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The Charles Phelps Taft Research Center concluded its third year of operation in support of the ten-designated Taft disciplines in the humanities and associated social sciences at the University of Cincinnati's McMicken College of Arts & Sciences with \$1.4 million distributed from the Taft Memorial Fund through 326 awards. A distinct feature of Taft Research Center support is that it encompasses collaborative as well as individual research across faculty, graduate and undergraduate students. This report provides an overview of the fabulous range of work we were able to promote. One of the many 2007-8 highlights was our expanded support of undergraduate research through our new Undergraduate Senior Research Fellows award -- a program in line with a core mission of the Taft Memorial Fund to encourage the next generation of scholars. The start of this program paralleled efforts of Vice President for Research Sandra Degen to bring attention to the marvelous range of undergraduate research experience available at the University of Cincinnati. Her efforts culminated in a University Undergraduate Research Presentation Day at which our 10 new Taft Undergraduate Research Fellows were recognized. One of our Undergraduate Fellows, Huma Gupta, who we supported to travel to the Middle East and conduct archival research on urban planning models of the 1950s in Baghdad and Damascus represented the Taft disciplines and the university as a whole during a campus visit of Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut, who was very impressed with such 'Humanities' research.

The undergraduate research program now parallels our long-standing funding of doctoral research, which again this year enabled fourteen graduate students to advance their research and creative writing and position themselves for successful academic careers. At the Spring Annual Research Symposium, we enjoyed language and literature student presentations of creative works, philosophy, history, and mathematic students pushing innovative conceptualizations, and young political science and sociology researchers offering applied analysis of contemporary problems.

A hallmark of Taft Research Center-supported work is the sheer range of subject matter, methodological approach, and innovative application that courses through faculty and student intellectual endeavors. While the ten-designated Taft disciplines share a commitment to a broadly-defined sense of the 'humanities,' the diversity of methodological approach and theoretical grounding provides a rich basis for collaborative enrichment across the Taft disciplines. In this sense, the Taft Research Center is a microcosm of broader efforts across the university to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Our cornerstone Faculty Center Fellows program captures the dual missions of individual research and multidisciplinary interactions. This year's cohort built successfully upon the example and work of our first two years to advance six substantial individual works, while at the same time challenging and learning from each other through weekly interactions and presentations. At the end of the year we again had scholars who advanced books and articles toward publication and who had garnered enhanced perspectives of how colleagues in other disciplines grapple with intellectual challenges.

A key mission of the Taft Research Center is to enhance the opportunity for our faculty and students

to interact with the broader academic community beyond UC and, in doing so, increase external attention toward the tremendous capacity we have within the Taft disciplines. Our Taft Research Seminars focus on sustained engagement with outside scholars around a research problem. We sponsored three concurrent year-long seminars each of which were anchored by three visiting scholars. These nine scholars lived at Taft House interacting with our residential graduate students and working actively with students and research colleagues in the Taft disciplines. The residual effects of these external engagements will be important as the excellence present in our departments becomes part of conversations these scholars, who came from five countries and nine different universities, have throughout the wider academy. Our external engagement was also advanced through the sponsorship of twenty-nine visiting lecturers bringing to campus an abundance of challenging scholarship and powerful perspectives. We also helped match a National Science Foundation grant (\$25,000 NSF with \$10,000 Taft) to support a Department of Mathematical Sciences Conference that was held successfully in June at UC.

Overall, year three of the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center struck the appropriate balance of continuing to innovate while consolidating the tremendous change brought about only a few short years ago, when President Nancy Zimpher and other forward-looking administrators partnered with the Taft Memorial Fund Trustees and the faculty of the Executive Board and set the charge to transform a solid distributive fund model into a dynamic research center modality. The success that will continue to define this effort is a tribute to what goodwill and foresight can produce in the academy.

The remainder of this report serves as a compendium of Standing Taft Committee Chairs' reports as well as Faculty Executive Board meetings. These reports concur on the overall assessment that through the course of the past three years of the Taft Research Center, faculty and students have adjusted well to the increased competitive nature of our selection process. Our Standing Committees report a steady improvement in the quality of applications reviewed.

I. Administration and Governance

The experience of two years of operations as a residential research center served as a basis to assess the operational footprint of the Taft Research Center in 2007. While we anticipated much of the new administrative burdens our new programming created, we had determined not to address formally the by-law duties of the Faculty Chair or the formal duties of Joy Dunn, the Taft Secretary and Sr. Business Services Assistant until we could draw on some sustained experience. In the autumn of 2007, the Faculty Executive Board took up the question of the Taft Faculty Chair position and over the course of several meetings voted to add to the by-laws six additional specified duties that simply were not applicable when the position was structured as a half-time appointment to oversee the Memorial Fund. The Board also examined the governance issue of term limits and considered several proposals that would have allowed the term of the Faculty Chair to be extended. In the end, it was unanimously decided to leave term limits in place as a support toward institutional development and innovation. These recommendations were discussed thoroughly with the Trustees of the Memorial Fund and adopted. The Taft Secretary position was examined through the university Human Resources Division, which has developed an extensive and, in the end, efficient system of job description review and classification. Based on written reports and onsite visits, the Taft

Secretary position was reclassified within the university staff structure as an Administrative Coordinator.

This reclassification only brought into starker relief how fortunate the faculty and students of the Taft disciplines are to have Joy Dunn working on their behalf. Without complaint and hesitation over the past three years, Joy has simply done what was necessary to support our programming. The reclassification formalized the extensive range of duties associated with this position and it now appropriately reflects the work required. I should note that along with additional award and program management and university reporting requirements, Taft Research Center residential and fellows operations have increased substantially the service burdens of the Chair and the Secretary. Simply dealing with the daily movements (and, thus, needs) of up to 12 residents has a significant cumulative impact on the time of the Secretary as well as Chair that is not found in the management of traditional departments, for example. The university-mandated reclassification required a mid-year increase to the position's (Joy's) salary. The long-standing agreement between the university and Taft Trustees has split this salary and benefits fifty percent. Through discussions with Provost and Senior Vice President Anthony Perzigian and Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Neville Pinto we were able to sustain this arrangement moving forward. It was clarified that if overtime work was necessary, Taft Center funds would have to absorb that addition. As we enter into our fourth year and our operational tempo has settled, we do not anticipate significant reliance on this option.

The Taft Faculty Chair and Taft Secretary were supported ably in Center operations through the part-time efforts of Ivan Ivanov, the Taft Center Graduate Assistant and Yan Cui, the Taft Center Residential Graduate Fellow. As I noted in last year's annual report, "by the end of the 2006-7 academic year, we had developed an effective understanding of how the two positions' duties should be divided and we reoriented our original understanding of the two positions to recognize them as truly "staff support" positions." Putting this assessment into practice, the two students worked very well together and we developed a management approach that made effective use of their 20 and 10 hour per week time commitments. The Taft Center remained logistically adept at hosting lectures and meetings simultaneously throughout Taft House, thus, leveraging the physical space to create an intellectually vibrant sense of place.

It was an initial goal to ensure that the graduate students filling these staff positions were enabled to benefit from the academic activity at Taft House and advance their research simultaneous to fulfilling office duties. The first holder of the position graduated and was hired into a tenure track position at the University of Dayton and I am pleased to report that Ivan Ivanov, the second student to hold the position, completed his dissertation on time over the summer and was hired at Muskingum College in central Ohio. Although we have only had two students complete their terms, the fact that both completed their degrees on-time and found academic positions indicates that we seemed to have structured the positions well to meet our academic goal and staff needs. Based on his fine performance, the Faculty Executive Board awarded Yan Cui his second year in the position and we selected Sean Keating from the Philosophy Department as the new Center Graduate Assistant, thus retaining our desired practice of having one new student and one experienced student each year.

Benchmark measures of both humanities research centers of similar size as well as attainable aspirational sites indicate that we are extracting much activity off of a small organizational staff footprint. There is much more we can accomplish. For example, promotion of collaborative

synergies, profile-raising, and community-engagement are activities that other centers pursue through a dedicated program officer position. The addition of one full-time staff position was discussed in November 2007 with the Taft Trustees and an innovative effort was put in place that will hopefully lead to increased capacity for the Taft Research Center to enable its students and faculty toward greater success (see section on Phase II at the end of the report).

The Faculty Executive Board met in formal session 8 times during the year. Aside from normal oversight of our programs and standing committees, the Executive Board initiated new program guideline changes, amended by-law governance issues and changed deadlines for a number of programs based on standing committee reviews. While these activities have been standard over the past three years since the inception of the Taft Research Center, there is some expectation that over the next few years substantive program and governance changes will decrease as we settle into the practices and programs that have been launched. Thus, overall, the scope of programming across undergraduate, graduate, and faculty categories is extensive and, potentially, comprehensive for now. At the end of year three, the sense of the Faculty Executive Board reflected a general satisfaction with all of the new programming changes that have been adopted and some expectation that we would enter into a period of program stabilization, while always remaining open to improvements.

Specifically, the Board reviewed and approved the modification of 5 program guidelines: Faculty Domestic Travel, Competitive Lectures, Research Collaboration, Direct Research Cost, and overall Research Support (The programs are discussed in program sections below). The common refinement was to add evaluative criteria that would strengthen the Standing Committee review process and continue to sharpen our capacity for rigorous competitive peer-review.

The Faculty Executive Board approved the further consolidation of travel deadlines based on the recommendation of the Faculty Travel committee. Over the past several years, we have moved toward fewer application deadlines, so that Standing Committees have enhanced capacity to compare pools of applicants. The view of the committees is that fewer deadlines have indeed enhanced the rigor of the overall review of proposals. It is important to note that the adjustment to deadlines has not led to a decline in applications and the overall trend continues to be solid demand for our programming support.

As noted above, by-laws were amended to include the new duties of the Faculty Chair position. Additional changes were made to the appointment section to establish the goal of a spring quarter selection of the new Faculty Chair to allow for an effective and comprehensive transition period between Chairs. The amendments were passed unanimously as recommendations to the Taft Trustees, who approved the changes. The Faculty Executive Board subsequently charged the Nominating Committee at its December 3rd meeting to commence the search and Dean Valerie Hardcastle chaired the committee. Unexpectedly, the process of selecting the new Chair extended through the Summer and was not completed until the late August appointment of Dr. Jana Evans Braziel of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, whose five year appointment began immediately upon acceptance of the position. Prof. Braziel and I met over several days to complete the transition.

Our standing committees held over 20 formal meetings and many consultations. It is important to

note the dedicated nature of the 32 faculty who served on all of our committees. Taft committee service requires a significant time commitment to provide rigorous review of proposals and attentive program oversight. It is essential to our success. All of the committees operated exceptionally across the 9 different standing committees that oversee our 24 distinct programs.

