Newcomb Grants Awarded to Faculty
Academic Year 2011-12

Research Grants
Michele Adams
Sociology
Dynamics of Gender and Power in Domestic Relations Courts
Student research assistant: Clara Penati

Rebecca Atencio
Spanish and Portuguese
After Truth: Brazil’s Cultural Memory of Dictatorship in the Dilma Era
Student research assistant: Robyn Smith

Lauren Cardon
English

Kukhee Choo
Communication
Trans-Asian Bodies Crossing in Koreeda Hirokazu’s ‘Air Doll’ (2009)

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*

Shanshan Du
Anthropology
*Gender, Suicide, and Social Change in Multiethnic China: The Epidemic of Love-Suicide among the Lahu*

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.
Scott Grayson
Chemistry
The Mass Spectrometric Analysis of Organic Residues Associated with Archaeological Artifacts
Student research assistant: Kasey Hamilton

Karissa Haugeberg
History
Barbara Greenbaum Fellowship in support of ongoing research at the Newcomb Archives, three repositories in Washington DC, and at the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses

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.

Jennie Lightweis-Goff
English; Gender & Sexuality Studies

Daniel Mangiavellano
English
Book Project: ‘The Invisible Links, Abject Chains’: Habit in Nineteenth-Century British Literature
Student research assistant: Lena Grossman

Carrie Manore
Mathematics
Mitigation Efforts on Emerging Infectious Diseases

Vicki Mayer
Communication
Panel participant at Grace Hopper Conference on Women in Computing

Felicia McCarren
French and Italian; Film Studies
Visit by artist Cheryl Aaron

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)

Wendeline Redfield
Architecture
Exalting the Feminine: The Stepwells of Rajasthan and Gujarat

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 to include undergraduate Briana O’Malley.  

Jeffrey Tasker  
Cell & Molecular Biology  
*Glucocorticoid Activation of the ERK MAPK Signaling Pathway*  
Undergraduate research assistant: Rebecca Voglewede  

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 undergraduate Jaclyn Bergeron.  

Allison Truitt  
Anthropology  
*Open Doors: Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam -- A Digital Archive*  
Student research assistant: Collat intern to be named  

Sara Valentine  
Theatre & Dance  
*Sense, Sensibility, and Sensuality: The Physical Power of the Human Voice*
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*

Kathryn Schild
Germanic and Slavic Studies
*Tulane Undergraduate Russian Conference for Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies*

**Community Engagement Grant**
Laura Murphy
Global Health Systems
Women Social Entrepreneurs and Their Social Innovations in New Orleans

Special Initiative Grants
Karissa Haugeberg
History
Reva B. Siegel on ‘Roe’ at Forty: Assessing the Legacy of ‘Roe v Wade’

Elisabeth McMahon
History
Workshop: Love and Sexuality in Islamic Africa
Newcomb Grants Awarded to Students
Academic Year 2011-12

Independent Research Grants:
Hope Barnard
Majors: English and Theatre
Faculty Sponsor: Sara Valentine
*Monopolis: A One-Act Play from Conceptualization to Realization*

Samantha Cook
Majors: History, French, International Development
Faculty Sponsor: Elisabeth McMahon
*Women and Power in the Great Lakes Refugee Crisis of 1994-1996*
Travel to Kigali, Rwanda

Madeline Dickson
Major: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Faculty Sponsor: Michael Blum
*Hybridization and Multimodal Signaling in Stream Fishes*

Nicolette Guillou
Major: Psychology
Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Molix
*Ambivalent Sexism and Gender-based Violence at Tulane University*

Katherine Hines
Majors: English; Philosophy
Faculty Sponsor: Michelle Kohler
The Relationship between American Identity and the Western Landscape

Rose Ann Huynh  
Major: Biomedical Engineering; Minor: Mathematics  
Faculty Sponsor: Sergey Shevkoplyas  
*Epithelialization of Artificial Lung Airways*

Callie Joseph  
Majors: Film, Digital Media Production  
Minor: Psychology  
Faculty Sponsor: Mary Blue  
Wrote, directed and produced a film *Folie à Deux*

Margaret Kelly-Goss  
Majors: Biomedical Engineering; History  
Faculty Sponsor: Walter Murfee  
*Cell Proliferation along Vascular Islands during Microvascular Network Growth*

Amy Leonard  
Majors: Communication, Digital Media Production  
Faculty Sponsor: Mary Blue  
Wrote, directed and produced a film *Tomorrow*

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  
Wrote, directed and produced a film Missed Connections

Charlotte Grace Sprehn  
Major: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
Faculty Sponsor: Michael Blum  
Climate Change and Infection of at-risk Stream Fishes by a Non-native Parasite in Hawaii

