

Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2015-16 Recipients

We are pleased to announce a new award for Ph.D. candidates who are in the final phases of dissertation writing: the Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Seven one-time awards of \$15,000 are granted each year on a competitive basis to the most outstanding proposals. All Ph.D. candidates in Norman-Campus programs who will prospectively complete their degree in the coming academic year are eligible. The purpose of the award is to recognize especially meritorious projects and to support their completion. The selection committee is comprised of faculty from across campus. A call for applications is announced each spring semester.

The recipients of the inaugural Nancy L. Mergler Fellowship for academic year 2015-16 are:

Carolyn Bertsche

Carolyn Bertsche is a Ph.D. candidate in the Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "Top Quark Collision Studies with the ATLAS Detector at the LHC."

Carrisa S. Hoelscher

Carrisa S. Hoelscher is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "Interorganizational Collaboration and Collective Change: A Sensemaking Perspective."

Audrey Ingram

Audrey Ingram is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "Acid-Base Properties of O(H)-Bridged Diiron Complexes and Variable Temperature Infrared Spectroscopy and Thermogravimetry-Mass Spectrometry Investigations of Salicylic Acid and Aspirin Interactions with Montmorillonite Clays."

Anne Kroeger

Anne Kroeger is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "The Biological, Social, and Economic Impacts of Fluorosis."

Dorothy Nkhata

Dorothy Nkhata is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. Her dissertation is entitled "Experiences of Black Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Departments at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI): A Multi-level Analysis."

Ariana Quezada

Ariana Quezada is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "The Revolution in Crisis: A History of Human Rights in Mexico, 1970-1980."

Hoda Soltani

Hoda Soltani is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, Gallogly College of Engineering. Her dissertation is entitled "Development of Soil-Pile Interaction Models in Improved Soils Using Centrifuge Tests Data and System Identification Methods."