While this is a service burden, it is important to note the intellectual community-building dynamic associated with these efforts. I have been impressed continuously with how those serving on the Standing committees take the time to learn from each other about methodological approaches or theoretical frames of which they are less familiar. The creation and functioning of an intellectual community is an important side benefit of this service activity of which we should not lose sight. As with many worthwhile but lateral outcomes, it takes commitment of time and dedication to 'greater-good' principles to achieve such takeaways and, simply put, Taft faculty continue to impress in these qualities and in these outcomes.

II. Student Programs (35% of Budget)

Student Awards Committee

The Student Awards Committee for the 2007-2008 academic year consisted of the following faculty: Don Bogen (English), Chair; Willard Sunderland (History); Kelly Moore (Sociology); Nageswari Shanmugalingam (Mathematics); and Michele Vialet (Romance Languages and Literature). The Committee's allocated budget was \$469,000. Total funds expended amounted to \$445,563. The committee met throughout the academic year. The following provides a breakdown of the committee's work in the relevant grant categories:

CP Taft Dissertation Fellowships: (renamed from advanced departmental and competitive fellowships)

The budget for Dissertation Fellowships for academic year 2007-2008 was the same as that for the previous year: \$213,000. Total expenditures were \$212,800. These expenditures funded 14 fellowships at a base stipend of \$15,200 each: 8 through departmental selection and 6 through Student Awards Committee selection. The committee approved the 8 candidates nominated for the department-allocated fellowships. In addition, it awarded 6 committee fellowships: 2 in the Department of English and Comparative Literature and 1 each in History, Mathematics, Philosophy and Romance Languages. First and second alternates came respectively from Sociology and Romance Languages.

Graduate Travel Awards

The 2007-2008 budget for this category was \$14,000, an increase of \$1,500 from 2006-2007. Our expenditures ran \$419 over budget, totaling \$14,419. The \$419 deficit was covered by an internal reallocation of funds approved by the Taft Faculty Chair. 32 students from 8 departments received Graduate Travel Awards.

Graduate Enrichment Awards

The 2007-2008 budget for Graduate Enrichment Awards was \$30,000, up from \$22,500 the previous year. Total expenditures in 2007-2008 were \$21,049, leaving a balance of \$8,951.

The committee awarded Enrichment Awards to 11 graduate students from 5 departments. Proposals remained stable, but the actual requested amounts necessary to conduct the specified research projects were less than previous years.

Graduate Enhancement Fellowships

This total allocation of \$125,000 allows departments to enhance university assistantships to recruit and retain highly competitive graduate student applicants. In 2007-8, the ten departments made a total of 56 awards.

Undergraduate Enrichment Awards

The allocation here was \$25,000 for 2007-2008, the same as for 2006-2007. Total expenditures were \$20,595, leaving a balance of \$4,405. The committee made awards to 13 students representing 5 departments. The preceding two years we had funded over twenty proposals and had gone significantly over budget. It is unclear why this year we received fewer proposals and we will need to make sure that departments continue to promote this opportunity for their majors.

Undergraduate Senior Research Fellows

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

Taft-Niehoff Community Scholar Graduate Assistant

This award is a collaborative effort with the Niehoff Urban Studio in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at UC. Two applications were reviewed by a joint committee and both students were found to be strong candidates. Amanda Huber from Anthropology and Patrick Kennedy of Sociology will spend the 2008-9 year at the Studio. In its first year of operation, this joint appointment assistantship took a quarter to gather enough day-to-day experience to understand how the Taft student could best fit and work with colleagues from DAAP. By the Winter quarter a stronger relationship had evolved. In the end, Melony Stambaugh from Anthropology who held the appointment for 2007-8 presented a paper at the Central States Anthropological Society, completed a chapter on Corryville for Dr. Martha Rees, two documents on Uptown Civic organizations for the Studio, and presented two posters (UC Graduate Poster Form and Society of Economic Anthropology Conference).

Summary

In 2007-2008, the Taft Research Center continued its longstanding practice of providing crucial support for graduate and undergraduate students in Taft departments. By and large, applications were of high quality, and programs were competitive. While the number of applications for Student Enrichment Awards was down from 2006-2007, applications for Travel Awards increased, and, of course, the actual cost of travel and enrichment activities for students went up

significantly. Small increases in the budget lines for Undergraduate and Graduate Enrichment Awards allowed us to avoid the problems of 2006-2007, when we were forced to cancel the allocation of Graduate Student Travel during the spring application round because the committee was already over budget by winter quarter. All in all, there seems to be a good balance now between our budgetary limits and the influx of competitive applications over the course of the three quarters.

After the clarifications to forms and website information developed in 2006-2007, the committee proposed only minor changes this year. These were in the guidelines for Taft Committee-selected Dissertation Fellowships, involving clarification of the status of students who have already held a Taft Dissertation Fellowship. Changes were proposed at the June 2008 Executive Board meeting and are due to be discussed and voted on in fall of 2008-2009.

III. Faculty Awards (26% of the Fund)

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

A. Faculty Travel Awards Committee

The Faculty Travel Awards Committee included Debashis Pal, Chair (Economics), Julia S. Carlson (English), Steve Carlton-Ford (Sociology), Jim Deddens (Mathematics), and Therese Migraine George (Romance Languages).

Faculty Travel Awards supported three award categories: Research Travel Grants, International Conference Travel Awards and Domestic Travel Grants. The total budget for the travel awards was \$95,000.00. Due to an increased demand in this category, the 2006 – 07 Committee was unable to take action on the final round of proposals due to the lack of funds. These applicants were eligible to apply at the first deadline of the 2007 - 08 budget year. To cover these expenses, an additional \$15,000.00 was allocated for Faculty Travel through the Chair's Contingency, giving rise to an available amount of \$110,000.00. The additional \$15,000.00 allocation, however, proved insufficient to cover all quality proposals. The total spending in this category for the year was \$ 112,063, giving rise to an overall deficit of \$ 2,063, which was covered through Faculty Chair re-allocation from other unexpended Taft award categories.

Travel for Research Grants

Travel for Research grants are awards meant to cover expenses for faculty who need to travel in order to conduct their research. The initial budget for this category was \$25,000. These awards are limited to \$3,700 in any 24-month period. We were able to fund (totally or partially) 8 requests totaling \$25,717.00 The additional \$717.00 was covered through Faculty Chair re-allocation from other unexpended Taft award categories. Subsequently, \$910.00 of awards was returned after revised project budgets, so final expenditure for the year totaled \$24,807.

International Conference Travel Awards

Taft provides support for faculty members who are invited or selected to make presentations at international academic meetings. The initial budget for this category was \$50,000. These grants are particularly valuable to our faculty and they continue to be a popular and well-utilized source of funding. These grants enable faculty to publicize their research around the world and garner important and useful contacts with international colleagues in their fields. These awards are limited to \$2,700 in any 24-month period. This year we were able to fund 36 requests (totally or partially) totaling \$57,214.75. The additional \$7,214.75 was covered through Faculty Chair re-allocation from other unexpended Taft award categories.

Domestic Travel Grants

The Taft Research Center helps to defray travel expenses for faculty members invited to make presentations at academic meetings within the United States. The budget for this category was \$20,000. We were able to fund 62 proposals totaling \$30,041. The additional \$10,041 was covered through Faculty Chair re-allocation from other unexpended Taft award categories.

Summary

Demand for faculty travel awards continues to trend upward and the Faculty Executive Board will need to consider expansion of the number of awards that maybe given through an increase in the overall budget for this category. The committee's review in 2007-8 was facilitated through the consolidation of deadlines approved last year. We saw no decline in proposals and, thus, having fewer deadlines did allow for more comprehensive comparative review. The committee recommended one final adjustment of consolidated deadlines that will be implemented in 2008-9. One guideline change that will be added in 2008-9 based on the committee's review of domestic travel proposals is the addition of criteria detailing future publication plans within the Domestic Travel proposal. Typically, faculty use domestic conferences to forward early research and receive feedback from national and international colleagues with the eventual prospect of submitting their research for publication. The addition of this criterion strengthens the committee's capacity to assess productivity when considering subsequent proposals from the same faculty at later stages of the work or proposals in a new line of research. Overall, Faculty Travel remains a critical aspect of Taft Research Center support.

B. Faculty Fellowship Committee

The Faculty Fellowship Committee included Wlod Bryc, (Mathematics); Richard Schade (German Studies); Isaac Campos (History); Martha Rees (Anthropology); David Maume (Sociology) – Chair (Richard Harknett –ex officio Chair served as tie-breaking Chair at meetings the Committee chair could not attend. No ex officio vote was subsequently necessary.)

Faculty Release Fellowships

These \$5,500 release fellowships are provided directly to the Department to allow a faculty member to be released from teaching for one quarter in order to pursue a specific research project. It is required that applicants obtain at least one additional quarter of release time (generally in the form of academic or professional leave) and thus this award pool tends to

correlate with the number of sabbaticals in a given year. The budget supports up to 5 fellowships for a total of \$27,500 with the possibility of research cost supplements of up to \$1,500. All of the awards were allocated. This year the Committee received 8 applications for the 5 fellowships (down one from the previous year), (4 Associate Professors and 4 Full Professors). The quality level of the applications was excellent and the committee review was, therefore, made very difficult. The awards went to 3 Associate Professors and 2 Full Professor with one full professor ranked as an alternate. The awardees are from German Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. In addition, research supplement support was awarded to three of the five FRF recipients for a total of \$4,000.

Summer Research Fellowships

This program provides up to twelve fellowships of \$8,000 to support faculty members' summer research endeavors. Of these up to 3 fellowships are set aside for untenured junior faculty in tenure-track positions who have never been awarded and used a Taft Summer Research Grant. The number of applications and the number of applicants qualifying for the set-aside pool fluctuates significantly from year to year. In the last three years we had 17, 10, and 14 applications respectively. This year we had 17 applications again. The proposals were of stronger quality than in previous years and we funded 12, nine of which were assistant professors. The committee listed three applicants as alternates and, subsequently, one awardee turned down the summer fellowship in order to accept external grants and the first two alternates also declined. In addition, the Committee awarded a total of 6 research supplements for specific project costs for a total of \$7,408 and denied 2 requests for supplements. The overage was covered through Faculty Chair approved transfer.

Taft-Niehoff Community Scholar

This was the second selection round for the collaborative program established in 2007-8 between the Taft Research Center and the Niehoff Urban Studio in UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. We received one qualified application and the joint committee determined it to be quite strong. Beth Walter Honadle from Political Science will serve as the Taft Scholar at the Studio for 2008-9. This program is a specialized collaborative appointment and the joint committee does not anticipate significant numbers of applicants per year, but believe it is an institutional relationship that can grow and flourish. The demand for the program and its output will be assessed during its third and fifth year of operation.

Summary

The 2007-8 Summer Fellowship stipend was raised to be competitive with other summer fellowship awards on campus. The committee had been concerned that one factor in low application rates from Full professors was a consequence of the low stipend. During this round, full professor applications did increase from previous years slightly. Overall, the committee found the applications to be better than last year and thus the selection to be more competitive.