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

Elizabeth Townsend  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Faculty Sponsor: Walter Murfee  
The Relationship between Nerve and Blood Vessel Growth

Viveca Valsaraj  
Major: Cell & Molecular Biology
Faculty Sponsor: Nandini Vasudevan

*The Rapid Effects of Estrogen on Signaling Pathways*

Kezia Wineberg  
Major: Neuroscience  
Faculty Sponsor: Laura Schrader  
*Mechanisms of K+ Channel Localization and Modulation by Activity*

**Conference Attendance/Presentation Grants:**

Aimée Arceneaux  
Majors: Psychology; Pre-med  
Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Szechter  

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

Lucy Biggers  
Major: Political Science  
Faculty Sponsor: Brian Brox  
Presented paper *Social Media and the 2008 Democratic Primaries* at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago.
Anna Chang  
Majors: Public Health, Sociology, International Development  
Faculty Sponsor: Michele Adams  
Presented paper *The Challenges of Balancing Careers and Family Life Facing College Women in Jordan* at Human Development Conference in Notre Dame, Indiana

Caroline Gabriel  
Major: Latin American Studies  
Faculty Sponsor: Edith Wolfe  
Presented paper *Human Rights for the Right Price: Argentina’s migration Law of 2004 and its Economic Implication on Citizenship* at the Institute for Latin American Studies Student Association Conference in Austin TX.

Sara Gottesman  
Major: Chemistry  
Faculty Sponsor: Scott Bernhard  
Attended Greenbuild Expo in San Francisco

Lacey Gutierrez  
Majors: Latin American Studies; Political Science  
Faculty Sponsor: Edith Wolfe  
Presented paper *The Pictures in our Heads: Portrayal of Paco in the Argentine Media and Political Narrative* at the Birmingham-Southern Latin Studies Symposium in Birmingham, AL

Sarah Hunt  
Majors: Neuroscience and Music  
Faculty Sponsor: Jeffrey Lockman  
Presented poster *Visual Monitoring in Early Handwriting Development* at Cognitive Development Society in Philadelphia
Yelena Johnson  
Major: Psychology  
Faculty Sponsor: Laurie O’Brien  
Presented paper *Effect of Media Images of Women’s Leadership Perceptions and Aspirations* at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Biennial Conference in Charlotte NC

Jordan Krummel  
Majors: French and Anthropology  
Faculty Sponsor: Nathalie Dajko  
Presented paper *Le statut de la liaison en français louisianais (The status of liaison in Louisiana French)* at Days of Contemporary French Phonology Conference in Paris

Mosteller Lierle, Olivia Mahler-Haug, Emma Skok  
Major: Psychology (all three)  
Faculty Sponsor: Enrique Varela  
Collaborative research and presentation of paper *Gender and Cultural Socialization and Risk for Anxiety in Youth* at the Anxiety Disorders Association of America conference in Washington DC.

Kelly Martin  
Major: Philosophy  
Faculty Sponsor: Ronna Burger  
Presented paper *Nature: A Study of Aristotle’s Prime Mover* at Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities in Waverly, Iowa

Katie McGinnis  
Major: English  
Faculty Sponsor: Rebecca Mark  
Presented two papers: *Woolf and the Crisis of Eugenics* and *Tyburn and the Importance of the Martyr’s Speech in Shakespearean Drama* at the
Northwest Undergraduate Conference on Literature in Portland, Oregon.

Cristina Roe-Guerra  
Major: Latin American Studies  
Faculty Sponsor: Edith Wolfe  
Presented paper *The New Left in Latin America: The Study of Maurio Funes’ Presidency* at the Institute for Latin American Studies Student Association Conference in Austin, TX.

Society of Women Engineers  
Faculty Sponsor: Beth Wee  
8 students majoring in either Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, or Engineering Physics attended 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  

Sophie Unterman  
Major: English (Creative Writing) and American Studies  
Faculty Sponsor: Thomas Adams  
Presented paper *The Dark Side of College Life: Student Reactions to the Ku Klux Klan at Tulane University* at the Yale-Bouchet Conference for Diversity in Graduate Education at Yale University.

Ge (Angela) Wang  
Major: Accounting & Finance
Attended The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) 40th National Convention & Expo in Orlando

Laura White
Major: Political Economy
Faculty Sponsor: John Howard
Social Innovation Education
Presented her original research on Social Innovation Education at the Ashoka Changemakers’ Week in Paris

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

Carolyn (Callie) Wise
Majors: Global & Community Health Sciences; Latin American Studies
Faculty Sponsor: Katie Acosta
Attended American Public Health Association Conference in Washington DC

Community Engagement Grant:
Miriam Roberts
Major: English
Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Szechter
Learning the Body to Discover the Mind: A Summer of Engagement in Yoga, Non-profit Work, and Community Education in Urban Philadelphia

June 18, 2012