



Office of International Programs

Strategic Initiatives Funding

2008-09

The Office of International Programs (OIP) International Strategic Initiatives funding promotes a global network of scholarship and engagement and encourages interdisciplinary and transnational partnerships. Grants are offered to faculty and departments to support interdisciplinary international research circles and institutional partnerships. Funding for graduate students is offered through small grants and doctoral fellowships.

- Interdisciplinary International Institutional Partnership Grants
- Interdisciplinary International Research Circle Grants
- OIP Doctoral Fellowships for International Research
- OIP International Pre-Dissertation and Small Grants Competition

In 2007-08, more than \$470,000 was awarded through this program, with nearly \$560,000 awarded in 2008-09. Funds are provided by OIP with additional support for the research circle grants from the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC). For more information, go to: <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/>

2008-09 FACULTY RECIPIENTS

Interdisciplinary International Institutional Partnership Grants

Supports the establishment and strengthening of innovative and sustainable international interdisciplinary partnerships between units at the University of Minnesota and those at universities and/or related institutions located at one or more international sites.

Collaborative Exchange: U of M and the Beijing Film Academy

Principal Investigators: Thomas Rose and Joseph Allen; College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

Partnership Country: China

Turkish American Cultural Alliance: Theatre

Principal Investigator: Kate Ufema, School of Fine Arts (UMD)

Partnership Country: Turkey

International Infrastructure for Tropical Forest Research

Principal Investigator: George Weiblen; College of Biological Sciences (UMTC)

Partnership Countries: Papua New Guinea, Panama, and the Czech Republic

Transitional Justice Partnership

Principal Investigator: Fionnuala Ni Aolain; Law School (UMTC)

Partnership Countries: United Kingdom and Ireland

Interdisciplinary International Research Circle Grants

Supports collaborative, interdisciplinary research circles on critical issues to be explored globally, transnationally, or internationally.

Geographical Information Systems as a Tool in Epidemiological Assessment of human leptospirosis in Jamaica

Principal Investigators: Paul Allwood and Paul Brown; School of Public Health (UMTC)

Sino-America Technology Research Cooperation in Breeding SCN-resistant Soybean Cultivars, Inheritance Analysis of Resistant Genes, Gene Transfer, and Developing Biological Control Agents

Principal Investigators: Senyu Chen and James Orf; CFANS (UMTC)

Acholi Partnership Initiative

Principal Investigator: Nicki Crick; CEHD (UMTC)

The Making of Global Cities

Principal Investigators: Michael Goldman, Helga Leitner, and Ragui Assaad; CLA and Humphrey Institute (UMTC)

Black Europe: Racialization, Exclusion, & the African Diaspora

Principal Investigator: Trica Danielle Keaton; CLA (UMTC)

Environmental Transmission of the AIDS-associated Pathogen *Cryptococcus neoformans* in sub-Saharan Africa

Principal Investigators: Kirsten Nielsen, Joseph Knight, and Andrew Kambugu; CFANS and CLA (UMTC)

Study of International Generalizability of Expatriate Success Factors

Principal Investigator: Deniz S. Ones, CLA (UMTC)

Eco-epidemiology of Zoonotic Pathogen Transmission and its Impact on Public Health

Principal Investigators: Randall Singer and Claudia Muñoz-Zanzi; College of Veterinary Medicine and School of Public Health (UMTC)

2008-09 STUDENT RECIPIENTS

OIP Doctoral Fellowships for International Research

Supports doctoral students pursuing research and studies with an interdisciplinary and international focus.

Ursula Dalinghaus – Germany
Sociocultural Anthropology (CLA)

Narayan Dhakal – Nepal
Conservation Biology (CFANS)

Ritika Ganguly – India
Medical Anthropology (CLA)

Ozan Karaman – Turkey
Critical Urban Geography (CLA)

Johanna Leinonen – Finland
Migration History (CLA)

Xiumei Pu – China
Feminist Studies (CLA)

Dennis Rentsch – Tanzania
Conservation Biology (CFANS)

Susan Swanson – Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, UK
Late Medieval and Early Modern Art of Europe (CLA)

Fawn Wilderson-Legros – France
French Theater, Film, and Social Sciences (CLA)

Yongling Zhang – China
Comparative & International Development Education (CEHD)

OIP International Pre-Dissertation and Small Grants Competition

Supports short-term activities that enhance the student's scholarly project and/or professional preparation.

Naheed Aaftaab – India
Sociocultural Anthropology (CLA)

Philip Barbosa – Uganda
Infectious Disease, Neurology, Pediatrics (Medical School)

Koni Benson – South Africa
African History (CLA)

Yu-Ju Chien, France – Italy, Switzerland
Organization Studies, Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology Studies (CLA)

Bethany Cook – Uganda
Global Health (Medical School)

William Daddario – Italy, United Kingdom
Theater Historiography (CLA)

Jose Debes – Tanzania
Internal Medicine (Medical School)

Ruolian Fang – China
Organizational Behavior (Carlson School)

Kristin Kenning – Poland
Music (CLA)

Margaret Kosmala – Tanzania
Ecology (CBS)

Wesley Longhofer – India
Comparative Political Sociology, Globalization, Organizations (CLA)

Kate McCleary – Nicaragua
Comparative & International Development Education (CEHD)

Beth Pettitt – Guyana
Acoustic Communications and Behavioral Ecology (CBS)

Kristen Rau – Czech Republic
Global Public Policy (Humphrey Institute)

Govind Shantharam – United Arab Emirates
International Relations and Political Theory (CLA)

Uttam Sharma – Nepal
Development Economics (CFANS)

Omar Tesdell – Israel, Palestinian Authority
Geography (CLA)

Carlos Vargas-Salgado – Peru
Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature and Linguistics (CLA)

Julie Weiskopf – Tanzania
African History (CLA)

Timothy Whitfeld – Papua New Guinea
Community Ecology, Plant Evolution History (CBS)

Adam Zeilinger – Brazil
Agroecology, Ecological Risk Assessment (CFANS)