Newcomb Fellows Grants Awarded to Faculty
Academic Year 2010-11

Teaching Grants
Katherine Andrinopoulos
Department of International Health and Development
School of Public Health
Bridging the Theory and Practice Divide: Lessons from the Lifework of Dr. Susan Watkins, including a talk by Dr. Susan Watkins

Thomas Beller
Department of English
Public talk and class visit by Bliss Broyard, author of My Father Dancing and One Drop: My Father’s Hidden life – A Story of Race and Family Secrets

Theresa Cole and Stephen Hilger
Department of Art
Photogravure Workshop with guest artist Lothar Osterburg

Nathalie Dajko
Department of French and Italian
Documenting Louisiana Creole and Cajun French

Joel Dinerstein
Department of English
“In the Voice of Our Mothers” theatre performance featuring Carol Fox-Prescott in conjunction with American Studies and Jewish Studies

Meghan Freeman
Department of English
From the Pagan to the Postmodern: Little Red Riding Hood Meets the Wolf – featuring guest speaker Maria Tatar
Barbara Hayley
Department: Theatre & Dance
*Workshop and lecture with Dijana Milosevic, founding artistic director of Dah Teatar, based in Belgrade, Serbia, and in collaboration with ArtSpot Productions, based in New Orleans*

Leandro Magnusson
Department of Economics
*Women Economists Seminar Series – featuring speakers Raquel Fernandez, Kyna Fong, Esther Duflo*

Felicia McCarren
Newcomb Feminist Film Series
*Screening of “Pray the Devil Back to Hell,” with discussion by Dr. Catherine Rielly, whose research focuses on the alleviation of global poverty and promotion of gender justice*

Kathryn Schild
Department: Germanic & Slavic Studies
*“University Education in Russia and the US” featuring five professors from Russia and two students discussing female representation at each of their institutions and in Russian government*

**Research Grants**
Katie Acosta
Department of Sociology
*Amigas y Amantes: How Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family*

Elio Brancaforte
Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies
*Picturing the Persian: Representations of Safavid Iran in Early Modern European Travel Accounts-- A paper to be presented at Renaissance Society of America meeting*
Brian Brox  
Department of Political Science  
*A Different Kind of Tea Party: Women Candidates and Women’s Political Action Committees in the 2010 Midterm Elections*  

Kukhee Choo  
Department of Communication  
*Gendering the ‘Cool Nation’: Japan’s Global Promotion of Popular Culture*  

Bree Cummins  
Department of Mathematics  
*Mathematical Models of Biological Processes*  

Alice Pascal Escher  
Department of Theatre & Dance  
Certification Program in Laban Movement Studies: Module II *Concentration* and Module III *Depth*  

Ian Fuchs  
Department of Jewish Studies  
*Jewish Women and the Study of Torah: The Feminist Revolution in Traditional Judaism*  

Erin Grey  
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
*Effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Blue Crab Larvae and Offshore Zooplankton*  

Barbara Hayley  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
*Laban/Bartinieff Institute of Movement Studies (LIMS) Faculty Research Update Workshop*  

David Heins  
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Life History Evolution and Host-parasite Relationships: Long-Term Studies and Evolutionary Experiments

Allan Kalueff
Department of Pharmacology
Developing New Models for Hallucinogenic Drug Research

J. Celeste Lay
Department of Political Science
Gender Gaps in Political Socialization: Examining the Effects of Role Models

Felicia McCarren
Department of French and Italian
Anticipating Godot? Beckett and the Cinematic Archive

Cori Richards-Zawacki
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Investigating the Mechanisms Behind Assortative Mate Choice Behavior in a Polymorphic Frog

Thomas Sherry
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Do Birds in Fragmented Tropical Forest Landscapes Experience Altered Nest Predation?

Caz Taylor
Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil on Invertebrate Prey Abundance

Michele White
Department of Communication
Cooking with Computers: Women and Femininity in Early Apple Computer Representations (article) and Elements of the Internet: Rethinking the Network and Information Technology Workers (book project)
Edith Wolfe  
Stone Center for Latin American Studies 
*Tarsila do Amaral and the Cosmopolitics of Brazilian Modernish* 

**Newcomb Neighbors**  
Paul Colombo  
Department of Psychology  
Academic Enhancement and Evaluation of the *Roots of Music* Program 

Beverly Trask  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
*New Orleans Dance Festival* – A 15-day Newcomb Dance Program celebrating and exploring the Haiti-New Orleans Connection  

**Special Initiative**  
Laura Rosanne Adderly  
Department of History  
*Women, Gender & Slave Rebellion in the Revolutionary Americas*  

Colin Crawford  
Payson Center for International Development  
*Renewing Latin American Legal Studies* – an international workshop 

John Baron  
Department of Music  
"*Middle Passage,*” a large-scale choral composition by Newcomb alumna Odaline de la Martinez in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.
Newcomb Fellows Grants Awarded to Students

Research
Shemi Benge
Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
*Interpreting the Effect of Habitat Disturbance on Ecologically Important Characteristics Involved in Female Sexual Selection in Dendrobatidae pumilio*
Travel to Panama

