Faculty Authors and Sponsored Programs Grant Recipients Reception, April 11, 2018

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New 2017 OSPR Projects
At 1/23/18, 12 new projects* were granted with a total of $9,702,213.79 in awarded funds. This list is based on proposals submitted prior to 7/1/17.

DCFS Projects
Sponsor: IL Department of Children and Family Services
Department: Office of the Provost
Principal Investigator: Dr. Deborah Bordelon
Award Amount: $1,225,695.28 (Non-Training)
Award Amount: $5,592,837.86 (Training)
Dates: 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017
Purpose: Provide services that promote permanency by maintaining, strengthening, and safeguarding the functioning of families to 1) prevent substitute care placement; 2) promote family reunification; 3) stabilize foster care placements; 4) facilitate youth development; and 5) ensure the safety, permanency, and wellbeing of children.

DDP Male Success Initiative
Sponsor: Kresge Foundation
Department: Office of the Provost
Principal Investigators: Dr. Deborah Bordelon & Dr. Aurelio Valente
Award Amount: $450,000
Dates: 10/1/2016 – 9/30/2019
Purpose: To expand the Dual Degree Program to include proven strategies for attracting men of color to a clear pathway from high school to community colleges to the achievement of university bachelor degrees.

Media Advocacy Vietnam
Sponsor: Villanova University
College: CAS
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jason Zingsheim
Award Amount: $9,654
Dates: 12/1/2016 – 12/31/2017
Purpose: This community based research study provides support and training for Vietnam’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community to engage in media advocacy. This project involves collaboration between GSU, Northwestern University, DePaul University, and a nonprofit organization based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Qualitative data will be analyzed to better understand how Vietnamese LGBT community members discursively construct sexual and gender minority subjectivities, as well as the dominant discourses that marginalize LGBT citizens.

Beautification Day
Sponsor: National Education Association
College: COE
Principal Investigators: Dr. Katy Hisrich & Michael Flood
Award Amount: $800
Dates: 1/1/2017 – 5/10/2017
Purpose: To improve the landscape of a local public school that lacks outdoor activity space for faculty or students. The outdoor environment will be more appealing and engaging by planting flowers and trees to create a more positive atmosphere.

Governors State University Incentive
Sponsor: IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Department: Facilities Development & Management
Principal Investigator: James Zumerchik
Award Amount: $61,481 (Electric)
Award Amount: $131,801 (Natural Gas)
Purpose: The Incentive Program provides set rebate incentive levels for common retrofits and approved energy efficiency improvements.

#HashtagLunchbag
Sponsor: Illinois Education Association
College: COE
Principal Investigators: Dr. Katy Hisrich, Stephanie Henning, & Brianna Fabsits
Award Amount: $350
Dates: 3/1/2017 – 10/31/2017
Purpose: The Student Education Association will partner with the Communication Disorders Organization to request donations from local stores to create a minimum of 100 lunch bags that will be given to the homeless.

Teacher Success Panel
Sponsor: National Education Association
College: COE
Principal Investigators: Dr. Katy Hisrich, Stephanie Henning, & Jessica Dunahoo
Award Amount: $1,284.65
Dates: 3/1/2017 – 10/31/2017
Purpose: The Student Education Association will partner with new and experienced teachers to provide future educators with career enhancing advice through a 3-hour networking event that includes a panel presentation, dinner, and materials showcase.

War, Trauma, and the Humanities
Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities
College: CAS
Principal Investigators: Dr. Andrae Marak & Dr. Rosemary Johnsen
Award Amount: $100,000
Dates: 5/1/2017 – 6/30/2018
Purpose: To conduct a multi-part program on the Dialogues on Experience of War. The program recruits and trains veteran students to serve as supplemental instructors and small group discussion leaders for a special-offering course. The course focuses on representations in the humanities of the trauma of war as it is experienced by members of the military and their families, culminating in a video recorded public townhall event and roundtable discussions.

Promoting K-3 Mathematics Instructional Effectiveness: A Content-Based, Evidence-Driven Professional Development Program Aligned with CCSS-M
Sponsor: CME Foundation
College: COE
Principal Investigator: Dr. Xiaobo She
Award Amount: $200,000
Dates: 6/1/2017 – 5/31/2019
Purpose: To respond to the urgent need for effective professional development (PD) by designing, implementing, and evaluating a yearlong, intensive PD program for K-3 school teachers in high-need schools to improve both content knowledge and instructional practices in accordance with the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (CCSS-M).

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Butterfly Ranch
Sponsor: Openlands (ComEd)
Department: NMSP
Principal Investigator: Jeffery Stevenson (Geoffrey Bates)
Award Amount: $10,000
Dates: 6/1/2017 – 12/31/2018
Purpose: To transform 11+ acres of successional field into a canvas for butterfly propagation while it provides students, nearby residents, and park visitors with opportunities for bird watching, biking, and hiking. Didactic signage will enhance the experience with information about the importance of the plants and insects observed.

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program
Sponsor: Health Resources and Service Administration
Colleges: CHHS & COE
Principal Investigators: Dr. Cheryl Mejta & Dr. Shannon Dermer
Award Amount: $1,918,310
Dates: 9/30/2017 – 8/31/2021
Purpose: To address the substance abuse and mental health needs of the region by preparing 29 addictions and mental health counselors to work with under-served populations within integrated health care settings. In collaboration with the Partnership for Resilience, GSU also will address the behavioral health and trauma training needs of primary care providers.

Teaching at the University of Colombo: Contributing to the Growth of Psychology in Sri Lanka
Sponsor: Department of State – Fulbright Scholars Program
College: COE
Principal Investigator: Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz

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Purpose: To teach activities that would provide external expertise to the University of Colombo in establishing a new psychology department and curriculum, faculty training, teaching, and student mentoring on research projects. Sharing knowledge gained from this project by writing journal articles or books on topics related to the development of organized psychology in an international context and a global perspective on psychological trauma affecting civilian populations.

OSPR 2017-2018 Notables
At 1/23/18, list are based on proposal submissions during FY12 through FY17.

First Proposals:
- John Buenger, Information Technology Services
- Dr. Vickii Coffey, College of Health & Human Services
- Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, College of Arts & Sciences
- Alexis Sarkisian, University Library
- Dr. J. Chris Tweddle, College of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Ellen Walsh, College of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Jason Zingsheim, College of Arts & Sciences
- James Zumerchik, Facilities Development & Management

First Awards:
- Dr. Rosemary Johnsen, College of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Andrae Marak, College of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz, College of Education
- Dr. Jason Zingsheim, College of Arts & Sciences
- James Zumerchik, Facilities Development & Management

Most Proposals:
- Carol Morrison, 6
- Katy Hisrich, 3

Most Awards:
- Carol Morrison, 4
- Katy Hisrich, 3

Collaboration Awards:
- Dr. Jason Zingsheim with Northwestern University, DePaul University and a nonprofit organization based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Dr. Katy Hisrich and students with Chicago Heights Park District

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