in international research in and travel to Belize, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Haiti, Italy, Malta, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain, Switzerland, and the UK during 2012-13. At the faculty level, the Taft Research Center also funded international research in and travel to Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cost Rica, France, Germany, Kenya, Italy, India, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, and the UK.

Taft advances sustainability . . .

As part of its commitment to sustainability, in 2012-13, the Taft Research Center hosted a book launch for Adrian Parr’s *The Wrath of Capital* which critiques the recent trend of “green-washing” for profit. As the new Taft Faculty Chair, she is bringing her critical scholarship on environmental sustainability to Taft in the form of launching a new research group for the environment. The Taft Urban Studies Research Group committed its 2012-13 funding to support the Fall 2013 visit of the top expert on “just sustainability,” which refers to the full integration of social justice and environmental sustainability principles in inquiry and policy, as part of a seminar series on “Future Cities: Livable Futures,” another collaborative between Taft and the UC College of Design, Art, Architecture, and Planning.

Taft exemplifies diversity and diversity-focused research...

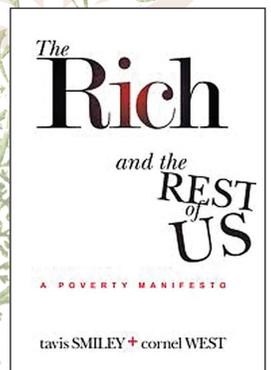
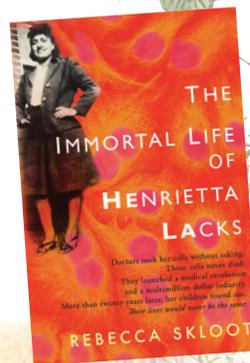
Consistent with the diversity-centered focus of its newest member departments—Africana Studies, Judaic Studies, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies—the Taft Research Center allied with the offices of the UC President and Provost to support almost daily events organized for Black History Month in February 2013, funded a major conference on the history of slavery and anti-slavery in the U.S. for Fall 2013, subsidized special events showcasing gender and sexuality experts at UC during the Fall 2013 National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference being held in Cincinnati, and supported an array of speakers, research projects, and conference paper presentations at professional conferences focused on the inter-related roles race, ethnicity, religion, gender, class, sexuality, and disability play in societies and in knowledge production. As evidenced by the number of Taft-supported activities focused on these dimensions of diversity emanating from multiple Taft departments in this past year, the Taft Research Center is effectively and centrally fostering diversity within and among our departments, in the university-at-large, in the liberal arts generally, and in the community.

Taft promotes mission-based health care research...

The Medical Humanities Research Group was responsible for the selection by the University of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* for the common reading for the incoming freshman class of 2012-13. The book’s focus on the relationships between race, class, gender, and unethical medical research practices that produce health disparities spawned multiple presentations on its themes sponsored or co-sponsored by the Medical Humanities Research Group and led the group to financially support a conference on health discourses and a lecture on health inequities planned for Fall 2013. Several Taft Departments with faculty expertise in health studies were also enabled by Taft lecture funding to bring a range of speakers on health disparity research to campus. Through the collaborations between Taft Departments and the UC College of Medicine that the Medical Humanities Research Group fosters and funds to showcase liberal arts-informed health research, the Taft Research Center is making critical multidisciplinary contributions to mission-based and patient-centered medical health care research.

Taft champions collaboration...

Already extensive collaborations between Taft and a number of colleges and centers at the University of Cincinnati were expanded with the inauguration in 2012-13 of the Taft Visual Studies Research Group, which has attracted the participation of members of the UC College-Conservatory of Music and the School of Art in its programming. It also funded an effort to foster collaborations with European film studies organizations to seek external grant support and enhance the cross-college Graduate Certificate in Film Media & Visual Studies. Moreover, the Taft Research Center continues to have a specific research support award category devoted to sponsoring collaborative research with national and international scholars at other academic institutions.



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 Taft Faculty Chair, seventeen Taft faculty serving four-year terms and drawn from all thirteen Taft Departments, 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, which is chaired by the Taft Faculty Chair and 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; Center Fellowships; Student Awards; and Publications. Award and Planning committee members serve one-year terms that are renewable.

The Taft Research Center depends greatly on the unflinching service and intellectual dedication of all of its board and committee members, and to those listed in the appendices who served during 2012-13, 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 greatly appreciate the ongoing magnanimity and support of the Taft family and the Taft Trustees.

The Taft Research Center and all its constituencies are most beholden to Taft staff members who carry on the copious daily work of the Center with great competence, cheer, and grace under pressure. In 2012-13, Taft staff included part-time Interim Taft Faculty Chair Anne Sisson Runyan (Professor and former Head, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), long-time and full-time Taft Administrative Coordinator, Joy Dunn, and four Graduate Assistants: Sean Keating (PhD student, Philosophy), Manuel Iris (PhD student, Romance Languages and Literatures), Sheri Allen (PhD student, English and Comparative Literature), and Milton Romero (PhD student, Romance Languages and Literatures). All four graduate assistants had served Taft for several years and they were all in the final year of their Taft assistantships.

Joy Dunn deserves the highest accolades not only for almost single-handedly keeping Taft's financial house in order, handling its awards and other correspondence, and overseeing the Taft House operation, but also for masterful work preparing the materials for the financial audit and mightily assisting with all of the other transitional activities that confronted Taft during 2012-13, from the preparation for its physical relocation to the

huge job of migrating its financial record-keeping to UC Flex. Taft is unimaginable and unworkable without her.

Sean Keating has also proved indispensable to the Taft operation as the administrator of the electronic award system and its interface with the Taft website, advising Taft applicants, maintaining the Taft's internal communication and management systems, and scheduling Taft committee meetings and events. He was the top candidate in Taft's search for its first full-time Program Coordinator so desperately needed as the Taft operation increases in complexity and as Taft positions itself for a greater national profile. He began working in that capacity after his 2012-13 assistantship ended, ensuring that Taft can rely even more on his tremendous energy and professional expertise.

Manuel Iris and Sheri Allen, Taft's publicity team during 2012-13, both completed their doctorates in Spring 2013. Manuel created a social media presence for the Taft Research Center on Facebook and Twitter in addition to producing Taft's video blog and YouTube and Vimeo videos, event posters and programs, and event announcements. Sheri made Taft's first annual newsletter, *Taft Talk*, possible and assisted with other Taft publicity activities, including the creation of professional folders and fact sheets to share with key internal and external constituencies. Milton Romero, as the residential graduate assistant for the Taft House, assisted the scholars-in-residence and kept the physical plant of Taft in order. These graduate assistants were a joy to work with and Taft wishes them the best in their future endeavors. Although a residential graduate assistant is no longer needed, the new publicity team hired in 2013-14 for 2013-14 includes graduate assistants Courtney Harchaoui and Mattie Griffin (MA students, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies) who both had significant social media, video production, and event promotion experience.

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III.

2012-13 Taft Budget and Awards

The total annual distribution for 2012-13 from the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund to the Taft Research Center equaled \$1,350,000, which was augmented with an additional \$113,250 from uncommitted and unspent Taft funds from previous budgets and a monetary commitment from the Office of the Provost to support the honoraria for the secured 2013 Taft Symposium keynote speakers for a budget total of \$1,463,250. The overall 2012-13 Taft Budget was allocated proportionally among Student Awards (26%), Faculty Awards (26%), Research Enhancement Awards (17%), and Departmental and Research Group Allocations and Operations (31%) lines.

Student Awards
(26% of Budget)



The total 2012-13 budget for Student Awards under the purview of Taft Student Awards Committee was \$385,500, but the committee ultimately awarded \$368,277 to students. This does not include the \$131,600 in Graduate Enhancement Awards allocated to departments or the \$70,000 that supported Taft Research Center Graduate Assistantships in 2012-13, which also constitute major investments in Taft graduate students although they are reflected in the Departmental Allocations and Center Operations share of the budget.

As delineated in the chart below, the Taft Student Awards Committee was responsible for determining awards in the budgeted categories of Taft Dissertation Fellowships, Graduate Summer Fellowships, Graduate Enrichment, Graduate Student Travel, Undergraduate Summer Fellowships, and Undergraduate Enrichment Awards. It was not responsible for decision-making on Undergraduate Senior Fellowship Awards, but they are included here as part of Taft’s competitive Student Award portfolio.

Taft Dissertation Fellowships	\$ 245,000	64%
Graduate Summer Fellowships	\$ 15,000	4%
Graduate Enrichment	\$ 30,000	8%
Graduate Student Travel	\$ 20,000	5%
Undergrad Summer Fellowships	\$ 10,000	3%
Undergrad Sr. Research Fellowships	\$ 45,500	12%
Undergraduate Enrichment	\$ 20,000	5%

The 2012-13 committee was comprised of Littisha Bates (Sociology), Robert Buckingham (Mathematics), Daniel Murphy (Anthropology), Thomas Polger (Philosophy, Chair), and Leah Stewart (English). The following provides a breakdown of the committee’s adjudication work throughout the year by grant category.

Taft Dissertation Fellowships

Graduate students in Taft departments who are conducting dissertation research toward a PhD degree are eligible to apply in this category for a one-year fellowship of \$17,500. While previous Taft Dissertation Fellowship recipients are not disqualified from applying again, their applications are given lower priority. Each of the PhD degree-granting departments can put forward up to three candidates, one of whom is designated as the departmental candidate.

The budget available in this category, the highest budget line by far in the Taft budget, was \$245,000, of which 100% was awarded. A total of 21 applications were received by the committee in this category, of which 14 were awarded, constituting a 66% success rate. Of these, two each went to English and Comparative Literature, History, Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, and Political Science. One award each went to PhD students in German Studies, Romance Languages and Literatures, and Sociology.

Graduate Summer Fellowships

This new \$15,000 award category was designed to support the production of publishable work by graduate students by providing grants of \$3000 per successful applicant. Of the eight applications received, seven graduate summer fellowships were awarded for a success rate of 87% once the committee determined it would award two more worthy fellowships beyond the five budgeted.

Graduate Enrichment Awards

Graduate students of the Taft departments traveling outside the Cincinnati area to perform dissertation-related research or collaborative work are eligible to apply in this category for travel support. While there is no limit placed on the number of applications a student can submit in this category, there is a limit of \$2,500 per student over any two consecutive fiscal years. The budget available in this category is \$30,000. Because of the larger number of applications for higher amounts received in this category than in the previous year, the award was quite competitive. Of the 35 applications submitted, 23 were funded for a 65% success rate. However, given the large number of excellent applications, most of which were submitted in Spring semester, the committee decided to go over budget in this category. During the academic year, a total of \$31,452 was awarded in this category.

Graduate Travel Awards

Graduate students of the Taft departments traveling to conferences to present a paper or talk based on their research are eligible to apply in this category for travel support up to \$500 once a fiscal

year. The budget available in this category was \$20,000. However, because of the large number of worthy applications received during the academic year in this category, and because the experience gained by participating in conferences is crucial in the education of graduate students, the committee decided to go over budget in this category. Thus, during the academic year a total of \$29,573 was awarded in this category. Of the 70 applications submitted, 62 were funded for an 89% success rate. All eligible and complete applications received at least partial funding and the budget for this most oversubscribed student award category was increased by \$5000 for 2013-14.

Undergraduate Summer Fellowships

This new \$10,000 award category was designed to support intensive undergraduate research by providing grants of \$2000 per successful applicant for summer research. Of the three applications received, two were seen by the committee as more appropriate for Undergraduate Enrichment and were shifted for consideration under that category, and one undergraduate summer fellowship was funded, constituting a 33% success rate but leaving four fellowships unawarded. These funds were reallocated to help cover over-budget student awards made, but it is expected that applications will increase in future with the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Senior Research Fellow award next year.

Undergraduate Senior Research Fellows

The allocation of this award was \$3,500 per Taft department for a total of \$45,500. Each department may select a senior research fellow who has completed a substantial piece of independent research. This award was under-utilized, resulting in the dispersal of only \$21,000 awarded to six students. Surplus funds were allocated to other Student Awards categories. In light of consistent underutilization and the introduction of Undergraduate Summer Fellowships, the Taft Executive Board voted to rename this award (now known as the Undergraduate Research Award), repurpose it (now for outstanding undergraduate research work as defined by the department), and reduce the budget amount dedicated to it to \$13,000 (\$1000 per department) for this revised award category starting in 2013-14.

Undergraduate Enrichment Awards

Undergraduate students with declared majors in one of the Taft departments are eligible to apply in this category for travel support for travel-related to research or study projects that are not part of the regular curriculum but will enhance their learning experience in a Taft-related major. The budget available in this category was \$20,000, of which \$18,252 was awarded during the academic year. Of the 22 applications submitted, 11 were funded with a success rate of 50%. When all else was equal, the committee favored projects that included a specific student-driven project over those that were simply participatory.

