

Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2016-17 Recipients

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

The recipients of the Nancy L. Mergler Fellowship for academic year 2016-17 are:

Erwin Abucayon

Erwin Abucayon is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is entitled "Modeling Unstable Intermediates in Biology."

Fabrice Conte

Fabrice Conte is an interdisciplinary Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistic, College of Arts and Sciences and the Helmerich School of Drama, Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts. His dissertation is entitled "Interdisciplinary Dissertation Title: 'The Theatre of Bernard-Marie Koltès: Evolution and Revolution in Postmodern French Drama.'"

Kelly LaFramboise

Kelly LaFramboise is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "The Wish to be a Red Indian: National Identity and 'Indianthusiasm' in Germany and Poland."

Kelsey Madsen

Kelsey Madsen is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is entitled "Raising Their Voices: Memory, Justice, and Genre in Second-Generation French Literature."

Chris Marks

Chris Marks is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is entitled "Investigations into the Microbial Ecology of Engineered Environments and Associated Microbiologically-influenced Corrosion of Petroleum Industry Infrastructure."

Moeen Nazari

Moeen Nazari is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, Gallogly College of Engineering. His dissertation is entitled "Laboratory and Field Assessment of Chemically-Stabilized Subgrade Moduli under Compressive and Flexural Loading."

David Stroup

David Stroup is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is entitled "Modernization and Ethnicity in Urban China: A study of urban renewal projects in Hui minority neighborhoods."