C. Taft Center Fellows Committee

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

selects candidates from a pool of previous Taft Center Fellows. The committee membership in 2007-8 was the first year of full implementation of this structure, which is patterned on prestigious national fellowship granting agencies. The committee consisted of: Julian Wuerth (Philosophy); Rhys Williams (Sociology), Katharina Gerstenberger (German Studies), Vern Scarborough (Anthropology), and Thomas Moore (Political Science). The Taft Faculty Chair served as chair of the committee.

Department Heads asked the Board to move up the deadline for this award from January to the first week of October so that departments would have enough time to find replacement visiting scholars and instructors to support department teaching needs during selected faculty member's fellowship release years. This change was advertised, however, in the new October round only three applications were received (previous years had 9-10 applicants). The committee and the Board decided unanimously that the three applications had to be judged against the criteria and after which a second round of applications would be opened to create the six faculty multidisciplinary cohort sought in the program design. All three applicants were deemed to be quite strong and had interesting potential links to each other and thus they were recommended and approved by the Board. The Board then announced a second round for January in which we received nine applications from which three faculty were selected. In the end, therefore, we had the highest number of applications for the program in its four years. The committee determined that the change of date to October should stand and fully expect a normal application pool to develop in October 2008 in the eight to eleven proposal range.

The 2007-8 cohort provided outstanding presentations at the Annual Symposium that included: Stanley Corkin – English, *Starring New York as Itself: Film, Globalization and Cultural Narratives of Decline and Rebirth 1969-1981*; Michael Griffith – English, *Trophy: A Novel*; John McEvoy – Philosophy, *The Historiography of the Chemical Revolution: Patterns of Interpretation in the History of Science*; Maura O'Connor – History, *The London Stock Exchange and Geographies of Risk and Investment in the Nineteenth Century*; Thomas Polger – Philosophy, *Realization and Explanation*; Hilda Smith - History *Not the Less True: Women Intellectuals and Constraints of Intellectual History*. Each reported significant advancement of their scholarship and, as important, cross-disciplinary development of perspective and connection that will influence them into the future. The 2008-9 budget for this category set at \$100,050 was fully encumbered. The committee concluded that the new cohort of Wayne Durrill (History), John Drury (English), Christopher Gaulker (Philosophy), Anna Linders (Sociology), Michele Vialet (RLL), and Larry Jost (Philosophy) have tremendous potential to enrich each other's work based on review of their proposals.

Summary

The third year of the Center Fellows program cemented this program as a centerpiece of the Taft Research Center. The six 07-08 fellows met at Taft House in lunch seminars and finished the year convinced that they would continue their cross-disciplinary professional exchange as they returned to their departments. This is a critical aspect of the program and the success of creating a multidisciplinary cohort rested primarily on the seriousness of purpose which all six Center fellows displayed through the year.

D. Publications Committee (1% of the Fund)

The Publications Committee consisted of Jana Braziel (English and Comparative Literature), Tara Smith (Mathematics), and Jeffrey Timberlake (Sociology), who served as Chair. The Committee evaluates support for direct publication subvention and subsidies for indexing, translations, the preparation of photos, illustrations, and maps, and accompanying copyrights. In the academic year 2006-2007 the Committee provided awards totaling \$8,000. This year only two proposals were funded for a total of \$1,346. The two awards were: Martin Francis (History) and David Stradling (History). The remaining balance in this category was shifted to cover overages in Faculty Travel.

IV. Departmental and Interdisciplinary Programs

A. Research Support (25% of the Fund)

The Research Support Committee for 07-08 consisted of Scott Dumas (Mathematics), Annulla Linders (Sociology), Robert Skipper (Philosophy) Nicasio Urbina (Romance Languages), and was chaired by Claude Lopez (Economics).

The committee had four meetings (October, January, February, and April), during which it reviewed 12 applications: six for cost-sharing, five for research support and one for research seminars. We funded all of them, either fully or partially.

Cost-Sharing Awards

We received six requests for cost-sharing, four from Mathematics, and two from History. We fully funded the two History requests and three of the Mathematics request. One Mathematics request was partially funded as this program does not fund travel expenses if they are not part of the initial grant.

Some of these cost-sharing awards complemented National Science Foundation (NSF) grants. By funding these projects, the Taft Research Center lent financial backing to grants seeking the creation of a center of research for undergraduate students, the career development of a faculty in hardware design for Cryptographic algorithms, research on the London Stock Exchange and its impact on the British Empire and collaborative work with the UC medical center on creating innovative models to explain the link between puberty and substance use risk.

Cost-sharing was allotted \$40,000 and allocated \$71,803. The balances from direct research support and collections were transferred to cover the deficit.

Research Cost Support

2007-8 was the first full year of implementation of the revisions adopted under the Research Support categories of awards. That adjustment created independent award criteria and deadlines for Collections, Direct Research Costs, and Research Collaboration. The committee found this system of review superior to the previous approach of dealing with these three types of requests under one category with one budget. The specific deadlines for each category proved effective for faculty in

terms of proposal writing and for the committee in terms of proposal assessment.

Collections

This award category is budgeted at \$50,000 and aims at underwriting expenses associated with faculty research through the purchase of large databases or library resource collections that must be held in a manner to maximize access. The committee funded one library-holding purchase from Political Science to buy the *Digital National Security Archive* at \$44,700 with an additional \$3,000 provided through the department's allocated research support fund. The small remaining balance was transferred to cover overruns in Cost-sharing awards.

Direct Research Cost

Two direct research cost support requests were funded for a total of \$15,600 out of a set aside of 26,000. The remaining budget was transferred to cover overage in cost share. The first project funded from Sociology investigates the effects of Microcredit Participation on women's status and HIV/AIDS evolution, in Yaounde, Cameroon; the second project from Anthropology supports survey and excavation collection data from the Upper Basin, which is located just south of Grand Canyon National Park in northern Arizona. The project seeks to assess the accuracy of a satellite-based direct predictive model.

Research Collaboration

This fund supports travel costs to bring research collaborators to the University of Cincinnati on short visits deemed essential to advance a specific research project. Two research collaborator requests were funded for a total of \$6,160. The project from Mathematics pursues research on issues of solvability in continuous nonlinear systems and supported the travel of Daniel de Silva Graca to UC, while the Economics study on Equity brought in Dr. Aarup Bose. The proposal out of Economics raised the heretofore unaddressed question of whether research collaborators previously funded could be supported for return visits and on what criteria such follow-on or continuing collaboration (on a new project) should such proposals be assessed. In the end the committee requested further elaboration from the proposal writer and eventually recommended in favor of the proposal. The committee reviewed its guidelines and recommended some changes to the criteria, which the Board subsequently approved to strengthen the review process. Surplus in this category was transferred to cover cost-share overruns.

Research Seminars

One proposal was received in this category for a 2008-9 academic year seminar and was approved for funding. Profs. Magda Peligrad and Wlod Bryc will coordinate a seminar on probability theory that will have scholars from Poland, Russia, and the University of Chicago serve as the visiting Taft Fellows. This award category, because of the significant amount of planning necessary to coordinate the research leaves of visiting scholars from other universities along with travel and living

arrangements makes awards a year in advance of the actual seminar. The funds remaining in this award category, beyond the one seminar funded, will be available academic year 2008-9. Following past practice, these funds are available to cover overages in other award categories. Anticipating the availability of funds in this budget category, the Board considered and subsequently supported two proposals moved by the Faculty Chair to create special research collaboration seminars setting aside \$30,000 (technically awards that were made under the Chair's contingency category with Board approval). The first special research collaboration seminar will take place in Spring 2009 in support of the overall university's focus on the 150th anniversary of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*. This project will be directed through faculty in the Department of Philosophy. The second project seeks to link a 2007-8 Taft Research Seminar in Mathematics on Cryptology with Political Science's previous Taft Department Enhancement Grant in Security Studies. Faculty in Mathematics and Political Science held planning sessions looking into cybersecurity and national security policy. The scheduling of the collaborative seminar will await a federal government study to be released in 2009 and further development of the previous department enhancement award.

Summary

The re-structured research support categories of Collections, Direct Research Support, and Research Collaboration received positive feedback from faculty and reviewers. The separation of these guidelines has produced a more rationalized system. Overall, \$318,654 was spent out of a budget of \$318,000. An important change that will have to be monitored was a significant rise in requests for cost-sharing of external grants. That category required a transfer of \$31,803 to fund the proposals the committee deemed worthy. Had we not had residual monies in the other research support categories we would not have had sufficient funds. Research support has historically been an overall category with much variance year-to-year in number of proposals and this year was no exception. The Taft Research Seminar has been highly successful in meeting its program objectives. The proposals require extensive effort, but that effort paid off in 2007-8 with three excellent seminars. Professor Elisabeth Frierson ran a seminar that drew significant student support and became linked with coursework associated with Middle Eastern Studies. Professor Jintai Ding brought leading scholars on Cryptology to UC and advanced the Math Department's growing reputation in this field of study. A conference related to these efforts will be held at UC in 2008-9 and explorations of interdisciplinary work with Political Science experts in security will begin as an outgrowth of the seminar. Finally, Taft Professor Armando Romero enriched the study of literature with three writers from South America, who teamed with him to examine the Spanish American Narrative. In some years we may not fund up to the three concurrent seminars for which we have funds as will occur in 2008-9, but the demand for innovative collaboration (which the Board approved for late 2009) exists and the Taft Research Center's programming has the flexibility to maximize opportunities such as linking with the Provost's office to host a set of prominent scholars to discuss Darwin. In the Fall of 2008, the Executive Board will have five years of application rounds to examine and may wish to assess whether current guidelines maximize the opportunity for sustained interaction with external scholars or whether some modification should be considered for 2010.

B. Conferences and Lectures Committee (7% of the Fund)

The committee consisted of Jay Twomey, Chair (English and Comparative Literature), Carlos Gutierrez (Romance Languages and Literature), Deborah Meem (English), Xiaodong Lin (Mathematics), and Christelle Viaoux (Economics). This committee oversees two programs: support for Conferences to be held at UC and lectures beyond those allocated to departments, which must be considered competitively for funding.

The committee selected a joint proposal from the English and German Departments for a conference, to be held in 2009, entitled, “‘November 9, 1989’—*The Fall of the Berlin Wall, Twenty Years After.*” The conference organizers seek to make this event fully interdisciplinary and of broad appeal to the entire UC and broader Cincinnati community. Taft supported an award of \$10,000 in seed money for this conference, and the organizers will seek on that basis to generate an additional \$30,000 from a variety of sources, including the University Research Council (Interdisciplinary Grant) and the Faculty Development Council (Interdisciplinary Grant) at the University of Cincinnati, as well as the National Endowment for the Humanities (Collaborative Research Grants) and the Federal Republic of Germany. Keynote speakers for the conference will include preeminent scholars from such institutions as Columbia and Emory.