Summary

In 2012-2013, the Taft Research Center continued its long-standing 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. The Taft Student Awards Committee worked hard to keep within the allocated budget for the academic year. Nevertheless there was over-expenditure in certain award categories which was mostly covered by underutilized ones that are either new or have been revised for future. This is testimony to the high quality of the applications as well as to the crucial role that the Taft Research Center plays in supporting and seeking more effective ways to support student research at the University of Cincinnati.

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Faculty Awards

(26% of Budget)



During 2012-13, a total of \$378,258 was budgeted for Faculty Awards, but a total of \$399,945 was awarded mostly by the various faculty awards committees. The following chart delineates the budgeted and awarded amounts for faculty fellowships, travel, and publications assistance and also includes the annual amount given to named Taft Professors, a small and elite group of Taft faculty who receive \$4000 per year to support their research. It does not include Taft Research Group budgets (totaling \$25,000 in 2012-13) and awards, which also benefit faculty, as these are not under the purview of the Faculty Awards committees. They are reflected in the Departmental and Research Allocations and Operations share of the budget. As indicated by the chart, the full budgets for faculty fellowships and Taft Professorships were awarded. Faculty Travel awards made exceeded the Faculty Travel budget of \$100,000 by \$22,039. Total publication grants awarded came to \$344 less than the \$8250 allocated in the 2012-13 budget.

Faculty Travel Awards	\$ 100,000	26%
Faculty Fellowships	\$ 125,000	33%
Center Fellowships	\$ 125,000	33%
Publications	\$ 8,250	2%
Taft Professorships	\$ 20,000	5%

Four distinct standing committees determine and recommend to the Taft Faculty Executive Board award candidates in the eight individual faculty awards: the Faculty Travel Committee (Domestic, International, and Research Travel); the Faculty Fellowship Committee (Faculty Release, Summer Research); the Center Fellowships committee; and the Publications Committee (Subventions and Publication Costs). The four committee chairs' reports are summarized below.

A. Faculty Travel Awards Committee

The 2012-13 Faculty Travel Awards Committee included Professors Steve Carlton-Ford (Sociology), Michael Griffith (English); Lawrence Jost (Philosophy), Leila Rodriguez Soto (Anthropology), and Siva Sivaganesan (Mathematical Sciences) who served as committee chair.

Faculty Travel Awards supported three award categories: Research Travel Awards, International Conference Travel Awards, and Domestic Conference Travel Awards. The total budget for the travel grants was \$100,000, with \$25,000 each for Domestic Conference Travel and Travel for Research, and \$50,000 for International Conference Travel.

Travel for Research Awards

Travel for Research awards are meant to cover expenses for faculty who need to travel in order to conduct their research. These individual awards are limited to \$3,700 over any two consecutive fiscal years. The committee recommended full or partial funding for 16 requests out of 19, totaling \$40,074 and constituting an 84% success rate. Given that the initial budget for this category was \$25,000, the shortfall of \$15,074 was covered by transferring unexpended funds from undersubscribed categories.

International Conference Travel Awards

Taft provides support for faculty members who are invited or selected to make presentations at international academic meetings. These grants enable faculty to publicize their research around the world and garner important and useful contacts with international colleagues in their fields. The initial budget for this category was \$50,000 and awards are limited to \$2,700 over any two consecutive fiscal years. This year Taft provided full or partial funding to 28 applicants out of for 33, constituting an 85% success rate and with the grants totaling \$47,500. The remaining unexpended balance of \$2500 was reallocated to cover over-budget awards made for Travel for Research and Domestic Conference 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, providing a maximum of \$700 per successful proposal. This year Taft provided funding for 64 proposals out of 72, constituting an 89% success rate and with the grants totaling \$34,465. The initial budget for this category was \$25,000, and the additional \$9,465 was covered by a reallocation of unexpended funds from the International Conference category, with the Taft Faculty Chair making up the remaining shortfall with reallocation from other under-subscribed Taft award categories.

Summary

The total budget for Faculty Travel Awards was \$100,000, but the committee awarded a total of \$122,039. This year the Faculty Travel Committee fully or partially funded a total of 108 requests across the three categories. The budget shortfall experienced has resulted in increases in the 2013-14 budget all three budget lines.

Travel for Research has been increased to \$40,000 and Domestic Conference Travel to \$35,000, while International Conference Travel has been increased to \$52,500 given it typically too is fully or oversubscribed. Overall, Faculty Travel awards remain an over-utilized service of the Taft Research Center as basic travel funds from other sources diminish and thus provide critical support for enabling the professional activities of Taft faculty.

B. Faculty Fellowship Committee

The Faculty Fellowship Committee consisted of Maura O'Connor (History), Terry Kershaw (Africana Studies), Maria Paz Moreno (Romance Languages and Literatures), John McEvoy (Philosophy) and was chaired by Annulla Linders (Sociology). The committee had charge of two faculty awards programs—(1) Faculty Release Fellowships and (2) Summer Research Fellowships—and met twice during the academic year.

Faculty Release Fellowships

These \$8,000 release fellowships are provided directly to the Department to allow a faculty member to be released from teaching for one semester in order to pursue a specific research project. The guidelines require that applicants obtain at least one additional semester release time (generally in the form of academic or professional leave), which means that most applicants are applying in conjunction with the one-semester sabbatical leave provided by the Provost. The 2012-13 budget supported 5 fellowships for a total of \$40,000 with the possibility of research cost supplements of up to \$1,500 for any one applicant out of a budget for these supplements of \$2500.

The Committee received 10 applications for five fellowship slots in 2012-13 for a 50% success rate. The quality of the applications was generally high and all but one of the applicants was deemed eligible by the committee. Using the program guidelines, the committee members ranked the applications and, in the end, reached a unanimous agreement about the top five applications. The awards went to Isaac Campos-Costero (History), Julia Carlson (English and Comparative Literature), Laura Jenkins (Political Science), Jeremy Koster (Anthropology), and Amy Lind (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies). All five were also awarded a research supplement of \$500 each. Given this was the most competitive fellowship category in 2012-13, funding was increased to accommodate the granting of one more release fellowship in 2013-14.

Summer Research Fellowships

In 2012-13, this program provided up to ten fellowships (down from 12 in 2011-12) of \$8,000 each 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 before been awarded and used a Taft Research Grant. The program also provides for up to \$1,500 per applicant in research support out of the \$2500 budgeted in the 2012-13.

The committee received 20 applications, as well as two additional ones that were either withdrawn or deemed ineligible, and awarded 10 fellowships for a success rate of 50%. Thirteen of the applications came from Assistant Professors, of which 8 were

awarded a fellowship. The remaining 2 fellowships went to one Associate Professor in English and one Professor in History. Committee members were asked to rank their top three proposals for the Assistant Professor set-aside pool and then to select and rank their top 10 proposals regardless of rank. The committee easily reached consensus on the top three in the set aside pool. Thereafter, using the guidelines and stipulated selection criteria, the committee members discussed and ranked the remaining applications, to reach a unanimous agreement about the top 10 applications. The awardees were from English (2), German Studies (1), History (3), Judaic Studies (1), Mathematical Sciences (1), Philosophy (1), and Romance Languages and Literatures (1). Three of these awardees were granted research supplements. Summer Faculty Fellowship recipients included: Christopher Bachelder (English), Zvi Biener (Philosophy), Aryay Finkelstein (Judaic Studies, plus \$900 supplement), Martin Francis (History), Michael Gott (Romance Languages and Literatures, plus \$1100 supplement), Robert Haug (History), Gegana Ivanova (German Studies), Lei Kang (Mathematical Sciences), Holly McGee (History), Christine Mok (English and Comparative Literature, plus \$500 supplement).

C. Taft Center Fellows Committee

The Center Fellowship provides \$25,000 to a successful applicant’s department for teaching or research replacement to release the fellows during the academic year. Five Center Fellowships were available to be awarded from the 2012-13 budget. Committee members are drawn from the pool of previous Center Fellows and the Taft Faculty Chair also serves on the committee. The 2012-13 Taft Center Fellows Committee consisted of Isaac Campos-Costera (History, Co-Chair), Don French (Mathematical Sciences, Co-Chair), Christopher Gauker (Philosophy), Thérèse Migraine-George (Romance Languages and Literatures); and Anne Sisson Runyan (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Interim Taft Faculty Chair). As usual, the committee met in early Fall 2012 to select the 2013-14 Center Fellows. Seven applications (five less than the previous year) were received and considered. Five applicants were chosen for fellowship, constituting a success rate of 71%. The awardees were: Erynn Casanova (Sociology), Adi Gordon (Judaic Studies-declined), Angela Potochnik (Philosophy), Armando Romero (Romance Languages and Literatures), and Kate Sorrels (History). Erika Gasser (History) as runner-up received the declined award.

D. Publications Committee

Publications awards defray expenses for publication subventions and publication costs for indexing, translations, the preparation of photos, illustrations, and maps, and accompanying copyrights. The 2012-13 Publications Committee consisted of Fenfang Hwu (Romance Languages and Literatures, Chair), Jennifer Glaser (English and Comparative Literature), and Dan Ralescu (Mathematical Sciences). In 2012-2013, the Committee received three requests for subventions and seven requests for publication costs. All requests met the criteria for support and were funded in full for a 100% success rate. In summary, the committee awarded a total of \$7,906.

Research Enhancement Awards

(17% of Budget)



Research Enhancement Awards benefit faculty and students in that they provide support for such things as external grant cost-share costs, collaborative research, library collections, research seminars, conferences, and lectures. The budgeted amount in 2012-13 to support these activities was \$242,500, but only \$111,226 was awarded largely due to minimal applications submitted for library collections and the suspension of the Taft Research Seminar category after one application round, as explained below. The following chart provides a breakdown of award categories, their budgets, and awards within the realm of Research Enhancement Awards.

Collections	\$ 50,000	21%
Taft Research Seminars	\$ 120,000	49%
Research Support	\$ 22,500	9%
Conferences & Lectures	\$ 50,000	21%

Two distinct committees determine and recommend to the Taft Executive Board successful applicants. Those committees are the Research Support Committee and the Conferences and Lectures Committee. Their 2012-13 reports are as follows.

A. Research Support Committee

Under the purview of the Research Support committee during 2012-13 were the following awards: Research Support (for research collaborations, cost-share, and non-salary direct research costs), Collections (for subsidizing the purchase of databases for the Langsam Library), and Taft Research Seminars (for hosting visiting scholars-in-residence to lead semester-long graduate seminars). The 2012-13 budgets for each are as follows: \$22,500 for Research Support, \$50,000 for Collections, and \$120,000 for Taft Research Seminars. The Taft Research Support Committee for 2012-13 consisted of Zvi Biener (Philosophy), Scott Dumas (Mathematical Sciences), Laura Jenkins (Political Science, Chair), Nicasio Urbina (Romance Languages and Literatures), and Katherine Whitcombe (Anthropology). Vanessa Carbonell (Philosophy), Nicasio Urbina (Romance Languages), Katherine Whitcome (Anthropology). The committee received nine applications and made nine awards (a 100% success rate) totaling \$22,500 for Research Support, \$21,126 for Collections, and \$35,608 for a Taft Research Seminar to be held in Fall 2013.

Research Support

The committee fully or partially funded research support proposals submitted by Jeremy Koster (Anthropology), Sookyung Lim (Mathematical Sciences), Gwen Arnold

(Political Science), Ning Zhong (Mathematical Sciences), Kenneth Tankersly (Anthropology), Laura Jenkins (Political Science), and Magda Peligrad (Mathematical Sciences).

Collections

The committee awarded \$28,874 to partially fund Holly McGee’s (History) proposal to make the “African American Newspapers” collection available online through the UC Langsam Library, which contributed the rest of the funds.

Taft Research Seminars

The committee approved a Taft Research Seminar proposal submitted by Andre Perez-Simon (Romance Languages and Literatures) to host a scholar from Madrid to offer a seminar on Playwriting in Spanish for Fall 2013. This was the only application received by the time this category was discontinued by a vote of the Taft Executive Board in late Fall 2013 due to consistent undersubscription and the need to transfer some funds to cover Taft’s share of costs of the Taft relocation.

Comments

The committee and/or committee chair were part of discussions about the future of the undersubscribed Taft Research Seminar in the context of Research Support committee, Planning committee, and Taft Executive Board meetings. The Taft Executive Board suspended and ultimately voted to discontinue the award category, after one last award was given by the committee for Fall 2013, to use some of its un-awarded funds for the costs of the Taft Research Center relocation, reallocate some its funds to cover over-budget awards in highly subscribed categories, and to preserve some of its funds to spend on new initiatives to be proposed in 2013-14.

