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From: David Olan
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Re: 2016-2017 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowships

I am happy to announce the results of the 2016-2017 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship competition. The Graduate Center has offered 84 doctoral candidates dissertation fellowships for the 2016-2017 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 267 proposals and I am grateful to the faculty members who served on the review panels and completed the painstaking task 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.

25th Anniversary Fund Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Joseph Alpar (Music) *"With the Help of God": Synagogue Liturgy, Music Making, and Religious Renewal in Istanbul's Jewish Community*

Mya Dosch (Art History) *Creating 1968: Art, Architecture, and the Memory of the Mexican Student Movement*

Nicholas Marino (English) *Radical Abandonment: Emerson's Age of "Aesthetic Relinquishment"*

B. Altman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Kultej Dhariwal (English) *Mumbai Realism: Narratives of the City Since 1993*

Tehila Eilam Stock (Psychology) *External-Internal Attention Bias in Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Brenda Gambol Gavigan (Sociology) *Setting the bar low: The effects of ethnic contexts on second-generation Filipino American mobility*

Erika Mazzer (Comparative Literature) *Magic Performances: Ritual and Practice in Italian Theatre and Culture, 1520-1650*

American Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$22,000)

AnnMarie Spencer (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *Terminal Conditions: Chronic Pain, Addiction and Accumulation in the Post-American Century*

Florence J. Bloch Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Sarah Kresh (Linguistics) *The role of developing numeracy in the acquisition of subject-verb agreement: An electrophysiological and behavioral study*

Jessica Lewis (Social Welfare) *Intimate Partner Violence Patterns among Expectant Adolescent Couples: Psychological and Relational Correlates, Sex Differences, and Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes*

Rose O'Malley (English) *Darwin's Failures: Childless Women in the Nineteenth-Century Novel*

Carrie Pappas (Psychology) *Investigating Self-Focus in Conversation*

Lauren Rosati (Art History) *Mechanical Kingdoms: Sound Technologies and the Avant-Garde, 1930-1933*

Yair Solan (English) *Writing the Projected Image: American Fiction and Early Screen Culture*

Mario Capelloni Dissertation Fellowship (\$24,000)

Roya Biggie (English) *"Ecologies of the Passions in Early Modern English Tragedies"*

David Frank (Sociology) *"I don't need to recover because I'm not sick": Medicalization and Methadone Maintenance Treatment*

Phillip Griffith (French) *Collaboration Revisited: The Performative Art of Claude Cahun and Hannah Weiner*

Ivan Prates (Biology) *Linking climate dynamics and historical demography in South American forest lizards*

Nora Slonimsky (History) *"The Engine of Free Expression"[?]: The Political Development of Copyright in the Colonial British Atlantic and Early National United States*

Carell Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Tianyi Mao (Mathematics) *Grossencharacter L-functions and Distribution of Irrationals in TotallyReal Quadratic and Cubic Fields*

Diana Moore (History) *Transnational Nationalists: Cosmopolitan Women, Charity, and Italian State-Building, 1850-1890*

Margarite Whitten (Anthropology) *Decentralizing Compassion: Biomedical Politics of Ethics and Life in US Community Health*

Vartan Gregorian Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Saisha Grayson (Art History) *Cellist, Catalyst, Collaborator: The Work of Charlotte Moorman, 1963-1980*

Marilyn J. Gittell Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Elizabeth Eisenberg (Political Science) *Opportunities and Limits for Mayoral-Public Employee Union Collaborations: The Case of the de Blasio Administration in New York City, 2013-2016*

Maria Heyaca (Sociology) *Shackled to the Border: An Ethnography of the Dispossession and Criminalization of Migrating Garífuna Mothers living in NYC*

Naja Hougaard (Psychology) *The Production of Subjectivities in the History Classroom on Danish Slavery and Colonialism: Nordic Exceptionalism and Global Citizenship*