Anna Chang
Majors: Public Health, Sociology, International Development
*Careers and Motherhood in Jordan*
Travel to Jordan

Amber Gafur
Major: Cell and Molecular Biology
*Role of GPR30 in Neurite Outgrowth and Social Behavior*

Amy Leonard
Major: Communication/Digital Media Production
*Ninja Dorm* Film Project

Jennifer Marks
Major: Musical Theatre
*The Challenge of Producing a Children’s Musical for an Adult Dominated Audience* – includes a theatrical production project of the musical *A Year with Frog and Toad*
(project was ultimately funded in full by a Newcomb-Tulane College Group Dean’s Grant)

Laura Matthews
Majors: Anthropology; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
*Exploring Human Migration: A Simulation Approach*
Marlanea Peabody
Majors: Public Health; African Studies (ADST)
*Understanding the Health outcomes of African American High School Students in New Orleans Community*

Sonia Rao
Major: Neuroscience
*Development of Anti-Microbial Compounds from Soil Microbes*

Charlotte Sprehn
Major: Biological Chemistry
*Reconstructing Introduction and Transmission Pathways of a Non-native Parasite Infecting at-risk Native Stream Fishes in Hawaii*

Kaitlin Tasker
Major: Environmental Biology and International Development
*Evaluating Impacts of Land Use on the Strawberry Poison Dart Frog, Dendrobates pumilio*
Travel to Panama

Sophie Unterman
Major: English and American Studies
*Potato Peels: a Memoir Project*
Travel to Poland, Germany, and Czech Republic

Erin Valley
Major: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
*Evaluating the Impact of Habitat Disturbance on the Coloration of the Panamanian Poison Frog*
Travel to Panama

Frida Zink
Majors: Cell & Molecular Biology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Evolutionary Diversification of Rivulus hartii across the Lesser Antilles

Conference Presentation/Attendance
Tasneem Chowdhury
Majors: International Development and Political Economy
Conference Attendance: Solutions for the South: A Millennial Perspective held in Little Rock AR in October.

Amy Holiday
Major: English; Minor: Business
Attend Ashoka U Exchange 2011: The University as an Engine for Global Change Conference at Duke University

Helen Knoper
Major: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Presenting paper: Phenotypic Evolution in Life-history Traits of the Threespine Stickleback in Response to Predation by Northern Pike
at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists

Latin American Studies female students attending the BSC Latin American Studies Symposium: Jessie Yoste, Jane Esslinger, Rachel Young, Jessica Frankel, Susie DeLapp, Monica Peters, Abigail Nixon

Latin American Studies female students attending the Organization of American States meeting in Washington DC: Bianca Falcon, Caitlin Ribeiro, Katie Glenn, Pheriche Robinson, Phylicia Martel, Abigail Nixon
Faculty sponsor: Edith Wolfe

Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society)
Faculty sponsors: Molly Travis and Megan Holt
Ten female students attended the Sigma Tau Delta conference in Pittsburgh, where each presented at least one original work of poetry, fiction, or a critical essay. Students attending: Adrienne Barnabee, Jessica Drake-Thomas, Brittni Duhon, Holland Phillips, Kayla Lawrence, Elizabeth Mardiks, Caitlin McMurray, Kelsey Rogut, Courtney Rooney, Alexandra Thrun.
Temple

Members of the Newcomb Dance Company: Natalie Gotter, Kate Baldwin, Lianne Brown, Delia Constantino, Claire Escher, Chelsea Grimme, Iman Marshall, Anna McKinnon, Lara Murray, Danielle Parker, Katie Zion

Performance of *Temple* by Alwin Nikolais at the “Sharing the Legacy” Alwin Nikolais Centennial Celebration in New York City

Nicolette Guillou
Major: Psychology

Attend the *Second World Conference of Positive Psychology*

Margaret Reynolds
Major: English

Presented paper: *A History of Disgrace: South Africa’s colonial past as represented through sexual violence in J.M Coetzee’s “Disgrace”* at The National Undergraduate Literature Conference

Anna Tien
Major: Neuroscience

Faculty Sponsor: Beth Wee

Conference Attendance: Society for Neuroscience held in San Diego

(Student was also funded by Tulane University Neuroscience Association)

Tulane Society of Women Engineers

*Society of Women Engineers National Conference 2011*

Students attending: Clarice Balconi-Lamica, Sarah Davis, Renee Huval, Rebecca Frederick, one entering freshman)

Tulane Society of Women Engineers

*Society of Women Engineers Regional Conference 2011*

Students attending: Renee Huval, Clarice Balconi-Lamica, Rebecca Frederick, Bi Ying Li, Shuwen Lin

Laura White
Major: Political Economy/Teacher Certification

*Social Innovation Education in New Orleans Schools: Curriculum, Best Practices, and Solutions for Social Change*
Travel to schools in the Netherlands

Alexandra Yarost
Majors: Political Economy and Environmental Studies
The Community Food Security Coalition’s 14th annual conference: *Food, Culture, and Justice: The Gumbo That Unites Us All* held in New Orleans in October.