The committee requests that efforts continue to improve the instructions for the catch-all Research Support category with respect to setting up award ceilings for the support categories within it and making sure instructions are consistent across the award description, cover sheets, and electronic submission prompts. While covering summer salaries under this category was disallowed in 2012-13, the committee requests that the Taft Executive Board vote to disallow the coverage of any salaries under this category given the wealth of fellowships available to faculty.

B. Conferences & Lectures Committee

The Conferences & Lectures committee oversees two award programs: 1) lectures by interdisciplinary speakers and very eminent departmental speakers whose requirements exceed the departmental allocation and 2) conferences organized by Taft faculty. The Conference and Lectures committee for 2012-2013 consisted of Myriam J.A. Chancy (English and Comparative Literature, Chair), Nages Shanmugalingam (Mathematical Sciences), and Carlos Gutierrez (Romance Languages and Literatures).

Twelve applications for competitive lecture funds were received, of which eight were fully or partially funded for a 66% success rate, and three applications were received for conference funding, all three of which were fully funded for a 100% success rate. The committee disbursed \$11,992 out of the \$30,000 budget for Competitive Lectures and the entire budget of \$20,000 for Conferences. Competitive Lectures funds were awarded to the following: Jinai Ding (Mathematical Sciences) and Richard Harknett (Political Science), Deborah Meem (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), Lenisa Chang (Economics), Ashley Currier (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), Michael Gott (Romance Languages and Literatures), David Stradling (History), and Willard Sunderland (History). Conference awards were won by Lisa Melancon (English and Comparative Literature), Nikki Taylor (History), and Michael Goldberg (Mathematical Sciences).

Comments

The committee recommends that Taft clarify to Taft Departments the rules concerning these funds, both in terms of eligibility and required materials for consideration. Given some problems with a revise and resubmit case, Taft instituted a new policy in 2012-13 that any cases of revise and resubmit will receive rejection letters, which give the applicants the option to revise and resubmit within a specified period prior to the next round, rather than acceptance letters contingent on submission of missing materials to avoid confusion. All queries about revise and resubmit instructions contained in letters that committee chairs must vet before they are sent out will be directed to appropriate committee chairs.



Departmental and Research Group Allocations and Center Operations

(31% of Budget)



Most budget lines outside the purview of Awards Committees are contained within this large category of Departmental and Research Allocations and Center Operations. As indicated earlier, several of these largely non-competitive budget lines directly benefit faculty (Research Groups, Departmental Research Allocations, and Departmental Lectures) or students (Graduate Enhancements and Taft Research Center Graduate Assistantships within Center Operations), or faculty and students (the Annual Taft Symposium) while the rest support the administration and support services of the Taft Research Center. The combined 2012-13 budget for these activities was \$457,000,

but only \$406,440 was expended. The following chart lists the budgets and expenditures in these areas during 2012-13.

DARS	\$ 39,000	9%
Research Groups	\$ 25,000	5%
Departmental Lectures	\$ 39,000	9%
Graduate Enhancements	\$ 131,600	29%
Annual Symposium	\$ 40,000	9%
Operations	\$ 182,400	40%

The full budgets for the following were expended: Departmental Research Allocations (\$39,000 at \$3000 per Taft Department), Departmental Lectures (39,000 at \$3000 per Taft Department), and Graduate Enhancements (\$131,600 to supplement graduate assistant stipends based on a Taft formula that awards lump sums to Taft Departments in relation to kinds of graduate programs, numbers of graduate students, and graduation rates). Newly funded Research Groups spent little in 2012-13, but began committing funds for 2013-14 programming towards the end of the academic year, spending or encumbering \$10,604 out of the \$25,000 set aside for research groups (at \$5000 each). Budgets were reduced to \$3000 each for 2013-14 in light of the limited spending in 2012-13, but this can be revisited should the groups generate more needs for funded activities. The Annual Symposium costs came in significantly under-budget when one of the two keynote speakers scheduled (Dr. Cornel West) cancelled his appearance with Tavis Smiley too late to find a replacement. Operational expenditures, including Taft personnel costs constituting the vast majority of the \$182,400 budgeted, came out about even across almost all categories, with overspending in supplies offset by under-spending of the Chair's contingency and the costs of attending the CHCI Conference that was held in Kansas in Spring 2013, but is often at an international location. Surplus for the Administrative Coordinator is kept in anticipation of future raises while the new Program Coordinator position was achieved in the 2013-14 budget through eliminating two full graduate assistant lines and the elimination or revision of two award categories, thereby making it sustainable and producing additional surplus for new award initiatives to be decided in 2013-14.

IV.

The 2012-13 Taft Annual Symposium

Celebrating the intellectual synergy and cross-disciplinary collaborations promoted by the Taft Research Center, the Taft Annual Symposium foregrounds the year-long accomplishments by Taft fellows during their fellowship year and fosters dialogue among faculty and students in the Taft departments. It also features keynotes by renowned scholars and public intellectuals to stimulate conversation and inquiry on pressing issues. Beginning on Tuesday, April 2, and concluding on Thursday, April 4, the 2012-13 Taft Annual Symposium hosted public broadcaster and intellectual Tavis Smiley who delivered the keynote address, "Economic Inequality and Poverty in America: The Rich and the Rest of Us" based on his book, *The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto*, co-authored with Princeton University Professor Cornel West, who was to co-deliver the Taft Symposium keynote with Smiley but unfortunately had to cancel his appearance. The UC Office of the Provost generously supported Tavis Smiley's visit. The Taft Symposium is always free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

2012-13 Center Fellows and Dissertation Fellows

Panel Presentations

Taft House Lecture Room, 2526 Clifton Avenue

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Moderator: Jay Twomey, English and Comparative Literature

Wendy Kline (Center Fellow, History)

"Birth in Transition: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth"

An examination of how the meaning and process of childbirth itself was in transition in the 1970s.

Mica Darley (Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature)

"Motherland"

A draft of a one-woman show written and acted in the cadre unit of the Metropolitan Detention Center Los Angeles by Streila Estaban, a seventeen-year-old migrant worker's daughter awaiting trial for killing a man while looting the half-demolished Beverly Hills home of the Gershwins.

Hannah Rule (Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature)

"Composing Assemblages: Towards a Theory of Material Embodied Process"

A study of writers in action, offering a new response to an old question in the field of composition studies: how is writing accomplished?

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Moderator: Tom Polger, Philosophy

Vanessa Carbonelli (Center Fellow, Philosophy)

“Knowledge and Moral Obligation”

An investigation of the relationship between what we know and what, morally speaking, we are required to do.

Nina Atanasova (Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy)

“Functions and Significance of Animal Models of Neurobiology”

Argues that animal models have been overlooked by philosophers of neuroscience who have failed to properly address the peculiarities of animal models as a type of model which is distinct from and equally important as theoretical, computational, and physical models.

Iris Spoor (Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy)

“Aesthetics: The Real Deal”

Argues that aesthetic properties are real qualities of objects rather than purely mind dependent.

3:30-6:00 p.m.

Moderator: Steve Carlton-Ford, Sociology

Sarah Jackson (Center Fellow, Anthropology)

“Reconstructing a Cultural Model of Materiality: Investigations of Classic Maya Objects and Identities”

A reimagination of archeological interpretations of the Classic Maya artifactual record to access ancient expressions of identity, as encoded in the material world.

Jennifer Carter (Dissertation Fellow, Sociology)

“Women of the Gridiron: ‘Doing Gender’ in Tackle Football”

A participant-observation study of the Cincinnati Sizzle full-contact, tackle women’s football team to understand patterned relationships and social interactions among women football players in relation to gender, sexual identity, and the body.

Mark Killian (Dissertation Fellow, Sociology)

“Everything in Common: The Strength and Vitality of Christian Intentional Communities”

An exploration of the growth and vitality of Christian Intentional Communities in which participants live in close proximity to achieve communal religious values.

Amanda Straight (Dissertation Fellow, Sociology)

“Growth and Change in Cincinnati’s Westwood Neighborhood”

An exploration of perceptions of recent demographic and social changes in the Westwood neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

2012-13 Center Fellows and Dissertation Fellows Panel Presentations (continued)

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Moderator: Tim Hodges, Mathematical Sciences

Dandan Li (Dissertation Fellow, Mathematical Sciences)

“Multiplicity Adjustment in Bayesian Variable Selection for Linear Model”

A correction to control the rate of finding falsely significant tests as a result of the multiplicity in statistics.

Nadesan Ramaruban (Dissertation Fellow, Mathematical Sciences)

“Commutative Hyperalgebra”

The development of the notion of hyperrings as an extension of classical ring theory in algebra.

Michael Thornburg (Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy)

“New Work for a Theory of Emergence”

An outline of the options and constraints on a theory of emergence as it is understood in complexity science based on case studies of dynamical systems in biology and psychology.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Moderator: Laura Jenkins, Political Science

Adrian Parr (Center Fellow, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)

“Common Spaces: The Bottom Billion”

An analysis of the struggles ensuing between processes of commoning and neoliberal processes of capital accumulation.

Ramin Ahmadov (Dissertation Fellow, Political Science)

“Nationalism, Secularism, and Islam: Azeris in Azerbaijan and Iran”

Examines the implications of the separation between Northern and Southern Azerbaijan, with the former placed under Russian control and the later remaining in the Iranian polity in the early 19th century, with respect to the two communities’ attitudes towards self-rule and independence. (Unable to present due to illness)

Jacob Wilson (Dissertation Fellow, Political Science)

“Military Modernization in China and India: Re-evaluating the Distribution of Power”

An explanation for the pace and scope of the military growth of China and India that focuses on role the international distribution of power, related to and driven by preponderant U.S. capabilities, plays in military modernization in both countries.

3:30-6:00 p.m.

Moderator: David Stradling, History

Ethan Katz (Center Fellow, History)

“Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims, from North Africa to France”

An examination of the history of relations—social, political, and cultural—between Jews and Muslims in modern France.

Wes Jackson (Dissertation Fellow, German Studies)

“Where do we go from here? Jewish Community Formation After World War I”

An analysis of Eastern European travelogues to reveal how German Jewish intellectuals and Jewish communities sought to respond to the pan-European identity crisis after the Great War.

Brandon Downing (Dissertation Fellow, History)

“‘An Extreme Bad Collection of Broken Innkeepers, Horse Jockeys, and Indian Traders’: The Formation of Cultural Identity and the Power of the Backcountry during the Seven Years’ War in Pennsylvania”

A recovery of the history of backcountry identities forged during the late 18th century French-Indian War as it was waged in Pennsylvania.

Etienne Achille (Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literature)

“Jambe dio . . . et après? Participation de la diaspora antillaise à l’écriture de la nation française”

A two-part literary analysis of five Francophone Caribbean writers to re-include the Antilles in the past and present development of the French nation and French thought.

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Faculty, Student, and Community Roundtable

“Discussing *The Rich and the Rest of Us* by Tavis Smiley and Cornel West”

Taft House Lecture Room, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Moderator: Anne Sisson Runyan, Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Interim Taft Faculty Chair, UC

Participants:

Donna Jones Baker,

President/CEO, Urban League of Greater Cincinnati

Wijdan Jreisat, Esq.,

Women’s Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation Leadership Council Member; Attorney, Katz Teller Brant & Hild

Josh Spring,

Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless

Dr. Deborah Herman,

Executive Director, UC Chapter of the American Association of University Professors

Dr. Jana Braziel,

Associate Dean, McMicken College of Arts & Sciences, UC

Emily Houh, Esq.,

Professor, College of Law, UC

Dr. Carolette Norwood,

Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, UC

Dr. Amy Lind,

Mary Ellen Heintz Endowed Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, UC

Mica Darley, Taft Dissertation Fellow, Department of English, UC

Reception for Symposium Keynote Tavis Smiley

Welcome delivered by Ron Jackson, Dean, McMicken College of Arts & Sciences, UC

Taft House Lecture Room, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Keynote Address

Tavis Smiley

“*Economic Inequality and Poverty in America: The Rich and the Rest of Us*”



Introductions by Anne Sisson Runyan, Interim Taft Faculty Chair and Lawrence Johnson, UC Interim Provost Tangeman University Center, UC, 5:00–6:30 p.m.