Tommy Wu (Sociology) *Emperor of Work: Chinese Restaurants, Worker Subjectivities, and the New Regime of Flexible Labor*

Frances Degen Horowitz Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Alexis Halkovic (Psychology) *From Targets to Agents: Women's Perceptions of their Vulnerability and the Strategies They Use to Resist*

IRADAC Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$22,000)

Rocio Gil Martinez de Escobar (Anthropology) *Bordering States, Bordering Race: Afro-Indigenous Struggles for Recognition in the Coahuila-Texas Borderland*

The Leon Levy Center for Biography Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Melina Moore (English) *Trans Life-Writing from the 18th Century to Present: Genres in Transition*

Madison Priest (English) *Women We Don't Want to Be: The Female-Authored Antiheroine in American Modernism*

Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Ciara Bagnall (Biology) *Oxidative Stress and Signal Transduction In Chemotherapy Mediated Cognitive Impairment*

Alyssa Chimiklis (Psychology) *Examining the effects of a multi-component neurocognitive intervention for school-age children with co-occurring Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and reading difficulties*

Ivan Levcovitz (Mathematics) *Divergence in Groups*

Dhiman Mondal (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *Understanding Earthquake Deformation at Different Time Scales along the Northern Sunda Subduction Boundary: Implications for Future Earthquakes*

Corinna Singleman (Biology) *Understanding how PCB toxins cause heart defects early in fish development*

Amy Vogel-Eyny (Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences) *What's that called?: Effects of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation on Lexical Accessibility of Common and Proper Nouns in Older Adults*

Martin E. Segal Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Devora Geller (Music) *Joseph Rumshinsky's Mamele: A Reconstruction and Analysis*

The Schomburg Archival Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

Conor Tomás Reed (English) *"Free CUNY, Free NYC: Movement Composition, Literatures, and Pedagogies at the City College of New York, 1960-1980"*

Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$22,000)

Megan Brown (History) *A Eurafican Future: France, Algeria, and the Treaty of Rome (1951-1975)*

Amanda Bryant (Philosophy) *Metaphysics Out of the Armchair: Toward the Naturalization of Contemporary Metaphysics*

Mihaela Drenscko (Physics) *Interactions of Hydrophobic Polymers with Their Membranes Using Molecular Dynamics Techniques*

Karen Engel (Educational Psychology) *Reading comprehension instruction for young students with high functioning autism: Forming contextual connections*

Sean Gerrity (English) *A Canada in the South: Slave Marronage in Antebellum American Literature*

Paige Godfrey (Physics) *Atmospheric Properties of T Dwarfs and Exoplanets Inferred from Model Fits*

Jonathan Hill (History) *Power Lines: Electrification and the State in Northern Mexico, 1905-1946*

Carly Huelsenbeck (Urban Education) *Complicating the Model Minority: School Stories from Fujianese American Immigrant Youth*

Stephanie Kakadelis (Linguistics) *Phonetic Properties of Stops in Languages with No Voicing Distinction*

Beth Keyes (Music) *"Madness in Music: Four Critical Case Studies"*

Chunrye Kim (Criminal Justice) *Investigating the Risk Factors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) among Korean Immigrants in America*

Melissa Marturano (Classics) *Vim Parat: Sexualized Violence and Rape in Ovid*

Brittany Mercado (Business) *Investigating the Influence of Organizational Interventions on Employee Cyberloafing*

James Quilty-Dunn (Philosophy) *Syntax and Semantics of Perceptual Representation*

Emily Raabe (English) *Vision as Revelation in American Poetics*

Berglind Ragnarsdottir (Sociology) *Independent women? Social class and social policy after the gender revolution in the west*

Timothy Roeper (Economics) *An Examination of the Impact of Regents Exams and Proximity to A Public College on Economic Opportunity.*

Bess Rowen (Theatre) *The Lines Between the Lines: Stage Directions as a Fluid, Collaborative Physical Language for the Actor*

