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To: Executive Officers

From: David Olan  
Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Affairs

Re: 2017-2018 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowships

I am happy to announce the results of the 2017-2018 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship competition. The Graduate Center has offered 78 doctoral candidates dissertation fellowships for the 2017-2018 academic year. The Dissertation Fellowships include level III in-state tuition coverage and we hope that these awards will support our students in successfully completing their dissertations during the upcoming academic year. This year the Provost's Office received 240 proposals and I am grateful to the faculty members who served on the review panels and completed the process of evaluating and ranking the proposals. Please join me in thanking the reviewers and in extending congratulations to the award-winning students who are listed below.

The B. Altman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Elizabeth Donato, Ph.D. Program in Art History, *The Intimate City: The Valparaíso School of Architecture in the Urban Sphere, 1952-1972***

American Studies Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Lydia Pelot-Hobbs, Ph.D. Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences, *The Contested Terrain of the Louisiana Carceral State: Dialectics of Southern Prison Expansion and the Struggle for Abolition Democracy, 1971-2016***

Florence J. Bloch Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Krystle Farman, Ph.D. Program in History, *Conceptions of Faith: Afro-Mexican Catholicism in the Seventeenth Century***

**Sarah, Fritsche, Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice, *The Other 80%: Applying Ecological Theory to the Misdemeanor Problem***

**Daniel Mann, Ph.D. Program in Linguistics, *Stabilizing Forces in Acoustic Cultural Evolution: Comparing Humans and Birds***

**Elizabeth Weybright, Ph.D. Program in English, "The Inexorable Power of Sound": Sound and Listening in British Literature of the Long Nineteenth Century**

Mario Capelloni Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Justin, Bracken Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, Conflict and Cultural Exchange: Maya Borderland Interactions in the Terminal Preclassic**

**Karima Modjadidi, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, Testing the efficacy of interventions to decrease racial bias in jury selection**

**Gillian Sneed, Ph.D. Program in Art History, Gendered Subjectivity and Resistance: Brazilian Women's Performance-for-Camera, 1974-1985**

Carell Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Courtney Chatellier, Ph.D. Program in English, The French Revolution in Early American Literature, 1789-1830**

CUNY/Schomburg Archival Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Brian Jones, Ph.D. Program in Urban Education, The Tuskegee Revolt: Black Power and the Legacy of Booker T. Washington**

Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Iemanja Brown, Ph.D. Program in English, "Dirt, Water and Appetite"**

**Iziar De Miguel Arabaolaza, Ph.D. Program in French, Detecting Texts in France and the Maghreb**

**Basant Dhital, Ph.D. Program in Physics, Alterations of reproductive tract collagen and elastin in amurine model**

**Ryan Donovan, Ph.D. Program in Theatre, Broadway Bodies: Casting Disability and Difference in Broadway Musicals since A Chorus Line**

**Georgia Drakopoulou Kalantzi, Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, Processing contrastive reference for comprehension and production in children with ASD**

**Pablo Garcia, Ph.D. Program in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages, Al margen: Teatro y comunidades hispanas en Nueva York, 1997-2011. (At The Margin: Hispanic Theater and Communities in New York City, 1997-2011)**

**Joseph Giovinazzo, Ph.D. Program in Biology, Apolipoprotein L-1 and the Wound Healing Pathway, A Fight for Survival**

**Anna Gjika, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, Going Viral: Youth and Sexual Assault in the Digital Age**

**Zoltan Gluck, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, Security and State Transformation: An Anthropology of Kenya's War on Terror (1998-2017)**

**Elizabeth Goetz, Ph.D. Program in English, *Household Scenes: Politicizing Intimate Spaces in the Poetics of LeRoi Jones, Hettie Jones, David Antin, Bernadette Mayer, and Alice Notley***

**Aleksei Grinenko, Ph.D. Program in Theatre, *Madness and the Broadway Musical: From "Lady in the Dark" to "Next to Normal."***

**Aboozar Hadavand, Ph.D. Program in Economics, *Anatomy of Income Inequality in the United States: 1979-2013***

**Brendan Kibbee, Ph.D. Program in Music, *Street Assemblies and Counterpublics in Postcolonial Dakar***

**Bin Ma, Ph.D. Program in Business, *The Dark Side of Charismatic Leadership and Its Consequences***

**Antonella Mallozzi, Ph.D. Program in Philosophy, *Understanding Knowledge of Possibility and Necessity***

**Einat Manoff, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *Counter-Mapping in the South Bronx: Local Perspectives on Disinvestment and Over-policing***