The committee supported two other proposals for conferences that have used Taft support as seed money in order to attract the additional external money necessary to hold their conferences. Prof. Wlodek Bryc from the Math Department will coordinate the Cincinnati Symposium on *Probability Theory and Applications* in March 2009. This conference will leverage a Taft Research Seminar on probability that begins in Autumn 2008 and represents an excellent example of the type of cross-program coordination we expected when the Taft Center idea was first developed. The final conference that was funded follows the same model of first holding a Taft Research Seminar that establishes momentum and a core of faculty and external scholars working together and then brings that research effort to a culminating point in a conference. Prof. Jintai Ding will host the Second International Workshop on Post-Quantum Cryptology in October 2008 at UC.

Support of these three conferences required \$29,750 in Taft support. The additional \$9,750 needed beyond our budget of \$20,000 was authorized through Taft Faculty Chair transfer of underutilized funds from competitive lectures and lecture support. The committee received a significant number of competitive lecture proposals, but many did not request high stipends, thus facilitating the opportunity to fund 12 lectures beyond the 17 lectures supported through department allocations.

Summary

The request for conference support continues to vary annually. This was a terrific year in which we had three excellent proposals all of which used Taft money to attract external funding that will bring international speakers and attention to the University of Cincinnati’s campus in 2009. The flexibility of this award to provide funding a year to two years out from the actual conference enables this type of fund-raising and substantive planning and we were fortunate to be able to draw from unexpended funds to go over budget and support all three proposals.

C. Taft Professor Search Committee

The Taft Professor Committee did not meet this year since we had no openings in the Taft Professorships.

V. The Annual Research Symposium

The Annual Research Symposium has now become an established and anticipated year-end event that highlights the specific work of our faculty and dissertation fellows and exposes the wider UC community to the wide range of excellence in research and creative works supported through the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati. Over three days (May 6-8, 2008), fourteen dissertation fellows and six Faculty Center Fellows presented their work. We had just over 520 students, faculty, and members of the general public attend over the course of the symposium. The Symposium was launched this year with a keynote lecture. Mark Lilla of Columbia University delivered a challenging presentation, *The Politics of God and the Humanist Alternative*. The addition of the dissertation fellows to the symposium for the past two years has been lauded by the students themselves as a great capstone experience. We have used the strategy of linking relevant class times to our faculty fellows presentation so that undergraduate students are exposed to the work faculty perform outside of the classroom. It is recommended moving toward 2009 that the same scheduling system be extended to the dissertation presentations. The Board will also need to examine the prospect of adding the undergraduate senior research fellows to our program. In coordination with the Office of Research and Vice President Sandra Degen, our undergrad fellows presented at a university-sponsored event. If that event continues, it is an opportunity for our Taft undergraduates to experience what is required of professional presentations and we should continue to support the Vice President's efforts on undergraduate research.

VI. Taft House: the residential component of the Taft Research Center

In last year's annual report, I wrote that the "physical infrastructure of the Taft Center has supported the development of a true intellectual 'sense of place.' The facilities of the Center are in constant use. Many days, Taft House is managing multiple events from lectures, seminars, and meetings. A most important development that continued apace from our first year was the use of the facility by adhoc research groups and faculty clusters that were not directly funded programs. Faculty are simply gathering and this is a very important leveraging of the physical presence. One of the mid-range goals of the Center is to create a culture of multidisciplinary. This will prove easier to set as a goal than to accomplish as disciplinary demands and structures remain. However, the first two years are clear indications that broadening interactions are possible (and taking place) when an identifiable place exists to support such exchanges." I can not improve on that assessment except to indicate that all of these aspects continued in year three.

The administration of the residential component of the Taft Research Center is a significant time commitment and all four of the Taft Center's staff – Faculty Chair, Taft Secretary, and 2 part-time students – was involved regularly in ensuring a living experience that enabled intellectual productivity. Along with the six Taft graduate students who lived in residence for the year, we managed the arrival, stay, and departure of **twenty visiting scholars** associated with the Taft Research Seminars and the Margo Tytus Scholars program in Classics.

Through consultations with Getzel Cohen and William Johnson of Classics, it was determined that the needs of the Taft and Semple visiting scholar programs would be best met moving to a situation in which Tytus Scholars were housed in full apartments (to accommodate families at times) and Taft Scholars had access to single private rooms. This new arrangement will expand the number of Taft students in residence at Taft House to eight, with three rooms with private baths reserved for visiting scholars in 2008-9 and beyond.

Finally, and significantly, a lease extension for Taft House was negotiated through 2011 with the same structural arrangements for payment of the lease (combination of University of Cincinnati payments with student rent) that has been in place since our opening in 2005. As Faculty Chair, I was aided with helpful assistance from UC's General Counsel's office.

VII. The Budget

Last year I reported that the Faculty Executive Board determined that a two-year cycle of budget adjustment could be adopted as our operating model. In even years, we would plan honoraria/fellowship levels and in odd years evaluate travel and research cost support programs for possible adjustments. This model would improve upon past practices of retaining budget lines for many years and then requesting significant adjustment in favor of a model in which small but regular growth is requested where needed.

Based on 2006-7 expenditures, the budget proposed for 2008-9 seems to have captured the relevant even-year categories well and the Board went through its budget review in June and produced a budget request for 2009-10 of modest, but necessary growth.

Our overall budget structure and process of faculty program management, budget assessment and recommendation and Taft Trustee authorization continues to be sound and has proven flexible enough to plan and execute the enormous program changes of the past three years effectively. In May 2008, new university policies precipitated exchanges with McMicken College Dean Hardcastle over how to fulfill university reporting requirements in the context of long-standing Taft budget practices and by-laws. After several days of exchange, the issue was reported to the Provost, Board and Trustees as satisfactorily settled with information provided to the Dean's office. What was noted at the time as important to recognize is that unlike departments, the Taft Center fund balance budget does not 'zero out' in a fiscal year cycle due to two critical structural facts: first, in many cases our awards are multi-year and thus while encumbered in a given year's budget, full expenditure may not actually occur for several years; second, we are a competitive research fund, so we operate according to quality-assessment guidelines and will not fund awards even if money is available in a given category if proposals do not meet the award criteria. Unexpended awards carryover and enable Standing Committees in a future year of high demand and high quality to exceed their budget allotments through authorized transfer from the Chair's contingency. So, in 2007-8 we were able to cover an additional total of \$3,961 in committee competitive awards beyond our annual year approved budget and concluded the entire year with \$128,713 over our annual budget covered through the contingency category.

VIII. Chair's Contingency

The Chair's Contingency Fund serves two roles. First, it is the Taft Fund and Research Center's equivalent of departmental operating expenses, used for covering office and residential House expenses, lecture/entertainment costs and other incidental expenses associated with the normal operations of the Taft Research Center. Second, it is a discretionary fund for the Chair, providing a flexible source of funding for activities which fall within the Taft Fund's mandate, but which are not covered by any of the formally established committees and programs. Typically, toward the end of each year, over-expenditures in one category are covered by under-expenditures in others with any residue reverting to the Chair's contingency.

This year the Chair's contingency had \$124,090 in authorized encumbrances and expenditures. The bulk of this number is a \$95,000 one-time support grant to help seed an additional financial development office in the McMicken College of Arts & Sciences that will enable the Taft Research Center and Taft departments to receive targeted assistance in raising monies during the five year University Capital Campaign to be launched publicly in 2008-9. The detailed agreement was approved through the Faculty Executive Board, the McMicken Dean's Office and the Taft Trustees. It is expected that the new Faculty Chair will coordinate with the development office to make use of this asset to further the growth support necessary to enhance the profile and impact of the Taft Research Center.

Beyond the additional competitive awards noted in previous sections, the Faculty Chair's contingency also supported four efforts that enhanced the Taft Research Center's outreach to other institutions. The Taft-Niehoff Scholars pilot five-year program had its first Faculty and Graduate student awardees complete their collaboration with the Niehoff Urban Studio (stipends amounted to \$9,070). In autumn quarter, we partnered with the Taft Museum of Art's celebration of its 75th Anniversary as a Cincinnati institution with a grant of \$7,000 for a public lecture series held both at the Museum and at UC. The series included a return to Cincinnati of Professor Brian Rose, former department head of UC's Classics Department. This represented the third consecutive year that the Taft Center and the Taft Museum joined together to enrich the community at large. It is a relationship that should continue to bear fruit and an ideal outreach activity to fund through this budget category. For the second year, the Taft Center hosted a League of Women Voters' project on reform issues in Ohio that enabled UC students and community groups to spend time in small group sessions discussing issues like judicial reform. We were also able to co-sponsor a lecture out of computer science that bridged issues of research interest for faculty in our Math department as well as others. The remainder of the contingency charges (\$12,526.82) covered additional lecture hosting costs and Center operational budget expenditures.

IX. Phase Two (update)

The third year of the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati continued the success of 2006-7 both in consolidating the Center's changed modality from operating previously as a distributive Fund and continuing the momentum of new programs with the full implementation of our undergraduate research fellows and community-oriented applied research partnership with the Niehoff Studio. The Faculty Executive Board also continued to update

guidelines to meet the dual goal of increased competitiveness and enhanced outcomes.

I noted in my report last year that Phase One of our plan (originally conceived as a five year interval, but completed in two) – the creation and opening of the Taft Research Center – had positioned us to begin moving forward on constituting a national and international presence across our ten Taft disciplines sooner than we had hoped. It was recognized that one element found in many national benchmarks, which we currently lack, is a full-time program staff that can focus on sustaining the multidisciplinary interactions both internal and external to UC that our programming enables beyond their initial award period, among other tasks. The Taft Research Center has the potential to grow in many ways. It has been agreed that any major growth will have to rely on funds beyond the annual distribution of the Taft Memorial Fund. In 2007-8, the Faculty Chair dedicated time and effort toward such fund-raising with mixed results. In the end, external grants were forwarded to the MacArthur Fund, the Joyce Foundation, and The P&G Fund and despite positive feedback, none received funding. The common dilemma with this approach to expanding Taft Center resources is that most outside granting agencies wish to support new programming, so these grants promised expansion of programs in the hope that the staff that might be funded for the new programming could also assist with current programming. Alternatively, it became clear in discussions throughout the year that a strong link to the UC Capital Campaign is the path likeliest to produce results (although such an effort could, for example, be combined with external grant efforts such as the NEH Challenge Grant program). Based on this assessment, the arrangement of funding a development officer in the McMicken College Development Office during the capital campaign was finalized. During early 2008-9, a coordinated effort should commence between the A&S Development Office, the Taft Center, and the Taft Departments in laying out a coordinated fund-raising plan.