Laurie Slodounik (Psychology) *The Nature of Defenses Used by School-Aged Children with ADHD*

Erin Spampinato (English) *Clarissa's Sisters: the Rape Plot in the Nineteenth-Century British Novel*

Lauren Suchman (Anthropology) *The End of AIDS: Contemporary AIDS Activism in New York's Campaign to End the Epidemic*

Maria Zuazu Bermejo (Music) *Sonic Remains in Art and War: Reenactment and Remembrance in the 21st Century.*

Athena Pollis Fellowship (\$22,000)

Salman Hussain (Anthropology) *The Hijras, the 'Missing Persons' in the 'War on Terror' and Jihad by Law: Legal and Political Mobilization in the 'Lawyers' Movement' (2007-2009) in Pakistan*

Ralph Bunche Dissertation Fellowship (\$12,000)

Mark Drury (Anthropology) *Western Sahara: An Anthropology of Decolonization*

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

Rachel Brown (Political Science) *The Emotional Politics of Migration: Migrant Domestic Work in Israel*

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

Neil Agarwal (Anthropology) *Yellowing the Logarithm: How Money Solved the Problem of Freedom*

Hector Agredano (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *Rails to Revolution: Railroads, Railroad Workers and the Mexican Revolution 1910-1916.*

Brian Jones (Urban Education) *The Tuskegee Revolt: Black Power and the Legacy of Booker T. Washington*

Madhuri Karak (Anthropology) *Part-Time Radicals: Agrarian Transformation and Youth Unrest in Southeastern India*

John Norton (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *Little Siberia, Empire State: The Geography and Political Economy of Mass Incarceration in New York, 1968-2015*

Christian Siener (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *From Prison to Homeless Shelter: Camp LaGuardia and the Political Economy of an Urban Infrastructure*

Dissertation Year Awards (\$5,000)

Adam Davidson (Earth and Environmental Sciences) *Why the disruption from Uber is just the beginning: data as the new civic infrastructure*

Aleksei Grinenko (Theatre) *Madness and the Broadway Musical: From "Lady in the Dark" to "Next to Normal"*

Julia Hyland Bruno (Psychology) *Stereotypy, plasticity, and the development of vocal rhythm in a social songbird*

Sarah Ruth Jacobs (English) *The Fall of the Novel: Crises in 20th Century American Literary Readership and Form*

Svetlana Jovic (Psychology) *Entitlement and Restraint: How Young People from Diverse Backgrounds Make Sense about Fairness*

Michael Kumaresan (Mathematics) *Analysis of Mixing Under Regular and Partially Chaotic Flows*

Bree Lehman (Art History) *Ancestors and Heirlooms: The Reception, Collection, and Display of Early American Portraiture, 1876 - 1941*

Uday Madaan (Biology) *Caenorhabditis elegans BMP Transcriptional Program Implicates Collagen Remodeling in Body Size Regulation*

Pilar Ortiz (Sociology) *Coffee with legs: the production of gendered bodies in Santiago's "café con piernas"*

Laura Sandez (Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages) *Emotional Cultures: Narrative Written by Cuban Women during the Special Period (1992-2005)*

Puangchon Unchanam (Political Science) *The Bourgeois Crown: Monarchy and Capitalism in Thailand, 1985-2014*

Antonella Vitale (History) *"Fuitina: Love, Sex, and Rape in Modern Italy 1945-Present"*

Morgan Williams (Economics) *Essays in the Economics of Crime and Mass Incarceration*

Nicole ZefTel (Comparative Literature) *Sickly Sentimentalism: Nineteenth-Century Women's Print Culture and Emotional Reading*

Garth Dissertation Award

Elizabeth Eisenberg (Political Science) *Opportunities and Limits for Mayoral-Public Employee Union Collaborations: The Case of the de Blasio Administration in New York City, 2013-2016*

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