**Vincenzo Selleri, Ph.D. Program in History, *The Juridical Communities of the Kingdom of Naples - Citizenship and Municipal Identity in the Fifteenth Century.***

**Claire Sommers, Ph.D. Program in Comparative Literature, *Desires, Deficits, and Doubles: Language and Imitation in Hybrid Texts of Antiquity and the Renaissance***

**Ralitsa Todorova, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *The College Essay and (In)equality along the Path to College***

**Mark Webb, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, *Crisis On Campus: Student Debt and the Financialization of White Aspiration***

**Hasan Zumrut, Ph.D. Program in Biochemistry, *APPLICATION of a NOVEL APTAMER SELECTION STRATEGY, LIGS to GENERATE MULTIPLE APTAMER MOLECULES AGAINST A MULTI-DOMAIN RECEPTOR COMPLEX***

Marilyn J. Gittell Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Andreina Torres Angarita, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, *Affective politics of belonging: the case of state-sanctioned land seizures and autoconstruccion in Caracas, Venezuela***

**Sonia Sanchez, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *Re-membering anti-colonial kinships for collective liberations: Lessons from migrant organizing at multiple intersections of struggle***

**Sarah Sherwin, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *"Full Employment Stops With Us!": The crisis and politics of employment 1964-2016***

The Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the America's and the Caribbean (IRADAC) Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Deshonay Dozier, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *The Politics of Care: Altering the Harm of Punitive Aid in Skid Row, 1970 to 2015***

David Garth Dissertation (\$10,000) Award in Public Policy and Pollis Fellowship (\$15,000)

**Sarah Tosh, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *Aggravated Felonies and the Legal Construction of the Deportable Alien***

Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Diego Buenaventura, Ph.D. Program in Biology, *Characterization Of The Onecut1 Gene Regulatory Network In Cone Photoreceptor Development***

**Danielle Hirsch, Ph.D. Program in Chemistry, *Studies Towards the Designed Synthesis of Single-Atropisomer Troponoids***

**Wenchao Lu, Ph.D. Program in Chemistry, *Singlet Oxygen Oxidation of Guanine Nucleobase and its Consequence on DNA-Protein Cross-Linking***

**Sunil Philip, Ph.D. Program in Mathematics, *Induced Representations and Primitive Ideals for Steinberg Algebras***

**Jenna Rieder, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *Estradiol and daily affective experience in trauma-exposed women***

**Peter Schnatz, Ph.D. Program in Physics, *Supercharged models of intrinsically disordered proteins and their utility in sensing***

The Martin E. Segal Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

**Serena Wang, Ph.D. Program in Music, *Bilingual Music, Bicultural History: New Chinese Music in New York City***

Ralph Bunche Dissertation Fellowship (\$12,000)

**Yu Aoki, Ph.D. Program in Political Science, *Public Opinion as Signals of Resolve in Interstate Crises: Decomposing Audience Costs into Inconsistency Costs and Policy Disagreement Costs***

Randolph L. Braham Dissertation Award (\$10,000)

**Barbara Bailin, Ph.D. Program in History, *"Rivals and Partners": The Competition for Control of Judenpolitik in Reichskommissariat Ostland (1941-1944)***

The Center for Place, Culture and Politics Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)

**Brenden Beck, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *Uneven Policing: Economic Bubbles, Metropolitan Restructuring, and Law Enforcement***

**Morgan Buck, Ph.D. Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Domestic Landscapes: Housing and the Politics of Home in Johannesburg, 1930-1994***

**Ricardo Gabriel, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *"Somos Boricuas y Estamos Despertando: Decolonial Education and the Rise of Puerto Rican Studies at the City University of New York, 1965-1975"***

**Brendan Kibbee, Ph.D. Program in Music, *Street Assemblies and Counterpublics in Postcolonial Dakar***

**Jeremy Randall, Ph.D. Program in History, *The Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990) and The Production of Revolutionary Culture***

**Shemon Salam, Ph.D. Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences, *The Rise of the Fast Food Proletariat***

Ford Foundation Award (\$5,000)