X. Transitions

During the 2007-8 year, we said goodbye to the staunchest supporter of the Taft Memorial and Semple Funds over their long histories. Margo Tytus had served as a Trustee from the 1950s and the Taft faculty were so pleased that in her early 90s she was able to witness the culmination of that stewardship in 2005 at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Taft House (despite her unease with its Tudor façade!). The Executive Board named the library room at Taft House in her honor and will memorialize it with a plaque during the 2008-9 year.

Personally, it has been a true honor to be involved in a complex project that ultimately came down to people realizing that we could accomplish much with good will and partnership. As I completed my term as Faculty Chair, I had the opportunity to meet with President Zimpher, Provost Perzigian, and Vice President Rimai and in each instance offered my assessment of what was accomplished. In the end, I concluded that we have developed a model of faculty governance, university support, and external partnership that is noteworthy both in its structure and in its positive outcomes.

I wish to take this final opportunity to thank each of you, the Trustees of the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Fund, for your support of faculty efforts to strive consistently for new ideas and your stewardship of the Funds that makes it all possible.

In June, many faculty came together to enjoy a reception to look back at the past five years and celebrate accomplishments. What I took away most from the event was the true sense of camaraderie on display. The objective we have set of finding that 'concentration of interest' is being met. While much of my professional career, hopefully, awaits me, the past five years have been a tremendous opportunity. To use a word that apparently I tend to overuse (according to faculty who provided a bit of a roasting of me), the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati is an opportunity we must continue to *leverage* in the pursuit of excellence. Based on the efforts of our faculty and students to date, the Center is primed and ready to go.

This annual report on activities is respectfully submitted to the Trustees of the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Fund,

by

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Faculty Chair, Executive Board of the

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center and Memorial Fund 2003-8.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	TAFT MEMORIAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2007-08							
2	(2006-07 budget for informational purposes)							
3						2006-07	2007-8	07-8 Awards
4	Conferences & Lectures			7%				
5	Lecture Hosting					\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$3,435
6	Lecture Publicity					\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$1,611
7	Departmental Allocation			10 @ \$3,000		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
8	Competitive Lectures					\$ 16,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,560
9	Conferences					\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 29,750
10	Annual Symposium					\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$11,772
11	Total					\$ 82,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 92,128
12	Faculty Travel Awards			8%				
13	Conference Travel & Research Travel					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Travel for Research					\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000	\$24,807
15	International Conf					\$ 37,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 57,215
16	Domestic Conf					\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,041
17	Total					\$ 70,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 112,063
18	Faculty Fellowship Awards			11%				
19	Summer Research Fellowships			12 @ \$8,000		\$ 78,000	\$ 96,000	\$96,000
20	Faculty Release Fellowships			5 @ \$5,500		\$ 25,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500
21	Research Supplements					\$ 11,500	\$ -	\$ -
22	Summer research supplements					\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,408
23	FRF research supplements					\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
24	Total					\$ 114,500	\$ 133,500	\$ 134,908
25	Center Fellows Award			8%				
26	Center Fellows					\$ 91,050	\$ 100,050	\$ 100,050
27	Major Awards			2%				
28	Departmental Enhancement Awards					\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -
29	Taft Professors			5 @ \$4,000		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
30	Total					\$ 155,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
31	Publications			1%				
32	Subventions					\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,346
33	Taft House Library Binding					\$ 1,200	\$ 250	\$ -
34	Total					\$ 11,200	\$ 10,250	\$ 1,346
35	Research Support			25%				
36	Departmental Allocated			10 @ \$ 5,000		\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
37	Special Requests					\$ 96,000	\$ -	\$ -
38	Direct Research Cost					\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 15,600
39	Collections					\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 44,700
40	Collaborations					\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,160
41	Cost Sharing					\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 71,803
42	Taft Research Seminars					\$ 132,000	\$ 132,000	\$ 130,391
43	Total					\$ 313,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 318,654
44	Student Awards			37%				
45	CP Taft Dissertation			14 @ \$15,200		\$ -	\$213,000	\$212,800
46	Advanced Departmental Fellowships					\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
47	Summer Support					\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ -
48	Advanced Competitive Fellowships					\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
49	Graduate Enhancement Fellowships					\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 113,330
50	Graduate Student Travel					\$ 12,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,419
51	Graduate Enrichment					\$ 22,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,049
52	Grad Fellows Colloquium					\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ -
53	Taft Center Grad Fellowship					\$ 12,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
54	Taft Center Grad Assistantship					\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
55	Undergraduate Enrichment Awards					\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,595
56	Undergraduate Research Fellow					\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$35,000
57	Total					\$ 398,000	\$469,000	\$ 443,193
58	Miscellaneous			2%				
59	Staff Compensation					\$ 16,748	\$ 19,290	\$ 29,768
60	Fringe Benefits for Staff (36%)					\$ 7,621	\$ 9,548	\$ 12,570
61	Chair's Contingency					\$ 381	\$ 362	\$ 124,090
62	Supplies/Office					\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 943
63	Total					\$ 26,250	\$ 30,200	\$ 167,371
64	Total Allocated					\$ 1,261,000	\$ 1,261,000	\$ 1,389,713

**DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
2008-09**

English and Comparative Literature

Joshua Butts

New to the Lost Coast "Of Our Time?"

Charles (Charlie) Green

The Gospels of Faith and Doubt

George Potter

*Global Politics and (Trans)National Arts: Staging the "War on Terror" in New York, London and Cairo***German Studies**

Todd Heidt

*Modernity in Word and Image: Narrative Literature and Film in Weimar German Studies***History**

Gregory Jason Bell

"A Ragged Outer Margin": Tampa's Transition from Frontier Settlement to Southern Town, 1808-1884

Priyanka Srivastava

*Creating a healthy and Decent Industrial labor Force: Health, Sanitation, and Welfare in Colonial bombay, 1896-1950***Mathematical Sciences**

John Baena

Building Fast and Highly Secure Short Multivariate Signature Cryptosystems

Mauricio Osorio

*Analysis of Immersed Boundary Method Problems Using Meshless Methods***Philosophy**

Lindsay Craig

Evolutionary Developmental Biology and the Study of Evolution: The Need for a New Developmental Synthesis as a Multi-field Integration

Doug Keaton

*On the Very Idea of Functional Role***Political Science**

Marjon Kamrani

*Advocacy Groups and Global Governance***Romance Languages and Literatures**

Karen Floeckner

Edwidge Danticat and Julia Alvarez: Ecrivaines Engagees and Caribbean-American Women

Paul Toure

Literary and Cinematographic Trajectories in Francophone Africa: Immigration, Transnational Culture, and Postcolonial Thought

Sociology

Ahoo Tabatabou

Narratives of Sexual Identity Change

**GRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS
2007 - 2008**

English and Comparative Literature

Cynthia Arrieu-King <i>The Small Anything City</i>	University of Lincoln, Nebraska	\$440
Walter Bosse <i>You Can't Two Time: American Jazz and Expatriate Social Sets in Ernest Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises</i>	Dekaib, IL	\$488
Jessica Cornelson <i>Intersubjectivity and the Ideology of Love in NBC's Heroes</i>	Albuquerque, NM	\$443
Peter Janson Grimes <i>Dipping Beneath Words: Revealing a Character's Dark Side</i>	New York City, NY	\$400
Julianne Lynch <i>Creating Character through Unexpected Detail and Juggling</i>	New York City, NY	\$469
Kristi Maxwell <i>Pedagogy forum paper: Expanding Word Image Banks by Dipping into the River of Another World and Creative presentation: Poems from Realm</i>	New York City, NY	\$497
Katherine Polak <i>Between Skins: The Form and Function of Composite Monsters in Ancient Greece as Exemplified by the Minotaur</i>	Oxford, England	\$500
David James Possiant <i>Venn Diagram, a short story</i>	San Francisco, CA	\$489
George Potter <i>Forty-Five Minutes that Changed the World: The September Dossier, British Drama and the New Journalism</i>	Kansas City, Missouri	\$500
Michael Rerick <i>Poetic Syntax: Exercises in Recognition and Application</i>	New York City, NY	\$497
Bryan Robert Smith <i>Pastiche: Assuaging the Anxiety of Influence</i>	New York City, NY	\$250
Linda Torok <i>We Laughed, We Cried We Socio-Analyzed; How the Entertainment Industry Transformed My Freshmen Composition Classroom</i>	New Orleans, LA	\$500
Suzanne Warren <i>The Numenon of Things: Subject/ Object Relations in Leopold's <u>Sand County Almanac</u> and The Girl Who Trod on a Loaf: Mary Gaitsill's <u>Veronica and the Fairytale</u>"</i>	Albuquerque, NM	\$500

German Studies

Wolfgang Lueckel Chicago, IL \$417
Redlining Research Assistants: The Role of Graduate Students at Scholarly Journals

Laura Vas Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary \$500
Prophete rechts, Prophete links/ Das Weltkind in der Mitten: Literarische und malerische Repräsentationen des Berliner Gendarmenmarktes im Jahre 1822

Annie Zimmerman San Diego, CA \$500
Beyond the Negative Symbiosis: "Positive" German Jewish Love Stories

History

Robert Gioielli Chicago, IL \$266
The Highway is Cancer: The Reallocation Action Movement and the Origins of Urban Environmentalism in Baltimore

Evan Hart Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY \$419
Guerillas in the Midst: The National Black Women's Health Project

Mathematical Sciences

Zeynep Teymuroglu San Diego, CA \$500
Continuum Models for the Spread of Alcohol Abuse

Zeynep Teymuroglu Philadelphia, PA \$394
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Philosophy

Douglas Keaton Chicago, IL \$500
And Never the Twain Shall Meet: a Critique of Gillett's Dimensioned Realization

Aaron Kotsko Washington, DC \$500
Genes and Ideological Extremes

Political Science

Bulat Akhmetkarimov Denver, CO \$500
The Turkic Identity in Russia and the Russian Federalism: A Challenge or Strategic Unity?