An outstanding voice for change, Tavis Smiley hosts the late-night television talk show, Tavis Smiley on PBS, as well as The

Tavis Smiley Show distributed by Public Radio International (PRI), and he is the co-host of Smiley & West, also distributed by PRI. He and Cornel West co-wrote the *New York Times* best-selling book, *The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto*. Smiley’s 16 books also include *Covenant with Black America*, which was the first non-fiction book by a Black-owned publisher to reach the top of the *New York Times* best-seller list. He is also the progenitor of America I Am: The African American Imprint, a traveling museum exhibition celebrating the extraordinary impact of African American contributions to America and the world. In 2009, TIME Magazine named him to its list of “The World’s 100 Most Influential People.”

Taft Symposium Closing Reception

Great Hall, Tangeman University Center, UC, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

V.

Cash Reserve and Contingency Fund

According to the audit completed in September 2012, Taft had the following cash reserves: \$208,000 in non-earmarked and unspent funds, \$300,000 set aside for emergencies by vote of the Taft Executive Board in 2009, \$30,000 remaining in Graduate Enhancement reserves, and \$38,902 remaining in operational reserves. By the end of FY12-13, the \$208,000 in excess funds had been applied to Taft’s share of the construction of and move to the new Taft location, the \$30,000 in Graduate Enhancement reserves had been allocated as partial recompense to historically underfunded departments by multiple years of the misapplication of the Taft graduate enhancement formula, \$28,827 in operational reserve for Taft House costs had been spent, and the \$300,000 in mandated cash reserves remained. After FY12-13 budget reconciliation and application of excess funds to historically over-budget categories for FY13-14 (including a replenishment of \$16,386 to the operational reserve to cover summer student salary and Taft move costs), an additional \$40,000 in unawarded funds from FY12-13 remained unallocated for FY13-14 in order to enable the new Taft Faculty Chair and Executive Board to allocate this for new initiatives in FY13-14 as opposed to being held in reserve beyond the coming year. This left a total of \$326,462 in cash reserves plus \$40,000 in unspent and unallocated funds from FY12-13 to be allocated in FY13-14.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ANNE SISSON RUNYAN

Interim Faculty Chair, 2012-13

The Taft Research Center and

The Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Endowment Fund

TAFT MEMORIAL FUND BUDGET

	2012-13 Trustee Approved Budget	Augment from Excess/Other Support	Total Budget	Total Awards	Actual Expenditures	Category Balance
HIGH PROFILE PROGRAMMING						
Center Conferences & Lectures						
Competitive Lectures	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$11,992	\$11,798	\$18,202
Conferences	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,051	\$1,949
Annual Symposium	\$12,500	\$27,500	\$40,000	\$21,384	\$21,654	\$18,346
Center Fellowships						
Taft Professorships	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$-
Faculty Summer Fellowships	\$80,000		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$-
SRF - Rsrch Suplmnt		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
Faculty Release Fellowships*	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$40,000	\$39,914	\$86
FRF - Rsrch Suplmnt*		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-	\$-
Center Fellowships*	\$125,000		\$125,000	\$125,000	\$124,893	\$107
Visiting Scholar Fellowships						
Doctoral Fellowships						
Taft Dissertation Fellowships*	\$245,000		\$245,000	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$-
Graduate Summer Fellowships	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$(6,000)
Undergrad Summer Fellowships	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
Undergrad Sr. Research Fellowships	\$45,500		\$45,500	\$21,000	\$16,800	\$28,700
Taft Research Groups						
Medical Studies	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
Urban Studies	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$-	\$-	\$5,000
Human Rights Studies	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3,588	\$3,588	\$1,412
Global Studies	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3,697	\$3,697	\$1,303
Visual Studies	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Research Support						
Taft Research Seminars*	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$64,250	\$-	\$52,250
Collections	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$19,541	\$19,541	\$30,459
Direct Research Cost						\$-
Collaboration						\$-
Cost Sharing						\$-
Research Support	\$22,500		\$22,500	\$24,085	\$23,861	\$(1,361)
Undergraduate Enrichment	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$18,252	\$16,051	\$3,949
Graduate Enrichment	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$31,452	\$19,545	\$10,455
Publications						
Subventions		\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,906	\$7,231	\$769
Taft House Library Binding		\$250	\$250	\$-	\$-	\$250

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	2012-13 Trustee Approved Budget	Augment from Excess/Other Support	Total Budget	Total Awards	Actual Expenditures	Category Balance
"BASIC CARE" SUPPORT						
Travel Awards						
Domestic Conferences	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$34,465	\$33,494	\$(8,494)
International Conferences	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$47,500	\$40,989	\$9,011
Travel for Research	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$40,074	\$33,537	\$(8,537)
Graduate Student Travel	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$29,573	\$23,368	\$(3,368)
Departmental Allocations						
DARS	\$39,000		\$39,000	\$39,000	\$53,345	\$(14,345)
Departmental Lectures	\$39,000		\$39,000	\$39,000	\$31,558	\$(7,442)
Graduate Enhancements	\$94,100	\$37,500	\$131,600	\$131,600	\$161,892	\$(30,292)
CENTER OPERATIONS						
Admn Coord (Salary + Benefits)	\$89,900		\$89,900	\$72,629	\$75,322	\$14,578
Admin Coord Benefits						
Associate Director						
Program Director (Salary+Benefits)						
Taft GA (Administrative)	\$17,500		\$17,500	\$18,745	\$29,960	\$(12,460)
Taft GA (Residential)	\$17,500	\$-	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$-
Taft GA (Publicity)		\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$21,717	\$(4,217)
Taft GA (Programming)		\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$16,050	\$1,450
Chair's Contingency	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$7,263	\$5,217	\$4,783
Supplies/Office	\$2,500		\$2,500	\$5,290	\$5,625	\$(3,125)
Hosting/Publicity	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3,260	\$5,084	\$(84)
Lecture Hosting						\$-
CHCI Conference	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$1,372	\$1,472	\$3,528
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$1,350,000	\$113,250	\$1,463,250	\$1,312,919	\$1,258,754	\$134,246

*Funds will be expended during 13-14 academic year

STUDENT AWARDS

Table 1: Dissertation Fellowships

2013-2014

English & Comparative Literature

Michelle Burke, *Animal Purpose*

Katherine Zlabek, *Their Apocrypha*

German Studies

Vanessa Plumly, *BLACK-Red-Gold in the Colorful Republic: Post-Wende (Black/Afro-)German Cultural Productions*

History

Zachary Stuart Garrison, *Fugitives for the Sake of Freedom: German Immigrants, Anti-Slavery, and the Civil War in the Lower Middle West during the American Civil War Era*

Nicole Lyon, *Perception of Calendar Time in Early Modern Germany (1450-1750)*

Mathematical Sciences

Angelica Graciela Caicedo Casso, *Mathematical modeling and sensitivity analysis of representative models of circadian rhythms in Neurospora Crassa*

Suayip Toprakseven, *Error Estimates for an Enriched Finite Element Scheme*

Philosophy

Michael Ducey, *Determining the True Meaning of a Work of Art*

Jonathan Martin, *Cognitive Science and the Challenge of Anti-representationalism*

Political Science

Jennifer Dye, *Food Security and Entitlements*

Erika Garcia Gonzalez, *The role of external factors in genocide and politicide*

Romance Languages & Literature

Nidia Herrera Ospina, *Jose Donoso in Cinema: Perception of Space and Body in Literary and Cinematographic Discourses*

Sociology

Kelli Chapman, *Dating In and Out of the Closet: Negotiating Relationships as an LGBT Teenager*

Paul Anderson, *Rural-Urban Differences in Educational Outcomes: Does Religious Social Capital Matter?*



Table 2: Graduate Travel Awards

2012 - 2013

Anthropology			
Jean Berkebile	Honolulu, HI	\$500	<i>Investigating Subsistence Diversity in the Upper Basin: New Archaeobotanical Analysis at MU 125</i>
Maria Fox	Knoxville, TN	\$500	<i>Neandertal lumbopelvic anatomy and the biomechanical effects of a reduced lumbar lordosis</i>
Kelsey Jelenc	Knoxville, TN	\$454	<i>Effects of bipedal infant-carrying on thoracic and pelvic rotations in walking gait</i>
Jacob Martino	St. Louis, MO	\$500	<i>Loan Tactics among Ohio Valley Organic Farmers: An Ethnographic Study of Success</i>
Ryan Washam	Honolulu, HI	\$500	<i>Archaeology in Distress: Federal Land Management and Vulnerable Landscapes</i>
English & Comparative Literature			
Niven Abdel-Hamid	Charleston, SC	\$500	<i>Masculinity, Christianity, and the Rejection of Traditional Beliefs</i>
Sheri Allen	Boston, MA	\$500	<i>A Monstor for your Bridegroom: Jewish Mysticism in Contemporary Poetry</i>
ShaDawn Battle	Honolulu, HI	\$500	<i>Resisting My Mother: Kanye West, the Modern Day Bub</i>
Julie Berthoud	Lawrence, KS	\$500	<i>Transnational Eco-feminist Paradigms for Survival in Rugh Ozeki's My Year of Meats</i>
Allison Carr	Las Vegas, NV	\$500	<i>Affecting Failures</i>
Scott Hales	San Francisco, CA	\$500	<i>Nephi Anderson and the New Mormon Masculinity</i>
Sarah Hamilton	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	\$500	<i>Using Landmark Detection to Measure Effective Clear Speech</i>
Vinamarata Kaur	Wooster, OH and Oakland, CA	\$500	<i>Digitization of the Indian Queer: Toward Creation of a Cyborg Theology (Wooster & NWSA)</i>
Lindsey Kurz	Washington, DC	\$500	<i>From Cities to Subdivisions: The Shifting Geography of Queer Communities on Television</i>

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Table 2: Graduate Travel Awards (continued)
2012 - 2013

Christina LaVecchia	Las Vegas, NV	\$500	<i>Technology as an Affective Modality: Shaping our Responses and Relations to Occupy</i>
Janine Morris	Las Vegas, NV	\$500	<i>Technology and the Instructor: Private Use and Public Concern for Copyright</i>
David Nielsen	Honolulu, HI	\$500	<i>What the Hell Is 'Digital Poetry,' Anyway?</i>
Diane Pfister	Phoenix, AZ	\$500	<i>Spiderbite</i>
Katharine Polak	Hanover, NH	\$500	<i>Just Like Sally: Cultural Perceptions of Rape in Graphic Narratives</i>
Meredith Singelton	Las Vegas, NV	\$500	<i>Exploring the Vernacular Literacy of Community College Students</i>
Rachel Steiger-Meister	Stevenson, WA	\$500	<i>Desires of Older Women: Queer Possibilities in Emma Donoghue's <u>Kissing the Witch</u></i>
Heather Williams	Wilmington, DE	\$500	<i>But I Only Know How to Teach Composition!: Writing and Graduate Assistants in the Literature Classroom</i>
German Studies			
Vanessa Plumly	Chicago, IL	\$500	<i>Lights, Camera, Surveillance!: Surveying Deviance and Surveilling the Body in the Hamburg Tatort</i>
History			
Brandon Downing	Berlin, Germany	\$500	<i>What is Colonial about Colonial America?: Issues of Dispersed Settlement, Indians, Land Management, and Cultural Cohesion, 1740-1775</i>
Mackenzie Keys	Chicago, IL	\$500	<i>Restore to Reason: Eugenics, the Mental Deficiency Act of 1913, and Irish Home Rule</i>
Matthew Stanley	Oxford, MS	\$500	<i>Between Two Fires: War and Reunion in Middle America, 1860-1899</i>
Mathematical Sciences			
Dandan Li	San Diego, CA	\$500	<i>On Multiplicity Adjustment in Bayesian Variable Selection</i>
Martial Longla	San Diego, CA	\$500	<i>On functional CLT for Reversible Markov chains</i>
Jireh Loreaux	San Francisco, CA	\$500	<i>An Infinite Dimensional Schur-Horn Theorem and Majorization Theory: The Nonzero Kernel Case</i>
Sujan Sakar	New Orleans, LA	\$500	<i>Investigating the formation and properties of strained Biradicals in ring systems with aid of LFP</i>
Philosophy			
Nina Atanasova	Pittsburgh, PA	\$447	<i>Perspectival Pluralism in Experimental Neurobiology</i>
Vanessa Bentley	New Orleans, LA	\$235	<i>Socially and Morally Responsible Cognitive Neuroimaging: Mental Rotation Case Study</i>
Maurice Lamb	Providence, RI	\$500	<i>Understanding Dynamical Models</i>
Valentina Petrolini	Toronto, Canada	\$500	<i>Tackling Diversity with the Right Picture in Mind</i>
Michael Thornburg	San Diego, CA	\$500	<i>New Work for a Theory of Emergence</i>
Political Science			
Ramin Ahmadov	New Orleans, LA and Denver, CO	\$500	<i>Nationalism, Secularism, and Islam: Azeris in Azerbaijan and Iran</i>
Jacob Wilson	San Francisco, CA	\$500	<i>Indian Military Modernization: Progress or Stagnation? and Comparing China's and Indian's Military Modernization: Re-evaluating the Distribution of Power</i>

