Internal Research Awards (INTRA) Grant Program Funding Winners
Summer 2014

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the winners of the INTernal Research Awards Grant (INTRA) Program for fiscal year 2015. This seed grant program is a funding opportunity established to promote research and scholarship at the highest quality. Funding awards will support faculty experience in identifying and submitting applications to potential funding sources, to provide preliminary data to support applications for extramural funding, and to enhance scholarly and creative activities. The competition was extremely close and those awarded were chosen for their proposals potential to increase the level of research and scholarly work in their respective field.

**College of Architecture**

Eric Jing Du, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Construction Science
*Cloud-Based Benchmarking Tool for Building Information Modeling (BIM)*

Angela Lombardi, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Historic Preservation
*Masonry Survey and Mortar Characterization of One of the San Antonio’s Mission: San Jose y Miguel de Aguayo*

Ian Caine, SMArchS – Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture
*Traveling on Fredericksburg Road: 120 Years in 12 Miles*

Saadet Toker-Beeson, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture
*Investigating STEM Principle Implementation in Building Technology Education at Texas Universities and the Link to Student Success*

Shelly Roff, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Department of Architecture
*A Virtual Model for Tax-funded Construction in Medieval Barcelona*

Sedef Doganer, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture
*Community-based Cultural Heritage Tourism: A Handbook for San Antonio Missions Historic District*

Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Construction Science
*Energy Impact of Meeting ASHRAE standard 62.2 Using Existing Central Air System Blower with Separate Ventilation Controller in San Antonio Climate*

**College of Business**

Jennifer Yin, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Department of Accounting
*The Impact of Troubled Asset Relief Program on Earnings Informativeness: A Study of compensation Contract*

Harrison Liu, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Accounting
*Are Corporate Share Repurchases Used to Support Overvalued Equity?*

Natasha Burns, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Department of Finance
*On the Importance of Board Experience*
Long Liu, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Department of Economics
Testing for Cross-Sectional Dependence in a High Dimensional Panel Data with Time Autocorrelation and Heteroskedasticity

**College of Education and Human Development**
Janéé Avent, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling
We've Come this Far by Faith: Today's African American College Student, The Black Church, and Perceptions of Counseling

**College of Liberal and Fine Arts**
Renee Cowan, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Communications
Workplace Bullying: Culture Matters

Kristen Pellegrino, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Music
Early-Career Music Teacher Educators Share Stories of About Their Professional Journeys

Nazgol Bagheri, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
Teaching Feminist Geography and Creating Women-Friendly Cities in Japan

Bryan Gervais, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Cause and Effect: Investigating the Role of Emotions in Partisan Selective Exposure

Chris Hajek, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
Gay Men in Early Mid-Life: The Roles of Social Creativity and Communication with Younger Gay Men in Identity Formation and Health

William Short, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
A Frame-Based Latin Lexicon

Sonia Alconini, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
The South-Central Montane Forest and Adjacent Areas: Regional Political Developments, Inter-regional Exchange and Cultural Interaction

Kathryn Brown, Ph.D. – Professor, Department of Anthropology
Ritual, Ideology, and Cosmology in the Ancient Maya World: The Investigation of Early Ritual Offerings at Xunantunich, Belize

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