Ivan Dinev Ivanov San Francisco, CA \$500
Structural, Bureaucratic, Organizational and Elite Frameworks of Explaining Military Transformation: the Case of NATO

Dimitro Poznyak New Orleans, LA \$500
Social-democratic Tolerance in 47 Countries

A Tolga Turker Omaha, Nebraska \$200
Turkey and the European Union: Turkey's Challenges in the EU Accession Process

Hasan Yalcin Chicago, IL \$500
The Concept of Middle Power: The Cases of Turkey and Egypt

Romance Languages & Literatures

Irene Ivantcheva Macob, IL \$500
Visage de l'autre dans le genocide ruandais a'travers du programme literaire devior de la memoir

Julio Quintero University of New York (CUNY), New York \$250
Poetas Infelices y Malditos: Pablo Neruda en Tango del Viudo (2004) de Cristian Barros

Paul Toure Limoges, France \$500
L'Aine des Orphelins de Tierno Monenbo et l'Ecriture de la Memoire Traumatique

Sociology

Ahoo Tabatabai Boston, MA \$500
Complicating Sexuality: Moving Beyond the Primacy of Behavior

Michael Wehrman Boston, MA \$500
Race, Concentrated Disadvantage and Recidivism: A Test of Interaction Effects

**GRADUATE ENRICHMENT AWARDS
2007 – 2008**

Anthropology

Erin Gill Belize, Central America \$2,075
Programme for Belize Archeological Project

Matthew Powers Rotterdam, the Netherlands \$1,530
Maternal Smoking Habits and Femur Development

Shelley Szeghi Arizona \$2,100
Analysis of Assemblage Variability

Elizabeth Wehri Washington, DC \$ 850
The Rate of Osteomyelitis in Civil War Amputees

English and Comparative Literature

Cynthia Arrieu-King Vermont Studio Center, Burlington, VT and Amherst, MA \$2,444
Ascentionist and Re-Voyages in English: A Selected Interview

History

Feay Shellman Coleman London and Liverpool, England \$2,500
"The Palmy Days of Trade:" Richard Richardson and Anglo-American Culture in Savannah, 1800-1830

Stacey Feldman London, UK \$1,150
The Chinese 'Other' and the English 'Gentleman' Identity Formation Within Late Nineteenth Century London Society

Uma Ganesan London, UK \$2,500
Gender and Caste: Self-Respect Movement in the Madras Presidency, 1925-1950

Romance Languages & Literatures

Etienne Achille Fort de France, Martinique \$2,500
Early French West-Indies Black Intellectuals

Sociology

Aaron Howell El Salvador \$1,700
Changing Urban Structure: How Capital and Commodity Flows Between the United States and the Third World are Alterning Urban Space

Travis Speice El Salvador \$1,700
Study of Families and Health Care Systems in El Salvador

**GRADUATE ENHANCEMENT
2007 – 2008**

Anthropology	
Emily Balf	\$10,501
Economics	
Lin Jiang	\$ 3,498
Chunling Peng	\$ 6,996
Chen Donghui	\$ 3,498
Lv Guangyan	\$ 2,587
English and Comparative Literature	
Jesseca Cornelson	\$ 2,000
Erica Dawson	\$ 2,000
Charles Green	\$ 3,000
Peter Grimes	\$ 2,000
Sophia Kartsonis	\$ 3,000
Kristi Maxwell	\$ 2,000
Soren Palmer	\$ 1,000
David Poissant	\$ 2,000
Michael Rerick	\$ 2,000
Daniel Smith	\$ 3,000
Linda Torok	\$ 2,000
German Studies	
Michael Ennis	\$ 1,833
Alexandra Hagen	\$ 1,833
Todd W. Heidt	\$ 1,834
Susanne Koch	\$ 3,000
History	
Uma Ganesan	\$ 6,000
Robert Gioielli	\$ 6,000
Mathematical Sciences	
John Baena	\$ 1,500
Daniel Cabarcas	\$ 1,000
Chris Camfield	\$ 1,500
Ji-Jing Jiang	\$ 667
Victoria Kruglov	\$ 1,000
Falhaber Kyle	\$ 1,000
Qian Li	\$ 1,000
Xia Li	\$ 1,000
Sasmita Patnaik	\$ 1,000
Andoniaina Rarivoarimanana	\$ 1,000
Ivonne Rivas	\$ 1,000
Rui Shen	\$ 1,000
Roxana Tanase	\$ 1,000
Rui Wang	\$ 1,000

Xiaoxia Wang	\$ 333
Kim Woosuk	\$ 1,000
Gong Xianglai	\$ 1,000
Zou Yuanshu	\$ 1,000
Tamar Oraby	\$ 1,000
Philosophy	
Lindsay Craig	\$ 1,200
Sean Keating	\$ 1,200
Adrian Patten	\$ 1,200
Political Science	
Anil Pillai	\$ 2,000
Tiest Sondaal	\$ 2,000
Romance Languages	
Zachary Schaengold	\$ 1,600
Rosales Figuero Iliana	\$ 2,500
Gomez Sobrino Isabel	\$ 2,000
Gaboriau Yann	\$ 2,000
Matthew Fehskens	\$ 2,500
Maria Alvarado	\$ 1,000
Estela Alvarado	\$ 1,000
Sociology	
Kelly Chapman	\$ 1,000
Patrick Kennealy	\$ 1,000
Amanda Straight	\$ 1,000

**UNDERGRADUATE ENRICHMENT AWARDS
2007 - 2008**

Anthropology

Christopher Olsen Upper Basin Arizona \$1,890
Archeological Survey in Arizona

History

Huma Gupta Athens Greece, Damascus, Syria and Geneva, Switzerland \$2,000
Ecochrad and Doxiadis: Masters of Modernity and Urban Dystopia in Damascus and Baghdad in the Mid-Twentieth Century

Trisha Myers Istanbul, Turkey; Paris, France and London, UK \$2,000
Orientalism and Reconsidering the Female Gaze

Andrew Pilder Haifa, Israel \$2,000
Intensive Summer Hebrew Language Program

Political Science

Lauren Amann Kentucky (NKU) \$ 400
National Education for Women's Leadership (NEW) Kentucky, 2007

Per de Vise Jensen Yucatan, Mexico \$1,375
Legacies and Landscapes of Yucatan

Elisabeth Morgan Kigali, Rowanda \$2,000
Operation Crossroads, Africa

Elizabeth Trombley Washington, DC \$1,150
KAUST, Summer 2008

Romance Languages & Literatures

Kimberly K. Bauer Cusco, Peru \$2,000
SALUD: Medical Immersion

Ashley Hafner Guanajuato, Mexico \$2,000
UNIVA (Univsidad de Valle de Atemajao)

Sociology

Trevor Adams El Salvador \$1,700
Economic Policies in El Salvador

Andrea Avery El Salvador \$1,808
Women in El Salvador

Chanel Chambers El Salvador \$1,000
Human Rights in El Salvador

Travis Speice El Salvador \$1,700
Study of Families and Health Care Systems in El Salvador

**UNDERGRADUATE SR. RESEARCH FELLOWS
2007-08**

Name: Ms. Jeanna Hill
 Department: Anthropology
 Project: *Measuring Variables of Archaeological Survey in Order to Improve Efficiency*
 Supervisor: Professor Alan Sullivan

Name: Ms. Kimberly Burgas
 Department: Sociology
 Project: *Muslim Assimilation and Defining of Ummah in Post-war Cincinnati, Ohio.*
 Supervisor: Professor Rhys Williams

Name: Ms. Allison Davis
 Department: English and Comparative Literature
 Project: *The Retrospective Conscious: Modernist Time in The Waste Land and The Sound and the Fury*
 Supervisor: Professor Tom LeClair

Name: Ms. Kristen Denier
 Department: German Studies
 Project: *Investigating the German-Russian Relationship*
 Supervisor: Professor Richard Schade

Name: Ms. Julia Ferguson
 Department: Political Science
 Project: *Microcredit as a Form of Poverty Alleviation*
 Supervisor: Professor Laura Jenkins

Name: Ms. Huma Gupta
 Department: History
 Project: *Urban as Political: Modernist Urban Planning Models in the 1950s and Sites of Popular Resistance in Baghdad and Damascus*
 Supervisor: Professor Elizabeth Frierson

Name: Mr. Jason Hardin
 Department: Mathematical Sciences
 Project: *Automatic Realizability for Galois Groups of Order 64*
 Supervisor: Professor Tara Smith

Name: Mr. Francis Huttinger
 Department: Economics
 Project: *Is Universal Health Care a Superior Delivery Mechanism?*
 Supervisor: Professor Haynes Goddard

Name: Mr. Michael Schon
 Department: Philosophy
 Project: *Review and Response to a New Challenge to Scientific Realism*
 Supervisor: Professor Robert Skipper

Name: Mr. Raymond Seyfried
Department: Romance Languages and Literatures
Project: *Astolphe de Custine, the Marquis for our Times*
Supervisor: Professor Jeff Loveland

**FACULTY AWARDS
2007 - 2008**

HUMANITIES

**ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE (68 FACULTY) 27 GRANTS AWARDED FOR
A TOTAL OF \$65,851**

Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Don Bogen	Dallas, TX	\$318
<i>Europa: Translation of the Selected Poems of Julio Martinez Mesanza</i>		
Brocke Clark	New York City, NY	\$500
<i>What is the Cure of Meanness?</i>		
Stanley Corkin	Philadelphia, PA & New York City	\$700
<i>The Neo-noir Spaces of Crime and Corruption and Love, Marriage and City Living: <u>Annie Hall</u> (1977), <u>Manhattan</u> (1979), <u>An Unmarried Woman</u> (1978), <u>Kramer vs. Kramer</u> (1979)</i>		
Russel Durst	New York City, NY	\$564
<i>Relationships Between Research and Practice in Secondary School Reading and Writing</i>		
Michael Griffith	New York City, NY	\$329
<i>May We Stay Unsprung</i>		
Tamar Heller	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	\$153
<i>Mothers and Others: Race, Sexuality, Maternity in Victoria Cross's <u>Five Nights</u></i>		
Lisa Meloncon	Washington, DC	\$415
<i>Politics of Place: Teaching Audience in the Professional Writing Classroom</i>		
Laura Micciche	New Orleans, LA	\$540
<i>Critical Writing Workshop for Graduate Students</i>		
Leland Person	Chicago, IL	\$410
<i>The Journal of an African Cruiser: Hawthorne, Colonization and the Slave Trade</i>		
Kathy Rentz	Washington, DC	\$540
<i>Is Nothing Sacred? A Discursive Analysis of Recent Publications on Spirituality and Business</i>		
Lucille Schultz	New Orleans, LA	\$485
<i>"The Archival Turn:" Its Genesis and Effects in Our Histories of Writing Instruction</i>		
Michael Sheehy	Washington, DC	\$510
<i>(1) Press Coverage of Ohio's Gubernatorial Election (2) Washington Post Policies and Practices of Unnamed Sources</i>		
Edgar Slotkin	Colgate University, Hamilton, NY	\$576
<i>Frank O'Connor's Irish Story</i>		
Jay Twomey	San Diego, CA	\$450
<i>The Powers that Be: Antonin Scalia on Romans 13:1-5</i>		