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Table 2: Graduate Travel Awards (continued)
2012 - 2013

Romance Languages & Literature			
Olimpia Arellano	Durham, NC	\$500	<i>The Cinematographic Reconstruction and Representation of the Identity of Sexually Violated Women</i>
Aaron Bushman	Charleston, SC	\$500	<i>ALA Conference</i>
Sandra Paola Cadena Pardo	Zamora, Mexico	\$500	<i>Cinema</i>
Paula Garrido	Barcelona, Spain	\$500	<i>Los modos de la irrealidad en la dinámica del discurso fantástico</i>
Manuel Ramos Montes	Lexington, KY	\$140	<i>6 Juan Goytisolo 6 or the Novel as a Remain and Documentary</i>
Aline Skrzyszewski	Dallas, TX	\$452	<i>La question de la polygamie dans les romans de Mariama Bâ, Sembène Ousmane et Paulina Chiziane</i>
Sociology			
Rasha Aly	Chicago, IL	\$440	<i>Domestic Violence Influences on Children</i>
Jennifer Carter	Denver, CO	\$500	<i>Taking a Hit: Body Maintenance in Women's Professional Football</i>
Katherine Durante	Indianapolis, IN	\$205	<i>American Values and Mass Incarceration</i>
Ciera Graham	Indianapolis, IN	\$175	<i>Black Spaces at White Institutions: How do Black students Perceive and Utilize the Black Campus Community at Rural and Urban Campuses?</i>
Aaryn Green	Indianapolis, IN	\$237	<i>The Incidence and Suppression of Black Representations in the NBA</i>
Alan Grigsby	New York, NY	\$500	<i>Why Can't I be a Regular Man?: The Marginalized Black Male Collegiate Athlete</i>
Rebecca Reeder	Indianapolis, IN and Atlanta GA	\$500	<i>A Social Approach to a Biological Phenomenon: How Social Positions Affect Preterm Births and A More Accurate Understanding of Social Variables in Relation to Preterm Births</i>
Michael Rosino	New York, NY	\$500	<i>Describing the Indescribable: Interpretation, Discourse, and Social Learning within an Online Drug Community</i>
Travis Speice	Atlanta, GA	\$500	<i>Diva Dudes: Gay Men Managing Gendered and Sexual Identities</i>
Russell Spiker	New Orleans, LA	500	<i>Same-Sex Unions and Health: An Investigation of Alcohol Use</i>
Jodi Stooksberry	Indianapolis, IN	\$500	<i>Redefining School Violence: A research Proposal</i>
Elizabeth Sweeney	New York, NY	\$500	<i>From Cancer to Chronic Pain: Treatment Disparities in the Real Vs the Unreal</i>
Megan Underhill	Indianapolis, IN	\$250	<i>Looking at Oneself through the Eyes of Others: A Critical Analysis of the Racial Formation Literature</i>
Emily Wetzel	Chicago, IL	\$210	<i>Our brand of hip hop: Hip hop as alternative cultural capital</i>
Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies			
Mary Hyatt	Oakland, CA	\$500	<i>Objectivity in the Law: Post-Racism, Post-Sexism, and Post-Heterosexism?</i>
Ayca Mazman	Oakland, CA	\$500	<i>Rethinking Feminism in the Context of the Middle East</i>
Stefanie Murawsky	Oakland, CA	\$500	<i>Governing Bodies and Trans Bodies: Reconfiguring Medico-Legal Policies and Attitudes</i>
Ashlie Sandoval	Oakland, CA	\$483	<i>Queer Readings: Navigating Cyborg Liminalities (Panel Title)</i>
Lee Serbin	Oakland, CA	\$500	<i>Destabilizing 'Neutral' Morality: A Discussion of Sexual Rights</i>
Rachael Shockey	Poughkeepsie, NY	\$500	<i>Man Enough: An investigation of masculinity, race, and colonialism in Harry Potter</i>
Lydia Weiss	San Francisco, CA	\$345	<i>The Future of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Queering the Conversation NWSA Presentation</i>

Table 3: Graduate Enrichment Awards

2012-2013

Anthropology			
Nathaniel Foust	Nicaragua	\$1,800	<i>An Observational Study of Fishing Strategies among the Mayangna and Miskito of Lowland Nicaragua</i>
Maria Fox	Cleveland Museum	\$532	<i>Neandertal lumbopelvic anatomy and the biomechanical effects of a reduced lumbar lordosis</i>
Kelsey Jelenc	UC	\$400	<i>Effects of bipedal infant-carrying on thoracic and pelvic rotations in walking gait</i>
Michael Kraus	UC and Sardinia, Italy	\$2,000	<i>Stone Tool Production of the Sardinian Bronze Age</i>
Kevin Kusmer	Northwestern Belize	\$2,000	<i>Archeological Field School in Belize</i>
Jacob Martino	Xlendi, Gozo, Malta	\$1,945	<i>Farming in Gozo, Malta: An Ethnographic Study of the Organic, the Conventinal, and the Traditional</i>
Peter Rej	UC	\$2,000	<i>Measuring mitochondrial DNA diversity and demographic patterns of the tribal and caste populations from the Northeast Indian state of Assam</i>
English and Comparative Literature			
Sheri Allen	Wilmington, VT	\$1,932	<i>American Alefbeit</i>
Lisa Ampelman	Middlebury, VT	\$1,623	<i>My Heart, Dart-Shot, Your Archer Eyes (collection of poems)</i>
Christina LaVecchia	Lawrence, Kansas	\$872	<i>Attendance at the Rhetoric Society of America's 2013 Summer Institute</i>
Hannah Rule	UC	\$700	<i>Toward a Theory of Material Embodied Process</i>
History			
Brandon Downing	London, England	\$1,000	<i>Contested Borderlands: The British Empire in North America's Backcountry, 1740-1775</i>
Brandon Downing	Louisville, KY	\$200	<i>Kentucky's Indian Menace</i>
Zachary Stuart Garrison	Springfield & Belleville, IL, Indianapolis, IN, Cincinnati, OH, and Louisville, KY	\$1,086	<i>Visions of the West: German Immigration and the Making of the Western Border</i>
Alyssa McClanahan	Swarthmore, PA	\$1,186	<i>Desperate to End Nuclear Madness: Women's Peace Activism & Health in the 1970s and 80s</i>
Matthew Stanley	Pasadena, CA	\$780	<i>Between Two Fires: War and Reunion in Middle America, 1860-1899</i>
Philosophy			
Nina Atanasova	Geneva, Switzerland	\$1,000	<i>Functions and Significance of Animal Models in Neurobiology</i>
Matthias Barker	Geneva, Switzerland	\$2,000	<i>International Summer School in Affective Science</i>
Romance Languages and Literature			
Ryan Murphy	France	\$2,000	<i>French and Farming</i>
Sociology			
Paul Anderson	Cincinnati, OH	\$800	<i>The Interaction of Religious Social Capital and Demographic Characteristics on Student Outcomes</i>
Kelli Chapman	Ohio and KY	\$896	<i>Dating in and out of the Closet: Negotiating Relationships as an LGBT Teen</i>
Mark Killian	Cincinnati, OH	\$1,500	<i>Everything in Common: The Strength and Vitality of Christian Intentional Communities</i>
Julie Stewart	UC	\$1,200	<i>An Exploration of the Prevalence and Predictors of Interracial Primary Relationships in Television Advertising</i>

Table 4: Graduate Enhancement
2012-2013

<p>Anthropology</p> <p>Maria C. Fox\$4,550 Kelsy Elizabeth Jelenc\$4,550</p> <p>COB Economics</p> <p>Julianne Bryant\$2,000 Michael Dickson\$2,000 Baoning Fan\$2,000 Matthew Fritz\$2,000 Andrew Jones\$2,000 Omololu Owoyele\$2,000 Daniel Strittholt\$2,000</p> <p>English</p> <p>Niven Abdul-Hamid\$1,000 DaShawn Battle\$1,000 Allison Carr\$2,000 Joe Dargue\$2,000 Jennifer Fawkes\$2,000 Scott Hales\$2,000 Christina LaVecchia\$2,000 Leah McCormack\$2,000 Janine Morris\$2,000 David Nielsen\$2,000 Michael Peterson\$1,000 Rachel Steiger-Meister\$2,000 Brian Trapp\$3,000 Mark Manibusan\$500 Abby Fagan\$309</p> <p>German Studies</p> <p>Ann Bladen\$1,000 Michelle Dietz\$1,000 Alexandra Parks\$1,000 Katherine Paul\$1,000</p>	<p>History</p> <p>Zach Garrison\$7,000 Bela Kashyap\$7,000 Alyssa McClanahan\$1,906</p> <p>Math</p> <p>Jacob Bellman\$1,350 Mohammad Bhuiyan\$2,000 Christopher Burke\$1,350 Angelica Caicedo\$1,000 Catalin Dragan\$5,600 Dewey Estep\$3,000 Fadoua El Moustaid\$2,000 Wei Guo\$1,000 Matthew laLonde\$1,000 Dandan Li\$2,300 Xining Li\$3,000 Marcos Lopez\$3,000 Jireh Loreaux\$4,950 Nadesan Ramaruban\$2,300</p> <p>Philosophy</p> <p>Nina Atanasova\$2,000 Valentina Petrolini\$1,000</p> <p>Political Science</p> <p>Kyla Dahlquist\$1,000 Jennifer Dye\$1,600 Erika Garcia\$2,000 Jung-Min Hong\$1,800 Aileen (Mariam) Wang\$1,200 Wei (Laurel) Wei\$1,600</p>	<p>Romance Languages and Literature</p> <p>Etienne Achille\$1,500 Sergio Aguillon Mata\$1,250 Stephanie Alcantar\$2,500 Olimpia Arellano Neri\$1,000 Manuel Cerpa\$1,250 Marina Coma\$2,250 Fenanda Diaz Basteris\$1,000 Paula Garrido\$1,250 David Gomez Cambronero\$1,000 Nidia Herrera\$1,000 Sara Hutchinson\$2,100 Manuel Iris\$1,500 Eugenia Mazur\$2,000 Milton Medellin\$2,316 Sandra Paola Cadena\$3,500 Manuel Ramos Montes\$2,000 Aline Skrzyszewski\$1,250</p> <p>Sociology</p> <p>Russell Spiker\$2,000 Leonard Thomas\$1,000 Megan Underhill\$2,000 Aaryn Green\$2,000</p> <p>Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies</p> <p>Anabelle Arbogast\$2,873 Emily Rath\$6,500 India Scarver\$1,659</p>
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Table 5: Graduate Summer Fellowships
2012 - 2013

English and Comparative Literature	
Janine Morris	<i>Webbed: Examining Activists Movements Online</i>
Katharin Polak	<i>Introduction and Conclusion to Gutter Love: Comics and the Mediation of Trauma</i>
History	
Ufuk Adak	<i>Behind the Walls: Prison Life in Ottoman Prisons in Istanbul and Izmir (1858-1910)</i>
Brittany Cowgill	<i>Monitoring Progress: The Story of SIDS, Infant Monitors, and Changing Doctor-Patient Relationships in the Twentieth-Century United States</i>
Philosophy	
Matthias Barker	<i>Ecological Sensibility Theory: Affordance Perception as a Model for Moral Perception</i>
Michael Ducey	<i>Being Researched or Presented: Intentions and Meaning Determination</i>
Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies	
Ayca Mazman	<i>Negotiating the Relationship Between Islam and Feminism in the Writings of Middle Eastern Women</i>

Table 6: Undergraduate Enrichment Awards
2012 - 2013

Anthropology			
Kevin Kusmer	Belize	\$2,000	Archaeological Field School in Belize
Ashely Stuart	Port au Prince, Haiti	\$2,000	Understanding the Challenges that Microfinance Recipients Encounter to Successfully Start and Develop their Businesses
German Studies			
Matthew Bauman	Berlin Germany	\$1,250	New German Cinema and the DEFA of the 1970's: A Dialogue in Film and Television across the Two Germanys
James Goebel	Germany	\$1,500	Living the 'Working Life' in Germany
History			
Gretchen Green	Florence, KY and Northern Ill	\$1,500	Korean War Films
Byron Hutchins	Augusta, GA	\$2,000	Workers of Triumvirate Industrial Complex of Confederate Augusta
Sean Kennedy	College Park, MD	\$1,002	The Historical Perspectives of Narco-Trafficking and Political Corruption in Mexico
Jeremy Waugh	Birmingham, UK	\$1,500	University of Cincinnati International Exchange to Birmingham, United Kingdom
Romance Languages & Literature			
Jonathan Hilton	Germany	\$1,500	Germany and the Fate of the Spanish Economy
Ryan Patrick Murphy	France	\$2,000	French and Farming
Hannah Stein	Cairo, Egypt Cincinnati, OH	\$2,000	A Study of Formal and Colloquial Arabic

