



INTELLIGENCER

CONGRATULATIONS TO SMALL TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The department recently had a successful round of small travel grants. These grants provide funding for students presenting conference papers and going on research trips.

Congratulations to Tonia Compton, Shannon Meyer, and Jonathan Went, who recently received funding to present conference papers, and to Randal Fulkerson, James Griffin, Kurt Kinbacher, and Lisa Schuelke, who recently received funding for research.

Tonia Compton presented "Dolley Madison Was No Cupcake: The Political Power of the First Lady" at the Southern Connecticut State University's 15th Annual Women's Studies Conference, "Women, Power, & Politics" this past fall.

In March 2005, Shannon Meyer presented a paper "Wo(man)'s Best Friend: The Canine Familiar in the Lancashire Witch trials of 1612" for a Society for the Study of Early Modern Women session at South Central Renaissance Conference, held at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

In the fall, Jonathan Went traveled to the University of Colorado-Boulder to present a paper at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference. His paper examined racial whiteness on the Great Plains during the latter-half of the nineteenth century, analyzing the role of material objects in conveying one's degree of whiteness, as genteel Easterners often cast aspersions on residents of the Plains, deriding them, particularly those who lived in sod-houses, as "racial barbarians."

Randal Fulkerson completed research on William Jennings Bryan at the collection of his writings at Occidental College in Eagle Rock, California. Randal's dissertation will be on the relationship between religious beliefs and local political support for William Jennings Bryan in the 1890 and 1892 elections.

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FIELDS OF STUDY—Get to know the academic interests of some other graduate students in the department.

JASON DENZIN: 19th Century Mexico, researching Mexican liberalism and its adherents' ideas for creating Mexican nationalism and building the nation.

RANDAL FULKERSON: American Social and Cultural History. Dissertation examines the religious relationship between William Jennings Bryan and his local political supporters.

AMY GANT: Early modern England. Research focuses on Puritans and Protestant religious dissenters in Tudor and Stuart England.

MATTHEW GARRETT: 17th-19th century American West, Native American studies. Research focuses on early white/Indian interactions. Has completed some work on Native American slavery/adoption in Utah, popular representation of Sacagawea/ Sacajawea, and early Spanish/Indian trade relations in the Missouri River Valley. Thesis focuses on the diaspora and subsequent cultural disparity of the Kansas, Oklahoma and Mexico Kickapoo.

JOE HARDER: American society and culture history with a special emphasis on technology.

ROY KOEPP: Modern German history since the 18th Century, and the role nationalism plays in it. Current research looks at the radical nationalism in late 19th/early 20th Century Germany.

KURT KINBACHER: North American West, minor concentration in Comparative World history. Approved dissertation proposal is titled, "Urban Villages and Local Identities: Omahas, Germans from Russia, and Vietnamese in Lincoln, Nebraska." It is a comparative study that examines community building and identity construction among immigrants in the urban West between 1880 and 2000.

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RECENT PRESENTATIONS

The following history graduate students presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference, March 3-5, in Omaha:

Scot Bruce, "The Myth of American Exceptionalism: A Christian Realist's Critique of U.S. Policy in Iraq."

Kurt Kinbacher, "Life in the Russian Bottoms: Community Building and Identity Transformation among Germans from Russia from 1880 to 1920."

Elaine Nelson, "Balance and Preservation: Eunice Woodhill Stabler, Omaha Indian, 1885-1963."

Lisa Schuelke, "Smoking Women on Parade: Viewing Changes in Women's Gender Roles Through Cigarette Advertising."

Don Walker, "An Imperial Template: The Federalist Papers and Alexander Hamilton's Conception of American Foreign Policy."

In February, Lisa Schuelke also presented "Overcoming Obstacles: Marguerite Higgins Reports from Korea" at the Sixth Annual Conference on War and Media, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Korean War, at Graceland University in Missouri.

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Lisa Schuelke spent her spring break doing research on public health nurses who worked with the Navajo at the Colin Library at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. This will be part of her M.A. thesis.

James Griffin received travel funding for M.A. thesis research at the Roosevelt Library in New York. He is examining the correspondence of President Franklin Roosevelt and Pope Pius XII as they worked, alas unsuccessfully, to prevent hostilities from breaking out before World War II.

Kurt Kinbacher also received support for his research in the archives of the Americans Germans from Russia Historical Association here in Lincoln.

If you are interested in applying for travel funds for research or for a conference presentation, please apply by March 25.

FIELDS OF STUDY *continued from front*

TAMARA LEVI: Comparative indigenous history. Dissertation compares US ration policies on Indian reservations and South Australian ration policies for Aborigines in the nineteenth century. Interested in the ways governments used food to influence indigenous movement and behavior. Also interested in the ways indigenous peoples took the foreign foods and ideas of proper eating behavior and changed and adapted them to fit within their existing cultural patterns.

ANNIE LORING: French female presence on the frontier, focusing on the Icarian Community of Corning, Iowa: 1854 to 1888. Current research focuses on the utopian impulses of mid-nineteenth century France, in order to better situate the Icarian movement. Its founder, Etienne Cabet, coined the term "communistic" a year before Karl Marx used the term. Chris Rasmussen: Research is in the history of technology in popular music in the late twentieth century, focusing on developments in the recording and the consumption of sound.

AARON WILSON: North American Western History, Comparative. Field of study is American Society/Culture. Interested particularly in the history of Christianity.

BRENDEN RENSINK: 19th century American West with a Native American emphasis. MA thesis focuses on Federal policy and how it affected Native Americans and other "undesirable groups."

LISA SCHUELKE: MA thesis will deal with encounters between public health nurses and the Navajo people of the Southwest during the first half of the twentieth century, investigating the tactics the nurses employed to encourage Navajo people to adopt Euro-American health practices and looking at the ways the Navajo responded, and comparing their reactions to the ways other tribes responded to Euro-American health care advocated by their own tribal members.

JOY SCHULZ: International/Military/Diplomatic history with a broad research area focusing on North American missionaries and the post-colonial world.