Gary Weissman	Kansas City, MO	\$380
<i>The Virtue of Misreadings: Interpreting "Man in the Well"</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Julia Carlson	Exter, England	\$2,295
<i>Nationalizing Blank Verse in the Prose Tour and Guide</i>		
Stanley Corkin	Paris, France	\$1,350
<i>New York, The Unsafe City: Law Corruption and Globalization</i>		
Michael Sheehy	Montreal, Canada	\$1,560
<i>"Women We Love" in Esquire, 1987-2006</i>		
Gary Weissman	Toronto, Canada	\$ 868
<i>Post-Holocaust Literature as Provocation, not Postmemory</i>		
Barbara Wenner	Vancouver, Canada	\$1,000
<i>Exploring the World In Highbury</i>		
Center Fellowship		
John Drury	<i>The Bad Soldier</i>	\$18,000
Summer Release Fellowship		
Brock Clark	<i>Exley: A Novel</i>	\$ 8,000
Joannie Mackowski	<i>A Good Clean View: Poems</i>	\$ 8,000
Lisa Meloncon	<i>Vernacular Health and Healing:</i>	
<i>Making Medicine through Rhetoric In Early Modern England, ca. 1450-1583</i>		
Leah Stewart	<i>Lucy's War: A Novel</i>	\$ 8,000
Summer Release Fellowship Research Supplement		
Joannie Mackowski	Ohio	\$ 500
Leah Stewart	Cincinnati	\$ 1,409
GERMAN STUDIES (7 FACULTY) 8 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$21,966		
Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Katharina Gerstenberger	San Diego, CA	\$379
<i>Know a Lot About History: Daniel Kehlmann's Vermesung der Welt as a Historical Novel for the Twenty-First Century</i>		
Todd Herzog	Seattle, WA	\$354
<i>Life Under Surveillance: Morality and the Media in the Cinema of Michael Haneke</i>		
Richard Schade	Darmouth, NH and Chicago, IL	\$700
<i>Count Rumford's Transcultural Agenda: Indian Corn in Bavaria</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Sara Freidrichsmeyer	Norwich, UK	\$2,333
<i>Of Silk and Silkworms: Sebald's Rejection of Speciesism</i>		
Katharina Gerstenberger	Kanazawa, Japan	\$2,700
<i>Berlin-Baku-Paris: Transcultural Geographies in the Work of Zafer Senocak</i>		

Faculty Release Fellowship		
Katharina Gerstenberger		\$6,000
<i>Postmodern Histories: Historical Fiction in Contemporary German Literature</i>		
Faculty Release Fellowship Research Supplement		
Katharina Gerstenberger		\$1,500
Summer Release Fellowship		
Noriko Fujioka-Ito		\$8,000
<i>Language Learners' Perceptions of Error Correction</i>		
HISTORY (21 FACULTY) 16 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$39,687		
Domestic Conference Grant Grant		
Elizabeth Frierson	Washington, DC	\$585
<i>Archives and Architecture of Empire: New Directions in Ottoman Historiography</i>		
Sigrun Haude	Duke University, Durham, NC	\$390
<i>Loss and Survival During the Thirty Years War</i>		
Wendy Kline	Arlington, VA	\$510
<i>Bodies of Evidence: Activists, Patients, and the FDA Regulation of Depo Provera</i>		
Wendy Kline	Minneapolis, MN	\$200
<i>Re-examining the Pelvic: the Doctor-Patient Relationship and the Pelvic Instruction Controversy of the 1970s</i>		
Maura O'Connor	San Francisco, CA	\$565
<i>A Cultural History of Speculation in the Nineteenth Century</i>		
Barbara Ramusack	Madison, WI	\$500
<i>Bonnie Babies and Modern Maders: Baby Weeks in Madras</i>		
Hilda Smith	Chicago, IL	\$540
<i>Royalist Women's Political Writings: The Cases of Elizabeth Cellier and Mary Astell</i>		
Hilda Smith	Dayton, OH	\$147
<i>Gender, Citizenship and the Guilds in Late Seventeenth-Century London</i>		
Tracy Teslow	Santa Fe, NM	\$620
<i>Grappling with Race: the Construction and Deconstruction of the 'Races of Mankind' at the Field Museum of Natural History</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Elizabeth Frierson	Montreal, Canada	\$1,237
<i>(1) Roundtable Discussion on Occupied Spaces; (2) The Shadow City of Istanbul: Refugees Before and After World War I</i>		
Christopher Phillips	University of Lisbon, Portugal	\$1,960
<i>The Calculus of Disloyalty in the Neutral States during the American Civil War and the Completion of the American South</i>		

Barbara Ramusack	Oxford University, UK	\$1,483
<i>Professionalization, Politics and Gender in the Madras Child Welfare Centers, 1917 - 1940</i>		
Willard Sunderland	Moscow, Russia	\$1,350
<i>The Empire that Wasn't Baron Ungern's Central State</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Wayne Durrill	Maryland, South Carolina and Louisiana	\$3,600
<i>God's Own Vengeance: Nat Turner and the Great Slave Conspiracy of 1831</i>		
Center Fellowship		
Wayne Durrill		\$18,000
<i>Nat Turner and the Great Slave Conspiracy</i>		
Summer Research Fellowship		
Willard Sunderland		\$8,000
<i>The Baron's Cloak: A Tale of the Russian Empire in the Age of Revolution</i>		
PHILOSOPHY (13 FACULTY) 9 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$51,546		
Domestic Conference Grant		
John Martin	Northampton, MA	\$700
<i>The Transcendentalist Deduction of Goodness from Beauty</i>		
Thomas Polger	New Orleans, LA	\$690
<i>Understanding the Dimensions of Realization</i>		
International Conference Grant		
Christopher Gauker	Geneva, Switzerland	\$1,986
<i>Similarity and Seeing-As</i>		
Christopher Gauker	Seoul, South Korea	\$747
<i>Incomplete Predicates</i>		
Thomas Polger	Madrid, Spain	\$1,722
<i>The Dimensions of Realization</i>		
Research Travel Grant		
Thomas Polger	Madison, Wisconsin and Sydney, Australia	\$3,700
<i>Realization and Explanation</i>		
Center Fellowship		
Chris Gauker		\$18,000
<i>Words and Pictures: An Essay on the Perceptual Control of Word Choice</i>		
Larry Jost		\$18,000
<i>The Argument of the Eudemian Ethics: An Individualist Approach</i>		
Faculty Release Fellowship		
Robert Skipper		\$6,000
<i>The Power of Natural Selection</i>		

**ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (26 FACULTY) 19 GRANTS AWARDED FOR
A TOTAL OF \$35,238**

Domestic Conference Grant Grant

Fenfang Hwu	San Francisco, CA	\$700
<i>Aptitude, Personality and Form-focused CALL Instructions</i>		
Jeff Loveland	Auburn, Alabama	\$585
<i>A Machine de Guerre in England? Dennis de Coetlogon's Universal History of Arts and Sciences (1745) and the Tradition of Polemical Encyclopedias</i>		
Therese Migraine-George	Cleveland, OH	\$331
<i>Suicide social ou passion romanesque? 'La Femme de Gilles' de Madeleine Bourdouxhe</i>		
Therese Migraine-George	Macomb, IL	\$369
<i>The Year of Anthologies: Blackwell Anthology of Theory and Criticism in African Literature</i>		
Maria Paz Moreno	Charlottesville, VA	\$475
<i>Poetry Reading and Participation in Round Table Discussion</i>		
Patricia O'Connor	San Diego, CA	\$680
<i>Los frutos de la semilla, o la hermosa cosecha de Elena</i>		
Connie Scarborough	Tucson, AZ	\$405
<i>The Rape of Men and Other "Lessons" about Sex in the Libro de Buen Amor</i>		
Alfredo Sosa-Velasco	New York	\$700
<i>Sexo, humor y religion en 'La caiguda de l'imperi sodomita' de Terenci Moix and Gerald and Thomas: The Subtext within the Text in Down These Mean Streets</i>		
Michele Vialet	Pomona, CA	\$440
<i>Inheriting Exile: Contemporary Francophone Writers</i>		
Michele Vialet	Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL	\$479
<i>The Poetics of Incompleteness in Veronique Tadjo's L'ombre d'Imana</i>		
International Academic Meeting Travel Grant		
Carlos Gutierrez	Cordoba, Spain	\$848
<i>"Cinalo Bronce o murelo diamante" (Polifemo, 37, v294): una nueva propuesta de lectura"</i>		
Enrique Giordano	Goeteborg, Sweden	\$1,513
<i>El realismo magico como fenomeno escritorial: Garcia Marquez y el discurso cinematografico</i>		
Janine Hartman	Quebec, Canada	\$1,211
<i>In Belle-Riviere (French Ohio Country)</i>		
Armando Romero	Athens, Greece	\$1,776
<i>Ivan Carlos Onetti and the Short Novel</i>		

Alfredo Sosa-Velasco Sevilla, Spain \$1,592
El sujeto exiliado y la construccion de la memoria colectiva en Quanta, quanta guerra de Merce Rodoreda

Alfredo Sosa-Velasco Montreal, Canada \$771
Una cosa es el arte y otra la propaganda: arte estetica y politica en Fresa y chocolate

Nicasio Urbina Montreal, Canada \$1,256
The Seduction of the Novel: Manuscript of Seduction by Gioconda Belli

Research Travel Grant

Maria Paz Moreno Madrid, Spain \$3,107
Food for Thought: Culinary Literature in Spain from XIX and XX Centuries

Center Fellowship

Michele Vialet \$18,000
Daughters of the French Colonial Empire: Recasting Cultural Inheritance

SOCIAL SCIENCES

ANTHROPOLOGY (9 FACULTY) – 11 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$20,796

Domestic Conference Grant

Jeremy Koster Washington, DC \$595
Food Transfers Among Indigenous Nicaraguan Horticulturalists

Jeremy Koster Cincinnati, OH \$100
Food sharing, not-in-kind reciprocity and kinship in Nicaragua

Martha Rees Washington, DC \$636
Class, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Movements in Oaxaca City (2006-2007)

Martha Rees Cincinnati, OH \$90
Society for Economic Anthropology

Vernon Scarborough Washington, DC \$599
Anthropological Archeology and the UNESCO Water Book

International Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Martha Rees Montreal, Canada \$1,364
Agency or Resistance Among Mexican Migrant Workers and Counterparts back Home

Vernon Scarborough Tampere, Finland \$2,491
The Role of Anthropological Archeology: Addressing the Global Water Issue

Kenneth Tankersley Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada \$1,720
Cherokee Use of Caves in the Ohio Valley

Research Travel Grant

Jeremy Koster Bosawas Biosphere Reserve, Nicaragua \$3,700

The Importance of Taste as a Factor in Human Prey Choice Decisions: A Cognitive and Ecological Approach

Summer Research Fellowship

Alan Sullivan \$8,000

The role of Accumulations Research in Inferring the Occupation Spans of Abandoned Settlements

Summer Research Fellowship Research Supplement

Alan Sullivan \$1,500

ECONOMICS (18 FACULTY) 6 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,423

Domestic Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Debashis Pal Seattle, WA \$700

Welfare Effects of Third Degree Price Discrimination (co-authored with Victor Kaftal)

Olivier Parent Arlington, VA \$620

Space Time Analysis of Knowledge Production Function

Sourushe Zandvakili New Orleans, LA \$510

Advances in Inequality Measurement and Usefulness of Statistical Inference

International Academic Meeting Travel Grant

Christelle Viaroux Budapest, Hungary \$1,593

(1) Optimal Pricing in Urban Transport; (2) Job Matching Through Occupational Choices

Summer Research Fellowship

Claude Lopez \$8,000

Do the Euro-zone Economies Converge?