Table 7: Undergraduate Senior Thesis Fellowships
2012 - 2013

Economics	
Stephanie Lario	<i>Changes in the Return to Education over Time</i>
English	
Jeffrey Allen	<i>Glow and Reflections: Variation on James Wright's Anti-Pastoral Ohio</i>
History	
Sean Kennedy	<i>Drug Trafficking and Mexico's Security Forces</i>
Mathematical Sciences	
Amanda Bell	<i>Composer-Specific Hierarchical Modeling of Classical Music</i>
Political Science	
Michael Zhelenik	<i>Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Effectiveness of U.N. and NATO Cooperation</i>
Sociology	
David Nathan	<i>The College Transition</i>

Table 8: Undergraduate Summer Fellowships
2012-2013

Political Science	
Ellen Gruber	<i>The Effect of Pro-Life Catholic Social Thought on Legal Advocacy</i>

FACULTY AWARDS

Table 1: Faculty Awards

2012 - 2013

ANTHROPOLOGY			
Domestic Conference			
Daniel Murphy	Denver, CO	\$700	<i>Escaping Disaster, Encountering the State</i>
Leila Rodriguez Soto	San Francisco, CA	\$628	<i>Using Respondent-Driven Sampling to Detect Self-Employed Nigerian Immigrants: Methodological and Theoretical Opportunities and Challenges</i>
Leila Rodriguez Soto	St. Louis, MO	\$100	<i>Cooperative Farming and Rural Migration in Costa Rica: Why Reducing Inequality Promotes Migration</i>
Stephanie Sadre-Orafai	Albany, NY; San Francisco, CA	\$700	<i>Artless Photographs/Models, Measurement, and Mediation in the New York Fashion Industry</i>
Alan Sullivan	Honolulu, HI	\$700	<i>Paper Presentation at 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology</i>
Kenneth Tankersley	Honolulu, HI	\$700	<i>Saving Sequoyah's Oldest Written Record</i>
Travel for Research			
Jeremy Koster	Managua, Nicaragua	\$3,700	<i>Experimental Foraging in Nicaragua</i>
Leila Rodriguez Soto	Costa Rica	\$1,550	<i>Cooperativism, Rural Production and Migration in Costa Rica</i>
Kenneth Tankersley	Trinidad and Tobago	\$2,350	<i>At the Edge of the Amazon: Biological, Cultural, and Physical Coevolution of an Island Landscape</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship			
Jeremy Koster		\$8,000	<i>Assessing Selection for Hunting Ability among Domestic Dogs in Lowland Nicaragua in the Absence of Managed Breeding</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship – Research Supplement			
Jeremy Koster	Managua, Nicaragua	\$500	<i>Assessing Selection for Hunting Ability among Domestic Dogs in Lowland Nicaragua in the Absence of Managed Breeding</i>
ENGLISH & COMPARATIVE LITERATURE			
Domestic Conference			
Lora Arduser	Raleigh, NC	\$340	<i>Emerging Genres, Forms, Narratives—in New Media Environments</i>
Donald Bogen	Rochester, NY	\$340	<i>Europa: Selected Poems Julio Martinez Mesanza</i>
Julia Carlson	Boston, MA	\$700	<i>Say, Rice, Roe, and the (Radical) Printing of Radical Prosody</i>
Stanley Corkin	Chicago, IL	\$534	<i>Corner Boys and Stoop Boys: Education, Knowledge, and the Neoliberal City in Season Four of The Wire</i>
Grace Epstein	Chicago, IL	\$575	<i>Approaches to Teaching World Cinema</i>
Michael Griffith	Boston	\$442	<i>The Defamiliarization of Sex</i>
Lisa Meloncon	Las Vegas, NV	\$590	<i>Reporting on Best Practices in Online Writing Instruction</i>
Laura Micciche	Las Vegas, NV	\$584	<i>Reading for a Feeling</i>
Christine Mok	Seattle, WA	\$628	<i>Stills/Presents/Pasts</i>
Kathryn Rentz	Louisville, KY	\$258	<i>Bridging the Gap between Grammatical Knowledge and Effective Writing</i>
Jay Twomey	Chicago, IL	\$504	<i>Apocalyptic Realism (Or Not): André Bazin on Lars von Trier's Melancholia</i>
Furaha Norton	San Juan, Puerto Rico	\$1,918	<i>Shame in the Works of Toni Morrison</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
2012 - 2013

Travel for research			
<i>(English & Comparative Literature, continued)</i>			
Jon Hughes	Paris, France	\$1,850	<i>Paris Images: Beyond Transcendent Evidence</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship			
Julia Carlson		\$8,000	<i>Reading with the Hands: Impression and Inscription in Romantic-Era Britain</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship – Research Supplement			
Julia Carlson		\$500	<i>Reading with the Hands: Impression and Inscription in Romantic-Era Britain</i>
Summer Research Fellowship			
Christopher Bachelder		\$8,000	<i>The Throwback Special (novel)</i>
Christine Mok		\$8,000	<i>Disorientations: Theatricality and Contemporary Asian American Performance</i>
GERMAN STUDIES			
Domestic Conference			
Noriko Fujioka-Ito	San Diego, CA	\$700	<i>Effectiveness of Interaction Based on Sociocultural Theory</i>
Harold Herzog	Las Vegas, NV	\$636	<i>Going for Broke</i>
Valerie Weinstein	Milwaukee, WI	\$439	<i>Performing Masculinity in the Third Reich: Lilian Harvey's Hosenrolle in Capriccio (1938)</i>
Valerie Weinstein	Washington, DC	\$261	<i>Making German Humor Judenrein: Film Comedy in the Third Reich</i>
Summer Research Fellowship			
Gergana Ivanova		\$8,000	<i>Gendering the Classics: Adaptation, Women, and Japanese Modernity</i>
HISTORY			
Domestic Conference			
Erika Gasser	Charleston, SC	\$522	<i>Contesting Manhood after the Essex County Witchcraft Trials</i>
Robert Haug	New Orleans, LA	\$606	<i>Between the Limits and the Gaps: Conceptualizing Frontier in Medieval Arabic and Persian Geographies</i>
Brianna Leavitt-Alcantara	New Orleans, LA	\$550	<i>Devotional Networks and Spiritual Geographies: Single Women in a Spanish American City</i>
Wendy Paula	San Diego, CA	\$598	<i>The Bowland Bust and the Criminalization of Midwifery in California</i>
Wendy Paula	Atlanta, GA	\$102	<i>Communicating a New Consciousness: Home Birth in Modern America</i>
Mark Raider	New York, NY	\$664	<i>2012 Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History</i>
Katherine Sorrels	New York City	\$426	<i>Austrian Jewish Pacifism and the Ideal of European Unity in the first half of the Twentieth Century</i>
Nikki Taylor	New Orleans, LA	\$677	<i>Driven to Madness: Margaret Garner, Soul, Murder and Tragedy on the Ohio River</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
2012 - 2013

International Conference		(HISTORY, continued)	
Isaac Campos-Costero	London, Paris	\$2,070	<i>A Cross-Examination of Bonnie and Whitebread: The View from the Border</i>
Ethan Katz	Leicester, England	\$1,388	<i>Reform in Algeria as a Jewish Solution</i>
Ethan Katz	Banff, Alberta, Canada	\$1,311	<i>A Jewish-Muslim Riot in Interwar France: Gender, Identity, and Secular Space</i>
Maura Oconnor	Venice, Italy	\$2,398	<i>Risk and the Stock-jobbing Globe: British Speculation in California and South Africa</i>
Wendy Paula	Lisbon, Portugal	\$2,361	<i>Reconceiving Risk: The Home Birth Controversy in the 1970</i>
Katherine Sorrels	Amsterdam	\$2,623	<i>Revolutionary Pacifism and European Unit</i>
Jeffrey Zalar	Cambridge, England	\$1,943	<i>The Catholic Contribution: Cultivating the Learning Personality</i>
Wayne Durrill	Washington, D.C.; GA	\$3,620	<i>Nat Turner and the Great Slave SC, and Conspiracy of 1831</i>
Elizabeth Frierson	Istanbul	\$1,850	<i>WWI in the Middle East</i>
Sigrun Haude	Germany	\$1,850	<i>The Thirty Years' War: Experience and Management of a Disaster (1618- 1648)</i>
Mark Lause	London, Paris	\$3,700	<i>Research Tripfor Archival Work On International Garibaldians: London-Paris, March 5-23</i>
Hilda Smith	Hampshire, UK	\$548	<i>Feminist Elements in early 18th Century Fiction</i>
Center Fellowship			
Erika Gasser		\$25,000	<i>Manhood, Witchcraft, and Possession in Old and New England</i>
Katherine Sorrels		\$25,000	<i>The Evolution of Eruope: Social Darwinism and the Idea of Integration in fin de siècle Austria.</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship			
Isaac Campos-Costero		\$8,000	<i>Narco-Dynamics and the Evolution of Mexico's War on Drugs: 1912-1940</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship – Research Supplement			
Isaac Campos-Costero		\$500	<i>Narco-Dynamics and the Evolution of Mexico's War on Drugs: 1912-1941</i>
Summer Research Fellowship			
Martin Francis		\$8,000	<i>Britain and the Desert War, 1940-1943: A Cultural History</i>
Robert Haug		\$8,000	<i>The Politics and Economics of Local Elites on the Early Islamic Eastern Frontier</i>
Holly McGee		\$8,000	<i>Talking on Water: Radical Antiapartheid Internationalism and Exile in the Life of Elizabeth Mafekeng</i>
JUDAIC STUDIES			
International Conference			
Steven Bowman	Bari and Rome, Italy	\$1,600	<i>Sepher Yosippon: Reevaluations</i>
Gila Naveh	Toronto, Canada	\$1,450	<i>A Semiotic of Retrospection: The Holocaust & Strategies of Desire</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
 2012 - 2013

Summer Research Fellowship		(JUDAIC STUDIES, continued)	
Aryay Finkelstein		\$8,000	<i>Julian and the Jews: The Place of Jews in Emperor Julian's Hellenic Empire</i>
MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES			
Domestic Conference			
Jintai Ding	Fort Collins, CO	\$520	<i>Degree of Regularity for HFEv and HFEv-</i>
International Conference			
Wlodzimierz Bryc	Guanajuato, Mexico	\$1,128	<i>Cauchy-Stjelties kernel families</i>
Robert Buckingham	Beijing, China	\$2,542	<i>Applications of Painleve Functions to Nonlinear Wave Equations</i>
Jintai Ding	Limoges, France	\$2,700	<i>Simple Matrix for Encryption</i>
Timothy Hodges	Toulon, France	\$2,071	<i>Degree of Regularity for Systems arising from Weil Descent</i>
Lei Kang	Varanasi, India	\$2,697	<i>Bayesian Analysis of High-resolution Regional Climate Model Output over North America</i>
Travel for research			
Jintai Ding	Belem, Brazil	\$1,820	<i>Electronic voting and Lattice-based Cryptography</i>
Costel Peligrad	Italy	\$2,900	<i>C*-algebras and dynamical systems. Analytic subalgebras, Galois correspondence and comparison of open projections</i>
Summer Research Fellowship			
Lei Kang		\$8,000	<i>Simulation and Analysis of Massive Spatial Data</i>
PHILOSOPHY			
Domestic Conference			
Anthony Chemero	San Diego, CA	\$700	<i>Constraints on Localization and Decomposition as Explanatory Strategies in the Biological Sciences</i>
Christopher Gauker	New Orleans, LA	\$553	<i>Metalinguistic Accounts of Belief and Meaning</i>
Peter Langland-Hassan	Austin, TX	\$530	<i>Craniopagus Twins and the Possibility of Introspective Misidentification</i>
Thomas Polger	San Francisco, CA	\$582	<i>Exclusion, Still Not Tracted</i>
Angela Potochnik	San Diego, CA	\$548	<i>Defusing Ideological Defenses in Biology</i>
Angela Potochnik	San Francisco, CA	\$152	<i>Increasing Realism without Getting Real</i>
Jenefer Robinson	San Francisco, CA	\$700	<i>2 papers on music; 1 on disgust</i>
International Conference			
John Martin	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	\$200	<i>Leibniz's Conception of Modal Necessity</i>
Thomas Polger	Berlin, Germany	\$2,240	<i>Exclusion, Still Not Tracted</i>
Jenefer Robinson	London, England	\$1,400	<i>2 papers on music; 1 on disgust</i>
Center Fellowship			
Angela Potochnik		\$25,000	<i>Doing Science in a Complex World</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
 2012 - 2013