**Christopher Baum, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, *Hidden in Plain Sight: Producing Pornography and Sex Politics in Los Angeles***

**Vadricka Etienne, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *Raising Haiti: The Childrearing Practices of Second Generation Haitian Americans***

Dissertation Year Award (\$5,000)

**Monica Barra, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, *Land Loss: Human-Geological Entanglements in the lower Mississippi River Delta Region***

**Michael Breaux, Ph.D. Program in Theatre, *"Just a Buncha Clowns: Comedic-Anarchy and Racial Transgressions in Early 20th Century U.S. Musical Variety Performance"***

**James Clark, Ph.D. Program in Biology, *The Role of DBL-1 and DAF-2 Signaling Pathways in Fat Metabolism and Growth in C. elegans***

**Emily Eagen, D.M.A. Program in Performance, *I Have Nothing to Say and I am Singing It: Re-Imaginings of the Voice and Self in Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy***

**Rebecca Fullan, Ph.D. Program in English, *Eating the Heart of Weetigo World: Decolonial Imaginaries in the Stories of Louise Erdrich and Tomson Highway***

**Pablo Garcia Martinez, Ph.D. Program in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages, *Dissonant Modernities: Intellectuals and national cultures exiled to Buenos Aires after the Spanish Civil War (1936-1959)*.**

**Michael Gray, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *Testing the Malleability of Visual Perception and Neural Alpha Oscillations***

**Jennifer Hamano, Ph.D. Program in Linguistics, *Distinguishing Language Impairment, Language Proficiency, and Language Variation in Assessments for Chinese-English Bilingual Preschool Students***

**Elizabeth, Hawley, Ph.D. Program in Art History, *Imaging the Indian, Imagining the Indian: Modern Art and Native Tradition in Santa Fe, 1909 - 1931***

**Sruthi Javdekar, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *An Analysis of Play Opportunities for Young Children Living in High-rise Housing in India-A case study of urban middle-class housing in Pune metropolitan area***

**Jesse Kanter, Ph.D. Program in Physics, *Dynamics of Quantal Heating***

**Rebecca Karam, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *Making Muslim Americans: Parenting Practices, Parochial Schools, and the Transmission of Faith Across Generations in Metropolitan Detroit***

**Micki Kaufman, Ph.D. Program in History, *"Everything On Paper Will Be Used Against Me:" Quantifying Kissinger***

**Christopher Marra, Ph.D. Program in Biology, *FHF2 Functions in Brain and Heart***

**Kaitlin Mondello, Ph.D. Program in English, *Posthuman Ecology: The Proto-Evolutionary Aesthetics of Percy Shelley, Mary Shelley, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Emily Dickinson***

**Thomas Muzart, Ph.D. Program in French, *Queer Displacements: Itineraries of Minority Politics in the French and Francophone Context***

**Alexandrea Ravenelle, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *The New Entrepreneur: Worker Experiences in the Sharing Economy***

**Tom Ribitzky, Ph.D. Program in Comparative Literature, *Pessimism and the Novel***

**Christopher Rominger, Ph.D. Program in History, *Imagined Places and Fragmented Spaces: Tunisian Migrants and Political Subjectivity around the First World War, 1911-1925***

**Yi Tang, Ph.D. Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Relating particle scavenging derived from the 210Po/210Pb systems to biological, chemical and physical properties along three GEOTRACES transects***

**Madeleine Terry, Ph.D. Program in Psychology, *Detecting pervasively unintegrated mental representations in pregnancy: A pilot study***

**Pamela Thielman, Ph.D. Program in Theatre, *Baccio del Bianco at the Court of Spain: Baroque Scenography and/as Cultural Exchange***

**Alise Tifentale, Ph.D. Program in Art History, *The "Olympiad of Photography": The International Federation of Photographic Art, 1950–1965***

**Dirk Witteveen, Ph.D. Program in Sociology, *Early Career Trajectories: Institutional and Recession Effects on Pathways from School to Work. An International Perspective.***

Rose K. Rose Award in Chemistry (\$5,000)

**Niluksha Abeykoon, Ph.D. Program in Chemistry, *Generation of Reactive Oxygen Species with Multi-compartmented Particles***

cc. President Chase Robinson  
Provost Joy Connolly  
Vice President Matthew Schoengood  
Review Panelists