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New 2016 Fiscal Year Awards  
(as of 3/28/16)

12 new awards were granted with a total of $7,625,736 in awarded funds*

Content Analysis of Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use in Twitter and Instagram #Selfies
Sponsor: American Legacy Foundation/University of Illinois at Chicago  
College: CAS  
Principal Investigator: Daniel Cortese  
Award Amount: $12,496  
Dates: 1/1/2015 – 6/30/2015  
Purpose: In consultation with UIC, Dr. Cortese will develop the concepts of the coding instruments and write the codebook for the selfies. Dr. Cortese will develop a subset of photos to be used for training and demonstrating intercoder reliability. He will train coders and meet weekly during the coding to maintain intercoder reliability and identify coding issues.

Early Head Start
Sponsor: US Department of Health and Human Services  
College: COE  
Principal Investigator: Carol Morrison  
Award Amount: $4,687,800  
Dates: 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2019  
Purpose: To provide education, nutritional and health services to children ages birth to 3 years and their families.

Catch Kids Club of Will County
Sponsor: Will County Partners for Healthy Families  
College: COE  
Principal Investigators: Erin Gutierrez & Carol Morrison  
Award Amount: $1,500 and $1,600 in materials  
Purpose: To address obesity through nutrition education and physical activity in school-age children (grades K-5).

Uncovering How Clean is Clean: Great Lakes Invasive Species
Sponsor: Northeast-Midwest Institute  
College: CAS  
Principal Investigator: Erin Grey-Avis  
Award Amount: $8,824  
Dates: 6/1/2015 – 12/31/2015  
Purpose: The research program focuses on the ecology and evolution of aquatic invertebrates with projects ranging from using high-throughput DNA sequencing technology to monitor biodiversity, to identifying larval invertebrate forms, to predicting how aquatic invasive species are transported around the world.

The Big Read 2015-2016
Sponsor: NEA/Arts Midwest  
College: CAS  
Principal Investigators: Lana Rogachevskaya & Lydia Morrow-Ruetten  
Award Amount: $12,100  
Dates: 9/1/2015 – 11/30/2015  
Purpose: The Big Read Project took place on the GSU campus and the surrounding communities from 9/1/15 to 11/30/15. The project included 16 literacy and cultural events, reaching over 3,700 participants featuring Fahrenheit451.

Philadanco
Sponsor: NEA/Arts Midwest  
College: CAS  
Principal Investigator: Lana Rogachevskaya  
Award Amount: $3,800  
Dates: 9/1/2015 – 10/31/2015  
Purpose: The program honored Joan Brown’s phenomenal contribution to contemporary African-American dance.

The Impact of Public Hospitals’ Privatization on Nurse Staffing
Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
College: CHHS  
Principal Investigator: Zo Ramamonjiariveloo  
Award Amount: $84,760  
Purpose: Using a longitudinal design (1997-2012) and secondary data, and applying resource dependence theory and property rights theory, our study will address the following specific aims: 1) examine the impact of public hospitals’ privatization on nurse staffing, and 2) examine whether privatization to for-profit status is associated with a greater decrease in nurse staffing compared with privatization to not-for-profit status.

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Healthy People 2020 and Individuals with Disabilities and Diabetes: Are we Measuring Up?
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
College: CHHS
Principal Investigator: DeLawnia Comer-HaGans
Award Amount: $98,188
Dates: 9/1/2015 – 8/31/2017
Purpose: To examine whether individuals with both disabilities and diabetes are on track to meet the Health People 2020 goal of achieving health equity.

The GUIDE Cancer Research Training Project
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
College: CHHS
Principal Investigators: Catherine Balthazar & Rupert Evans
Award Amount: $716,004
Dates: 9/21/2015 – 8/31/2019
Purpose: The goal of the project is to develop additional infrastructure that will build on the strengths of Governors State University and University of Illinois Chicago in order to enhance their capacity to conduct cancer health inequities research that is driven by local data and informed by the cancer-related needs of local communities.

Integrating Pathways: Student Success through Junior Year Transition
Sponsor: Department of Education
Department: Executive Administration
Principal Investigator: Deborah Bordelon
Award Amount: $1,993,139
Dates: 10/1/2015 – 9/31/2020
Purpose: The project focuses on the student success in transitioning to the junior year and attaining the baccalaureate degree. The Center of the Junior year will provide the mechanism to remove the barriers toward degree completion and to increase opportunities to participate in activities that improve degree completion.

American Military in Popular Film Collection
Sponsor: Popular Culture Association American Culture Association
Department: University Library
Principal Investigator: Joshua Sopiarz
Award Amount: $5,000
Purpose: To identify and purchase films and television series about or involving the United State military in its 21 century conflicts.

Out of Bounds
Sponsor: New England Foundation for the Arts
College: CAS
Principal Investigator: Lana Rogachevskaya
Award Amount: $2,125
Purpose: The Center for the Performing Arts will bring Out of Bounds project to address the topic of cyber bullying with two components (1) a youth outreach workshop for local students in 5th to 9th grade and (2) offer a public performance to the community of parents, residents, college students and educators free of charge.

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