Summer Research Fellowship			
(PHILOSOPHY, continued)			
Zvi Biener		\$8,000	<i>The Life Sciences in the Scientific Revolution: Isaac Newton and the Physiology of Perception</i>
POLITICAL SCIENCE			
Domestic Conference			
Laura Jenkins	San Diego, CA	\$700	<i>University quota systems' disparate impact on Muslim populations in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka</i>
Dinshaw Mistry		\$450	<i>Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, and the Nuclear Agreement with India</i>
Rebecca Sanders	San Francisco, CA	\$700	1) <i>Private Catalytic Workshop: What Makes Legal Norms Distinctive?</i> 2) <i>Humanitarian Counterterrorism? Convergence and Divergence in Contemporary Legal Logics;</i> 3) <i>The Golden Shield: Legal Rationalization and Impunity for Human Rights Abuses</i>
Travel for Research			
Laura Jenkins	Maharashtra and Mizoram, India	\$3,700	<i>I will not die a Hindu: Identity improvisation in India</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship			
Laura Jenkins		\$8,000	<i>I will not die a Hindu: Identity Improvisation in India</i>
Faculty Release Fellowship – Research Supplement			
Laura Jenkins		\$500	<i>I will not die a Hindu: Identity Improvisation in India</i>
ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE			
Domestic Conference			
Michael Gott	Oxford, OH	\$144	<i>Mapping the Road "Home" in Cyril Pedrosa's Portugal 2011</i>
Michael Gott	Atlanta, GA	\$526	<i>20th/21st Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium</i>
Carlos Gutierrez	Boulder, CO	\$509	<i>El viaje como memoria y autorrepresentación en Cervantes</i>
Therese Migraine George	Tallahassee, FL	\$656	<i>Homosexuals as Masisi and Activists in Haiti</i>
Nicasio Urbina	Washington, D.C.	\$485	<i>The Nicaraguan Historical Novel and the Works of Ricardo Paso Marciacq</i>
Patricia Valladares Ruiz	Washington, DC	\$186	<i>Disonancias y distidencias en la cultura venezolana del nuevo omilenio and Algegorias de la immediatez politica en la narrative venezolana contemporanea</i>
Patricia Valladares Ruiz	Lincoln, NE	\$514	<i>Displacements, Dislocations, and Political Dissent in Contemporary Venezuela Fiction</i>
International Conference			
Leila Rodriguez Soto	Vienna, Austria and Santiago, Chile	\$2,700	<i>Cooperatives Development and Migration: A New Nexus</i>
Nicasio Urbina	Managua, Nicaragua	\$694	<i>The Subversion of Genre. The Poems/Memoirs of Pablo Antonio Cuadra</i>
Nicasio Urbina	Nicaragua	\$1,312	<i>Ernesto Cardenal and his Writing in Nicaraguan Popular Culture</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
 2012 - 2013

Center Fellowship			
(ROMANCE LANGUAGES, continued)			
Armando Romero		\$25,000	<i>Discrediting Order: An Insider's View of Latin American Literary Movement of the 60's and 70's</i>
Summer Research Fellowship			
Michael Gott		\$8,000	<i>The (New) Boundaries of Frenchness</i>
SOCIOLOGY			
Domestic Conference			
Danielle Bessett	Denver, CO	\$591	<i>Women's Embodied Experiences of Unwanted Pregnancies</i>
Danielle Bessett	New Orleans, LA	\$109	<i>Young adults and contraceptive access in Massachusetts after health care reform</i>
Steven Carlton-Ford	Denver, CO	\$568	<i>American Sociological Association Travel</i>
Erynn Casanova	San Francisco, CA	\$700	<i>Is the Metrosexual Extinct? Men, Dress, and Looking Good in Corporate America</i>
Annulla Linders	Denver, CO	\$229	<i>How Institutions Change: The Case of Capital Punishmen</i>
Annulla Linders	Boston, MA	\$434	<i>Killings without Killers: The Problem of the Professional Executioner in American Executions</i>
Ervin Matthew	Chicago, IL	\$150	<i>Getting on Track: Timely College Enrollment by Race and Measures of Academic Merit</i>
David Maume	Denver, CO	\$190	<i>Race Differences in Early-career Wage Growth in the New Economy</i>
David Maume	Atlanta, GA	\$338	<i>Social Risk Factors for Adolescent Sleep Disruption</i>
Sarah Mayorga-Gallo	Denver, CO	\$526	<i>White Codes and de facto Segregation</i>
Corinne Reczek	New Orleans, LA	\$680	1) <i>Sexual Minority Status and Happiness,</i> 2) <i>Same-Sex Unions and Health: An Examination of Alcohol Use</i>
Jeffrey Timberlake	Denver, CO	\$621	<i>Immigrant Stereotypes and Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration</i>
International Conference			
Erynn Casanova	Sao Paulo, Brazil	\$2,700	<i>Como Cualquier Otro Trabajo/Like Any Other Job: Organizing Domestic Workers in Urban Ecuador</i>
Corinne Reczek	Edinburg, Scotland	\$2,349	<i>Conducting a Multi Family Member Interview Study: A Methodology for Studying Families Across the Life Course</i>
Center Fellowship			
Erynn Casanova		\$25,000	<i>Dress Blues: Men's Working Clothing in Corporate America</i>
WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES			
Domestic Conference			
Ashley Currier	Oakland, CA	\$681	<i>The Diffusion of Political Homophobia in Contemporary African Contexts</i>
Amy Lind	Washington, D.C.	\$495	<i>How States Govern Identity: Resignifying Gender, Race & Sexuality in Ecuador's Citizen Revolution</i>
Anne Runyan	Oakland, CA	\$609	<i>Transnational Feminist Analysis of Fortress North America: Future Research Agendas</i>
Rina Williams	San Diego, CA	\$599	<i>Mobilizing/Mobility for Muslim Women in Colonial India?: The All-India Muslim League, 1906-1940</i>

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Table 1: Faculty Awards (continued)
2012 - 2013

Travel for Research (WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES, continued)			
Ashley Currier	Malawi, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Monrovia, Liberia	\$3,700	<i>Transnational Dimensions of African LGBT Organizing</i>
Rina Williams	New Delhi, Pune, Lucknow, and Nagpur, India	\$3,700	<i>Failure to Launch: Women and Hindu Nationalism in Indian Democracy</i>
Adrian Parr	Nairobi	\$1,818	<i>Radical Proximities</i>
Adrian Parr	Beijing, China	\$1,419	<i>A Study of the Urban Commons in Beijing, China</i>

Faculty Release Fellowship			
Amy Lind		\$8,000	<i>Decolonial Justice: Resignifying Nation, Economy and Family in Ecuador</i>

Faculty Release Fellowship – Research Supplement			
Amy Lind		\$500	<i>Decolonial Justice: Resignifying Nation, Economy and Family in Ecuador</i>

ECONOMICS (COLLEGE OF BUSINESS)

Domestic Conference			
Lenisa Chang	Baltimore, MD	\$592	<i>The MMR-Autism Controversy: Did Autism Concerns Affect Vaccine Take Up?</i>
Lenisa Chang	Columbus, OH	\$108	<i>The MMR-Autism Controversy: Did Autism Concerns Affect Childhood Vaccine Take-up?</i>
Olivier Parent	Lexington, KY	\$91	<i>Spatial multivariate models to analyze school districts</i>
Olivier Parent	Washington, D.C.	\$609	<i>Residential Mobility, Family Relationships, and Spatial Distance</i>
John Winters	New Orleans, LA	\$625	<i>State Merit-based Financial Aid Programs and College Attainment</i>
John Winters	Arlington, VA	\$159	<i>Merit Aid and Post-College Retention in the State</i>

International Conference			
Olivier Parent	Ottawa, Canada	\$1,050	<i>Using a spatial bivariate probit model to analyze public school consolidation</i>
John Winters	Ottawa, Canada	\$1,770	<i>State Merit Aid Programs and Post-College Location Decisions</i>



RESEARCH SUPPORT

Table 1: Research Support

2012 - 2013

Collaboration			
Mathematical Sciences	Ning Zhong	\$3,280	Computability, Non-computability, and Complexity in Dynamical Systems
Collections			
History	Holly McGee	\$19,541	African American Newspapers 1827-1998
Direct Research Cost			
Anthropology	Jeremy Koster	\$5,125	Experimental research on foraging strategies among indigenous Nicaraguan horticulturalists
Anthropology	Kenneth Tankersley	\$3,300	In Search of the First People of Trinidad and their Environment
Mathematical Sciences	Sookkyung Lim	\$5,000	Uncovering general principles of network dynamics of circadian rhythms, cell cycle, DNA damage response and metabolism as interconnected modules
Mathematical Sciences	Magda Peligrad	\$2,100	Towards a Theory of Large Random Matrices with Dependent Entries
Political Science	Gwendolyn Arnold	\$3,680	What can networks tell us about diffusion?
Political Science	Laura Jenkins	\$1,600	Affirmative Action Matters

Table 2 Research Groups

2012 – 2013

GLOBAL STUDIES

Maria Irenee Mercedes Prieto Noguera, FLACSO-Ecuador <i>Latin American Feminisms: State, Diversity, Redistribution</i>	February 20, 2013
Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University <i>Putting Your Research Into Action: A Workshop on Connecting with Policy Makers</i>	October 17, 2013
Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University <i>The Arab Spring, Citizenship, and Gender Inequality</i>	October 18, 2013
Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman, University of South Florida <i>The Color of Love: Racial Socialization and Affection in Afro-Brazilian Families</i>	November 1, 2013
Cynthia Enloe, Clark University Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts <i>Workshop: Pedagogy and Policy Challenges: Taking the 'Women, Peace, and Security' Agenda Seriously</i>	November 4, 2013
Cynthia Enloe, Clark University <i>If You Ignore Women, You Can't Be Smart About Militarized Masculinities: A Feminist Warning</i> & Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts <i>If You Ignore Political Economy, You Can't Be Smart About Women and Peacebuilding.</i>	November 4, 2013
Also made possible by a United States Institute of Peace (USIP) grant	
Anne Runyan, Amy Lind, Olga Sanmiguel-Valderrama <i>Feminist (Im)mobilities in Fortress(ing) North America: Rights, Citizenship, and Identities in Transnational Perspective</i>	April 9, 2013

HUMAN RIGHTS

Kathleen Blee, University of Pittsburgh <i>Funding Workshop: Getting Qualitative Research Funded</i>	January 24, 2013
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Table 2: Research Groups (continued)

2012 - 2013

Kathleen Blee, University of Pittsburgh <i>What Happens to Political Imagination in Activist Groups</i>	January 25, 2013
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Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University <i>Putting Your Research Into Action: A Workshop on Connecting with Policy Makers</i>	October 17, 2013
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Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University <i>The Arab Spring, Citizenship, and Gender Inequality</i>	October 18, 2013
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Cynthia Enloe, Clark University Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts <i>Workshop: Pedagogy and Policy Challenges: Taking the 'Women, Peace, and Security' Agenda Seriously</i>	November 4, 2013
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Cynthia Enloe, Clark University <i>If You Ignore Women, You Can't Be Smart About Militarized Masculinities: A Feminist Warning</i> &	November 4, 2013
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Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts <i>If You Ignore Political Economy, You Can't Be Smart About Women and Peacebuilding.</i>	
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MEDICAL HUMANITIES

David Williams, Harvard University <i>The Social Context of Disparities in Health Implications for Understanding the Biology of Disadvantaged and Making American Healthier for All: Challenges and Opportunities</i>	November 30, 2013
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Bruce Link, Columbia University	October 11, 2013
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Lisa Meloncon, UC Department of English <i>Discourses of Health, Medicine and Society: Emerging Roles and Evolving Practices Conference</i>	September 1, 2013
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VISUAL STUDIES

