Newcomb Grants Awarded to Faculty – Fall 2011

Research Grants

Lauren Cardon  
English  
*Exotically Mainstream: Fashion, Class and Race in Twentieth-Century Literature*

Breschine Cummins  
Mathematics  
Presentation at Mathematical Biology Conference with undergraduate Amanda Foy

Nathalie Dajko  
Anthropology  
Presentation at Journees PFC Conference in Paris, France, with undergraduate Jordan Krummel

Jean Dangler  
Spanish and Portuguese  
*Medieval Saints in Film: The Life and Death of Mary of Egypt by Lars von Trier*

Gary Dohanich  
Psychology  
*Effects of Pregnancy and Motherhood on Human Spatial Cognition*

Alice Pascal Escher  
Theatre and Dance
Certification Program in Laban Movement Studies: Module IV and Final Project

Michelle Foa
Art
*Frame, Skin, Architecture: Degas’s Thresholds*

Scott Grayson
Chemistry
*The Synthesis of Star-Shaped Polymers for Use as Transdermal Drug Delivery Vectors* conducted with undergraduate Joanna Lapucha.

Karissa Haugeberg
History
*Women against Abortion: The Transformation of a Social Movement*

David Heins
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
*Looking Back in Time: Life History Shifts of Colonizing Threespine Stickleback* conducted in Alaska with undergraduate Meredith Kurz.

Carrie Manore
Mathematics
*Mitigation Efforts on Emerging Infectious Diseases*

Elisabeth McMahon
History
Slavery, Power, and the Creation of Emotional Communities in Islamic East Africa

Marline Otte
History
A documentary film: Immigrants (The Human Bridge)

Cori Richards-Zawacki
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Evolution, Speciation, and Genetic Diversity of Poison Dart Frogs conducted at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama with undergraduates Anisha Devar, Julia Berkey, and Erin Valley.
Effects of Habitat Disturbance on the Chemical Defenses of Poison Frogs with undergraduate Brittany Owens.

Janet Ruscher
Psychology
Examining the Relationship between Regional Differences in Ambivalent Sexism and Gender Inequities

Thomas Sherry
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
How Parental Attendance Influences Nest Success in a Neotropical Forest Understory Bird conducted at three sites in Costa Rica and to include one female undergraduate to be named.

Caz Taylor
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Winter Ecology of Tree Swallows: Analyses of Winter Roost Sites and Stable Isotope Comparisons across Winter Populations conducted along the Gulf Coast and to include one female undergraduate to be named.
R. Enrique Varela
Psychology
*Understanding Medical Complaints in Latino Children* conducted in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, with undergraduate Mossie Lierle.

**Teaching Grants**

Michele Adams
Sociology
*Sex and Subjectivity: The Sexual Socialization of Dutch and American Girls and Boys:* A Talk by Dr. Amy Schalet, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mary Blue
Communication
*Preparing Women for the Film/Television Industry*

Adeline Masquelier
Anthropology
Lecture series: *Contesting “Tradition”: Indigeneity and Religious Identity in Africa*
Newcomb Grants Awarded to Students – Fall 2011

Research

Samantha Cook
Majors: History, French, International Development
Faculty Sponsor: Elisabeth McMahon
Travel to Kigali, Rwanda

Callie Joseph
Majors: Film, Digital Media Production
Minor: Psychology
Faculty Sponsor: Mary Blue
Write, direct and produce a film Folie à Deux for capstone project

Amy Leonard
Majors: Communication, Digital Media Production
Faculty Sponsor: Mary Blue
Write, direct and produce a film Tomorrow for Independent Study project

Mosteller (Mossie) Lierle
Major: Psychology
Faculty Sponsor: R. Enrique Varela
Unexplained Medical Complaints in Latino Youth: Should We Care?
Rachel Rapkin
Majors: Communication, Digital Media Production
Faculty Sponsor: Mary Blue
Write, direct and produce a film *Missed Connections* for capstone project

Stephanie Stefanski
Majors: Political Economy, Economics
Faculty Sponsor: John Howard
*Economic Valuation of Marine Biodiversity in the Gulf of Mexico*

**Conference Presentation/Attendance**

Jane Ball
Major: Anthropology
Faculty Sponsor: John Verano
Attending American Academy of Forensic Sciences Conference in Atlanta

Anna Chang
Majors: Public Health, Sociology, International Development
faculty sponsor: Michele Adams
Presenting at Human Development Conference in Notre Dame, Indiana
*The Challenges of Balancing Careers and Family Life Facing College Women in Jordan*

Kelly Martin
Major: Philosophy
Faculty Sponsor: Ronna Burger
Presenting at Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities in Waverly, Iowa

*Nature: A Study of Aristotle’s Prime Mover*

Society of Women Engineers
Faculty Sponsor: Beth Wee
8 students majoring in either Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, or Engineering Physics will attend the Society of Women Engineers regional conference in Lubbock, Texas
Attendees: Kimberly Larkin, Claire Stortstrom, Rebecca Frederick, Kelly Smith, Shuwen Lin, Tanya Chen, Caroline Edwards, Stephanie Messina

Melanie Soilleux
Major: Psychology
Faculty Sponsor: Laurie O’Brien
Presenting at Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in San Diego
*Is It Discrimination? Exploring How Gender and Status Legitimizing Ideologies Affect Perceptions of individual and Institutional Discrimination Claims*

Claire Wilson
Major: Neuroscience
faculty Sponsor: Beth Wee
Presenting at Society for Pediatric Research meeting in Carmel, CA
*Methylation in Regions of Executive Function in the Developing Human Brain*

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