Olivier Parent \$8,000

Space-time analysis of innovative activities in the U.S.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (13 FACULTY) 9 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$20,360

Domestic Conference Grant

George Bishop Anaheim, CA \$230

State of the Nation: Leading or Misleading Indicators of American Public Opinion?

George Bishop Chicago, IL \$436

Evolution, Religion and the "Culture War" in American Politics

George Bishop New Orleans, LA \$700

Social-Democratic Tolerance across Forty-Seven Nations and Evolution, Public Opinion and American Politics

Stephen Mockabee Chicago, IL \$284

Reconsidering the Role of Religiosity

Research Travel Grant

Howard Tolley	Mumbai, India	\$3,300
<i>Freeing India's Sex Slaves: Prostitution, Self-Determination and US Intervention</i>		

Faculty Release Fellowship

Stephen Mockabee		\$6,000
<i>Beyond the God Gap: Religion and Electoral Politics in America</i>		

Ann Runyan		\$6,000
<i>Global Gender Issues, 3rd Edition, Westview Press contract; Gender and Global Restructuring, 2nd Edition, Routledge contract, World Political Feminisms Prospectus</i>		

Faculty Release Fellowship Research Supplement

Stephen Mockabee		\$1,500
Ann Runyan		\$1,000

SOCIOLOGY (13 FACULTY) 11 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$35,952**Domestic Conference Grant**

Steve Carlton-Ford	Chicago, IL	\$220
<i>Major Armed Conflict, Militarization and Life Chances: A Pooled Time Series Analysis</i>		

Steve Carlton-Ford	New York City, NY	\$321
<i>Why Do Major Armed Conflict and Militarization Affect Life Chances</i>		

Annula Linders	New York, NY	\$280
<i>Acting in Concert or Concerts of Action: Challenges and Opportunities in the Campaigns Against Female Executions</i>		

Annulla Linders	New York, NY	\$421
<i>In Search of the Perfect Execution Audience</i>		

Jeffrey Timberlake	New Orleans, LA	\$575
<i>Effects of Household and Neighborhood Characteristics on Children's Exposure to Neighborhood Poverty and Affluence</i>		

Jeffrey Timberlake	New York, NY	\$205
<i>Movin' on Up? Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Children's Neighborhood SES Returns to Residential Mobility</i>		

Rhys Williams	Tampa, FL	\$430
(1) <i>The Process of Academic Publishing</i> ; (2) <i>Understanding Religion and Young Adult Lives</i>		

Center Fellowship

Annulla Linders		\$18,000
<i>Rowdy Crowds and Reluctant Witnesses: Cultural Change, Audience Manipulation, and the Transformation of the American Death Penalty</i>		

Faculty Release Fellowship

Rhys Williams		\$6,000
<i>Religion Pluralism, Political Culture and American Public Life</i>		

Summer Research Fellowship

Jeffrey Timberlake \$8,000
Effects of Ecological Distance on Patterns of Minority Suburbanization

Summer Research Fellowship Research Supplement

Jeffrey Timberlake \$1,500

SCIENCES**MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (47 FACULTY) 22 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$47,653****Domestic Conference Grant**

David Herron Syracuse University, NY \$430
Metric Space Inversions and QuasiHyperbolic Geometry

Anthony Leung Orlando, FL \$645
Traveling Wave Solutions for Systems of Competitive Parabolic Partial Differential Equations

Siva Sivaganesan Memphis, TN and Denver, CO \$700
Objective Bayesian Inference for Some Poisson Models; Bayesian Mixture Modeling for Interval Censored Age Onset of Puberty

Srdjan Stojanovic Orlando, FL \$700
Foreign Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Derivatives: An Optimal Portfolio Based Theory and Applications in Stochastic Volatility

Shuang Zhang McKenna College, Claremont, CA \$700
Are Finite Simple C^ -algebras of Real Rank Zero Stably Finite*

International Conference Grant

James Deddens Banff, Alberta, Canada \$2,646
Analysis of Repeated Measure Exposure Data with Values from Below the Limit of Detection

Murio Diego Paris, France and Venice, Italy \$2,700
Generalized Time Fractional IHCP with Caputo Fractional Derivatives and Identification of Diffusivity Coefficients in Time Fractional Diffusion Equations

David Herron Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada \$200
Euclidean Quasi Convexity

Victor Kaftal Timisoara, Romania \$1,794
Schur-Horn Theorem in Infinite Dimensions and Related Results

Sookkyung Lim Ciocco Lucca (Braga), Italy \$2,700
Blood Flow in a Compliant Vessel by the Immersed Boundary Method

Xiaodong Lin Kunming, China \$2,674
Privacy Preserving Maximum Likelihood Estimation and Statistical Disclosure Limitation

Kenneth Meyer <i>Averaging, Reduction, and the Lunar Problem</i>	Tossa de Mar, Spain	\$1,137
Srdjan Stojanovic <i>Foreign Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Derivatives: an optimal portfolio based theory and empirics</i>	Pitesti, Romania	\$671
Garry Weiss <i>Ideals: Recent Advances and Questions Beyond Blass-Weiss</i>	University of Toronto	\$316
Bingyu Zhang <i>Boundary Control of Nonlinear Schrodinger Equations</i>	Paris, France	\$1,500
Shuang Zhang <i>Open Problems Around Certain Certain Simple C*-algebras and Multiplier Algebras</i>	Beijing and Hangzhou, China	\$2,150
Research Travel Grant		
Paul Horn <i>Improving Reference Interval Estimation</i>	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	\$3,700
Victor Kaftal <i>Compact Operators in Type III Von Neumann Algebras</i>	College Station, TX, USA and Rome, Italy	\$3,700
Summer Research Fellowship		
Sookkyung Lim <i>Mathematical Modeling of Blood Flow in Abnormal Arteries</i>		\$8,000
Xiaodong Lin <i>Novel Approaches to Construct Privacy Preserving Distributed Hippocratic Health Related Databases</i>		\$8,000
Summer Research Fellowship Research Supplement		
Sookkyung Lim		\$1,500
Xiaodong Lin		\$1,000

**RESEARCH SUPPORT
2007 - 2008**

Collaborators**Economics**

Debashis Pal *Equity, Fairness and Moral Hazard* \$3,760
 Visiting Collaborator: Dr. Aarup Bose, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata (Calcutta)

Mathematical Sciences

Ning Zhong *Unsolvability in Continuous Nonlinear Systems* \$2,400
 Visiting Collaborator: Dr. Daniel Graca, University of Algarve, Portugal

Cost Sharing Award**History**

Isaac Campos-Costero \$15,000
 Project Title: *Marijuana, Madness and Modernity in Global Mexico, 1545 - 1940*

Maura O'Connor \$2,500
 Project Title: *Risking the World: The London Stock Exchange and the British Empire, 1801-1902*

Mathematical Sciences

Jintai Ding \$15,000
 Project Title: *Career Development in Hardware Design for Cryptographic Algorithms*

Jintai Ding \$14,884
 Project Title: *Research Experiences for Undergraduate Site in Mathematical Cryptology*

Magda Peligrad \$14,455
 Project Title: *Topics in Modeling the Dependence, Maximal Inequalities, and Gaussian Approximation*

Siva Sivaganesan \$9,964
 Project Title: *Innovative Modelling of Puberty and Substance Use Risk*

Direct Research Cost**Anthropology**

Alan Sullivan \$14,600
 Project Title: *Accuracy Assessment of a Satellite-Based Direct Predictive Model*

Sociology

Carolette Norwood \$1,000
 Project Title: *Women's Status and HIV/AIDS Risk Prevention Strategies: A Mixed Method Evaluation of the Effects of Microcredit Participation in Yaounde, Cameroon*

Library Purchases**Political Science**

Richard Harknett \$44,700
 Project Title: *Digital National Security Archive: The Documents that Made U.S. Policy*

**RESEARCH SUPPORT
RESEARCH SEMINARS
2008-2009**

Mathematical Sciences

Wlodek Bryc and Magda Peligrad

\$47,500

Project Title: *Probability Theory and Applications*

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Jacek Wesolowski, Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw, Poland

Dr. Mikhail Gordin, Russian Academy of Sciences, Saint Petersburg, RUSSIA

Dr. Wei Biao Wu, University of Chicago

**LECTURES
2007 – 2008**

Anthropology

William Dressler, University of Alabama, (October 30, 2007) \$1,500
Culture, Genes, and Health: Biocultural Models and Health Disparities Research

David Hurst-Thomas, American Museum of Natural History, New York, (May 21, 2008) *Repatriating Science, Race, and Identity: Are we Still Fighting the Skull Wars?* \$1,500

Economics

Christian J. Murray, University of Houston, (February 29, 2008) \$1,000
Inflation Persistence and the Taylor Principle

Ingmar Prucha, University of Maryland, (April 4, 2008) \$1,000
Specification and Estimation of Spatial Autoregressive Models with Autoregressive and Heteroskedastic Disturbances

Badi H. Baltagi, Syracuse University, (April 25, 2008) \$1,000
Spatial Panels

German Studies

Christine Ivanovic, University of Tokyo, (September 28, 2007) \$1,000
Just Memorie? History and Memory in German post-Holocaust Literature. On the Occasion of Guner Grass' Peeling the Onion

Christian Liedtke, Heinrich-Heine-Institut, Dusseldorf, (February 21, 2008) \$2,000
Heinrich Heine: Poet of Love and Revolution

History

Eric Van Young, University of California, San Diego, (April 28-29, 2008) \$3,000
Tales from the Dark Side: Lucas Alaman and Mexican Conservatism in the Nineteenth Century & the Cuautla Lazarus: History in a New Key

Mathematical Sciences

Henrik Shahgholian, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, (March 6-7, 2008) \$1,500
(1) The Obstacle Problem and its Ramifications (2) The Two Phase Membrane Problem and Regularity of the Free Boundary

Uffe Haagerup, University of Southern Denmark, (June 18, 2008) \$1,500
The Invariant Subspace Problem: Linear Algebra in Infinitely Many Dimensions

Philosophy

Patricia Churchland, University of California, San Diego, (May 14, 2008) \$1,500
Neurophilosophy: Early Days and New Directions

Paul Churchland, University of California, San Diego, (May 15, 2008) \$1,500
On the Genesis of Conceptual Frameworks: The Hebbian Learning of Causal Processes

Political Science

John Green, University of Akron, (February 22, 2008) \$1,500
The Bible and the Buckeye State: Religious Faith and the 2008 Presidential Campaign in Ohio

Diane Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame, (April 18, 2008) \$1,500
And they Call it Intersectionality? Race and Gender in the 2008 Presidential Election Campaign

Romance Languages and Literatures

German Gullon Palacio, Universiteit van Amsterdam, (May 8, 2008) \$1,500
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