Mary E. Miller, Yale University <i>The Splendid Maya Murals of Baonmpak, Mexico</i>	January 16, 2013
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Theresa Leininger-Miller (DAAP) <i>Workshop: "On Last Chance Gulch: J.P. Ball's Execution Series (1896) as Portraits in Helena, Montana."</i>	October 25, 2012
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Morgan Thomas <i>Medium and Metaphor in Hal Ashby's Being There (1979)</i>	November 29, 2013
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Randy Edelman, CCM Alumn and Film and TV Composer <i>Workshop</i>	January 24, 2013
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Stephanie Sadre-Orafai, UC Department of Anthropology, and Jordan Tate, DAAP School of Arts <i>Workshop: Visual Research/Practice: Envisioning the Future of Visual Studies at UC.</i>	January 30, 2013
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Tanja Nusser <i>Presentation on German TV series Tatort (Crime Scene)</i>	February 6, 2013
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Lucian Georgescu <i>Workshop: New Directions in the European Road Movies</i>	February 21, 2013
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Lucian Georgescu <i>The Tower of Babel: Linguistic Chaos in The Phantom Father (Screening and Lecture)</i>	February 22, 2013
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Lawrence Baron, San Diego University <i>The Reluctant Rescuer: From 'Schindler's List' to 'Hotel Rwanda'</i>	March 8, 2013
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Bob Arner, University of Cincinnati Dept of English <i>Varieties of Visual Experience Antebellum America: Wax Museums and Cabinets of Curiosities, 1790-1840</i>	March 13, 2013
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Mark McKinney, Miami University <i>Post Colonial French Comics (bande dessinée): Zeina Abirached's A Game for Swallows</i>	March 14, 2013
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Table 3: Research Seminar

2013-2014

Romance Languages and Literature		
Andres Perez Simon		\$35,608
Project Title: Playwriting in Spanish		
Visiting Scholar: Ignacio Garcia May, Madrid, Spain		

LECTURES, CONFERENCES

Table 1: Departmental Lectures

2012-2013

Africana Studies		
Tekla Johnson , Salem College	April 8, 2013	\$1,422
<i>Free Radical: Ernest Chambers, Black Power, and the Politics of Race</i>		
Stephan Bradley , St. Louis University	March 27, 2013	\$1,126
<i>Bourgeois Black Activism: African American Student Protest in the Ivy League, 1945-1975</i>		
Anthropology		
Jennifer Wagner , University of Pennsylvania	April 9, 2013	\$1,812
<i>Genetic Screening and Testing in Sports: Facilitating Player Success, Safety, or Discrimination?</i>		
COB Economics		
Laurence J. Kotlikoff , Boston University	October 18, 2012	\$3,000
<i>Kautz-Uibile Lecture</i>		
German Studies		
Tina Campt , Barnard College	October 19, 2012	\$1500
<i>Black Germans</i>		
Maria Tatar , Harvard University	February 18, 2013	\$1600
<i>German Fairy Tales</i>		
History		
Robin D.G. Kelley , University of California-LA	February 21, 2013	\$3,000
<i>The Long Rise and Short Decline of American Democracy</i>		
Judaic Studies		
Lawrence Baron , San Diego State University	March 4, 2013	\$907
<i>The Reluctant Rescuer: From 'Schindler's List' to 'Hotel Rwanda'</i>		
Hershel Shanks , Biblical Archaeology Society	November 12, 2012	\$747
<i>What Do the Dead Sea Scrolls Really Say???</i>		
Mathematical Sciences		
Gunther Uhlmann , University of Washington	November 29, 2012	\$3,000
<i>Cloaking: Science Meets Science Fiction</i>		

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Table 1: Departmental Lectures (continued)
2012 - 2013

Philosophy		
Helen Hattab , University of Houston <i>What was God Doing Before He Created the World? Descartes' Surprising Answer</i>	October 5, 2012	\$1,019
Jennifer Nagel , University of Toronto <i>Disagreement and Variation in Epistemic Intuition</i>	October 26, 2012	\$1,131
Political Science		
Gary L. Gregg , University of Louisville <i>George Washington's Founding Moment: The end of the Revolution and the Beginnings of Constitutionalism in America</i>	November 14, 2012	\$1,250
Tomas Koontz , Ohio State <i>Collaborative Governance and Watershed Management: From Ohio to Germany (and back!)</i>	February 2013	\$1,500
Romance Languages and Literature		
William Egginton , Johns Hopkins University <i>Fiction and the Politics of Irony</i>	April 2013	\$1,500
Lydie E. Moudilento , University of Pennsylvania <i>Postcolonial Icons</i>	April 2013	\$1,500
Sociology		
Alford Young, Jr. , University of Michigan <i>Turning the Cultural Turn in Sociology Toward Urban-Based, Low-Income Black Men: New Possibilities and New Challenges for Research</i>	September 28, 2012	\$2,843
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies		
Ananya Roy , University of California, Berkeley <i>Millennia Woman: Technologies of Gender in Poverty Capitalism</i>	February 7, 2013	\$2,759

Table 2: Competitive Lectures

2012-2013

History		
Nicholas Syrett	March 29, 2013	\$1,895
<i>Wholly Unfit for the Marriage Condition: Sarah Hervey Parton and Writing the History of Age, Gender, and Sexuality</i>		
Dane Kennedy , George Washington University	March 6, 2013	\$1,295
<i>Continents, Cartography, and the Construction of Space in the Exploration of Africa and Australia</i>		
Mathematical Sciences		
Johannes Buchmann , University of Darmstadt	September 5, 2013	\$4300
<i>A Multidisciplinary Approach to Internet Privacy</i>		
Romance Languages and Literature		
Lucian Georgescu	February 22, 2013	\$950
<i>The Tower of Babel: Linguistic Chaos in The Phantom Father</i>		
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies		
Bernadette Barton , Morehead State University	January 17, 2013	\$554
<i>The Toxic Closet: Being Gay in the Bible Belt</i>		
Orit Avishai , Fordham University	March 7, 2013	\$598
<i>Women's Religious Agency in Israeli Orthodox Jewish Communities</i>		
Louise Bernikow	March 13, 2013	\$1,000
<i>Suffrage and the City: Winning Votes for Women in New York</i>		
COB Economics		
Robert Kaestner , University of Illinois	March 29, 2013	\$1,400
<i>Does Seeing the Doctor More Often Keep You Out of the Hospital?</i>		

Table 3: Conferences

2012-2013

English and Comparative Literature		
Lisa Meloncon	September 5-6, 2013	\$7,140
<i>Discourses of Health, Medicine, and Society: Emerging Roles and Evolving Practices</i> Kingsgate Conference Center		
History		
Nikki Taylor	September 19-21, 2013	\$6,860
<i>Crossing Boundaries, Making Connections: American Slavery and Antislavery 1776-2013</i> Underground Freedom Center		
Mathematical Sciences		
Michael Goldberg	March 9, 2013	\$6,000
Ohio River Analysis Meeting, UC		

APPENDIX

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PUBLICATIONS

Table 1: Publications

2012-2013

History			
Willard Sunderland	Indexing	\$700	<i>Russia's People of Empire: Life Stories from Eurasia, 1500 to the Present</i>
Nikki Taylor	Indexing	\$1156	<i>America's First Black Socialists: The Radical Life of Peter H. Clark</i>
Mathematical Sciences			
Scott Dumas	Indexing	\$1500	<i>The KAM Story: A friendly introduction to the history, content, and significance of classical Kolmogorov-Arnold-Moser Theory</i>
Stephan Pelikan	Subvention	\$845	<i>Plant Species Restoration: Effects of Different Founding Patterns on Sustaining Future of Population Size and Genetic Diversity</i>
Philosophy			
Zvi Biener	Indexing	\$990	<i>Newton & Empiricism (edited volume)</i>
Angela Potochnik	Subvention	\$450	<i>Defusing Ideological Defenses in Biology</i>
Romance Languages and Literature			
Michael Gott	Indexing	\$720	<i>Open Roads, Closed Borders: The Contemporary French Language Road Movie</i>
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies			
Adrian Parr	Indexing	\$765	<i>The Wrath of Capital</i>
Anne Runyan	Indexing	\$780	<i>Feminist (Im)Mobilities in Fortress(ing) North America: Rights, Citizenships, and Identities in Transnational Perspective</i>

APPENDIX

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BOARD APPROVED CONTINGENCY COMMITMENTS

Table 1: Board Approved Contingency Commitments

Black History Month	\$3,801
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TAFT FACULTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

2012 -2013

Anne Runyan – *Chair*.....Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
 Steve Bowman..... Judaic Studies
 Myriam Chancy English and Comparative Literature
 Steve Carlton-FordSociology
 Don FrenchMathematical Sciences
 Fenfang Hwu.....Romance Languages and Literatures
 Laura JenkinsPolitical Science
 Anna LindersSociology
 Furaha Norton English and Comparative Literature
 Tom Polger..... Philosophy
 Richard Schade.....German Studies
 Joseph Takougang Africana Studies
 Nikki Taylor..... History
 Ken Tankersley Anthropology
 Patricia Valladares-Ruiz.....Romance Languages and Literatures

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2012 - 2013

Center Fellows

Don French – *Co-Chair*.....Math
 Isaac Campos-Costero – *Co-Chair*History
 Chris Gauker Philosophy
 Thérèse Migraine-George Romance Languages & Literatures
 Anne Runyan*Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Conferences & Lectures

Myriam J.A. Chancy – *Chair*..... English & Comparative Literature
 Carlos Gutierrez..... Romance Languages and Literatures
 Nages Shanmugalingam Mathematical Sciences

Faculty Fellowships

Anna Linders – *Chair*Sociology
 Terry Kershaw Africana Studies
 John McEvoy Philosophy
 Maura O’ConnorHistory
 Maria-Paz Moreno Romance Languages and Literatures

Faculty Travel

Siva Sivaganesan – *Chair*Math
 Michael Griffith..... English & Comparative Literature
 Steve Carlton-FordSociology
 Larry Jost Philosophy
 Leila Rodriguez Soto Anthropology

Planning/Steering

Anne Runyan* – *Chair*.....Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
 Steve Carlton-FordSociology
 Todd Herzog..... German Studies
 Sean KeatingPhilosophy/Taft GA
 Nageswari Shanmugalingam..... Mathematical Sciences
 Willard SunderlandHistory

Publications

Fenfang Hwu – *Chair*..... Romance Languages and Literatures
 Jennifer Glaser English & Comparative Literature
 Dan Ralescu Mathematical Sciences

Research Support

Laura Jenkins – *Chair* Political Science
 Scott Dumas Mathematical Sciences
 Zvi Biener..... Philosophy
 Nicasio Urbina Romance Languages and Literatures
 Katherine Whitcome Anthropology

Student Awards

Tom Polger – *Chair* Philosophy
 Robert Buckingham Mathematical Sciences
 Daniel Murphy Anthropology
 Littisha A. BatesSociology
 Leah Stewart English & Comparative Literature

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It's Not Just the Feminists**

Orit Avishai, Fordham University



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Bernadette Barton

**Pray the Gay Away:
The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays**

Orit Avishai, Fordham University

**What Happens to Political Imagination
in Activist Groups?**

Kathleen Blee, University of Pittsburgh



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Allen Goodman

**The Tower of Babel: Linguistic Chaos
in The Phantom Father**

Lucian Georgescu, Romanian Theatre and Film University

**Is There an S In Housing Supply or
What on Earth Happened in Detroit?**

Allen Goodman, Wayne State University

**George Washington's Founding Moment:
The end of the revolution and the beginnings
of constitutionalism in America**

Gary Gregg, II, University of Louisville



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Robin Kelley



Tomas Koontz

**Free Radical: Ernest Chambers, Black Power
and the Politics of Race**

Tekia Ali Johnson, Salem College (North Carolina)

**The Long Rise and Short Decline of
American Democracy**

Robin Kelley, University of California, Los Angeles

**Collaborative Governance and Watershed
Management: From Ohio to Germany (and back!)**

Tomas Koontz, Ohio State University



Carol Newsom



Ananya Roy

**The Clash of Generations: Saving Ourselves,
Our Kids and Our Economy**

Laurence Kotlikoff, Boston University

Angels and Demons in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Carol Newsom, Emory University

**Millennial Woman: Technologies of Gender in
Poverty Capitalism**

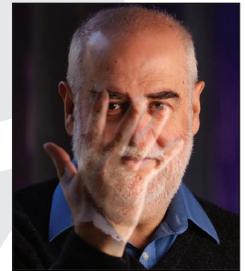
Ananya Roy, University of California, Berkeley

What Do the Dead Sea Scrolls Really Say?

Hershel Shanks, Biblical Archeology Society



Hershel Shanks



Gunther Uhlmann

Cloaking: Science Meets Science Fiction

Gunther Uhlmann, University of Washington

**Genetic Screening and Testing in Sports:
Facilitating player success, safety or discrimination?**

Jennifer Wagner, University of Pennsylvania

**Turning the Cultural Turn in Sociology toward
Urban-Based, Low-Income Black Men: New
Possibilities and New Challenges for Research**

Alford Young, Jr., University of Michigan



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