# ARTS AND SCIENCES AUTUMN SEMESTER 2017 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

# RECIPIENTS OF \$6,000 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Carley Reinhard,** History, *The African Slave Trade, American Slaves, and the Migration of Black Mythology,* Professor Stephanie Shaw

**Jonathan Schulman**, Political Science and International Studies, *Analyzing the Long-Term Implications of the Vietnam War on Sino-Soviet Relations*, Professor Nicholas Breyfogle

# RECIPIENTS OF \$5,000 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Adam Bercz**, Microbiology, *The Rule of miR\_I55 in Alveolar Type Cellular Gene Expression in Response to Influenza Infection*, Professor Ian Davis

**Oyindamola Bola**, Sociology, *Preaching Vs. Speaking: An Analysis of the Sermons and Positionality of Afro-Sanctified Women Preachers*, Professor Korie Edwards

**Robert McKay**, Physics, *The Theory of Thermoelectric Transport in Topological Type II Weyl Semimetals*, Professor Nandini Trivedi

**Darsheed Mustafa**, Chemistry, Radical-Mediated, One-Pot Synthesis of Oxazoles from Alcohols and Nitriles, Professor David Nagib

**Sarah Souders**, Political Science, *The Impact of School Labels on District and Charter School Enrollments*, Professor Stéphane Lavertu

**Derek Whiddon**, Political Science, *Popular Votes on Death Penalty Policy: An Analysis of Nebraska and Washington*, Professor John Wright

# RECIPIENTS OF \$3,500 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Richa Agrawal**, Biochemistry, *Role of Phosphorylation in Regulation of Cancer Biomarker Plastin-2 Function*, Professor Dmitri Kudryashov

**Leah Anderson**, Molecular Genetics, *Determining Binding Specificities of Cell Adhesion Molecules from Drosophila and Other Related Dipterans*, Professor Mark Seeger

**Emily Ankeney**, Speech and Hearing Science, *Examining the Effects of Parent-Parent Social Capital on Children's Narrative Language*, Professor Monique T. Mills

**Connor Basinger**, Astronomy and Astrophysics, *Ages for Low Mass Field Stars*, Professor Donald Terndrup

**Nikolas Grotewold**, Biochemistry, *Manipulating Genetic Material to Identify Genes Important for Bacterial Biofilm Formation*, Professor Chris Jones

**Andrew Hosler**, Classics, Lucian and the Attic Dialect: Language as Ethnic Classification during the Second Sophistic, Professor Tom Hawkins

**Amanda Kenepp**, Neuroscience, Evaluating Sleep in Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Comparison of Actigraphy Data and Parent Report, Professor Jill Hollway

**Heekyung Kim**, Molecular Genetics, *Elucidating the Role of the Stat 3(serine 727) Phosphorylation in Mammary Gland Involution*, Professor Sarmila Majumder

**Zachary Lippman**, Political Science, *The Impact of the Supreme Court on Deregulation of the Banking Industry*, Professor Lawrence Baum

**Matthew Martello,** English, *The Rhetoric of World-Building: Challenges and Offerings of the Hybrid-World Form*, Professor James Phelan

**Brian McClure**, Economics, *Child Support Arrears and Fathers' Labor Force Participation*, Professor David Blau

Maggie McClurg, Speech and Hearing Science, Effects of High-Pass Filtering on Dialect and Gender Perception, Professor Robert Fox and Professor Ewa Jacewicz

**Elizabeth Riggs,** Film Studies, *Navigating the Self in Near Future Science Fiction Films*, Professor Ryan Friedman

**Abigail Robbertz**, Psychology, *Identifying Anxiety and Depression in Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: An Examination of Risk Factors*, Professor Barbara Andersen

**Austin Schoeffler**, Neuroscience, *Modeling an Organogenetic Program Perpetuating the Neural Stem Cell Life Cycle*, Professor Fumihiro Watanabe

#### RECIPIENT OF \$3,070 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Troy Weider**, French, *The Alsatian Connection: Preserving a French Regional Language in Central Texas*, Professor Jennifer Willging

# RECIPIENTS OF \$2,500 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Adriana Jurich**, Biology, Recovering the Evolutionary History of the Humped-nosed Mice (Hybomys) and Relatives Using the IRBP Gene, Professor Ryan W. Norris

**Clayton Peterson**, Neuroscience, *Improving the Predictive Value of Experimental SCI through Innovative Biostatistics*, Professor Ian Schwab

**Julianne Stamer**, Anthropology, *Biodistance Analysis of North and South American Populations*, Professor Mark Hubbe

# RECIPIENTS OF \$2,000 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Nicholas Crescimanno**, Physics, *Terahertz Spectroscopy of Multiferroic Materials*, Professor Rolando Valdes Aguilar

**Alexander Grooms**, Chemistry, *Understanding the Recognition of Phosphate at the Surface of Water through Synthetic Receptors*, Professor Heather C. Allen

**Alaina Monsey**, International Studies, *The Role of the Fungal Microbiome in Rheumatoid Arthritis among Native Americans*, Professor Matthew Z. Anderson

**Kiersten Sippola**, Spanish, *The Consequences of Neoliberal Globalization on Mapuche Women's Land Rights*, Professor Ana Del Sarto

**Gefei Wang**, Biochemistry, Comparison between Denture Base Materials Processed by the Traditional and a Two-cycle Method, Professor Scott Schricker

**David Weinraub**, Criminology, *The Influence of Age and Gender on Decision-Making*, Professor David Melamed

# RECIPIENT OF \$2,000 INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT

**Troy Weider**, French, *The Alsatian Connection: Preserving a French Regional Language in Central Texas*, Professor Jennifer Willging

# RECIPIENTS OF \$1,500 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Paul Banta**, Neuroscience, Neuroimmune Underpinnings of Stress-Induced Mood and Neural Dysregulation during the Postpartum Period, Professor Benedetta Leuner

**Aaron Guo**, Biology, *The Role of B1-Spectrin in Cardiac Structure and Electrophysiology*, Professor Sakima Smith

**Bo Lu**, Computer and Information Science, *A Measurement Study of Countermeasures against Targeted Online Password Cracking*, Professor Yinqian Zhang

**Sarah Solomon**, Evolution, Ecology and French, *Coral Adaptation and Acclimatization to Global Change*, Professor Andrea Grottoli

# RECIPIENT OF \$1,000 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Jackson Killian**, Computer and Information Science, Smartphone-Based Intelligent System Using Motion Sensors for Real-Time Intervention during Heavy Alcohol Consumption Events, Professor Kevin Passino

# RECIPIENTS OF \$750 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Ravali Kode**, Chemistry, Synthesis of Heterocyclic Quinone Methide Precursors for the Re-alkylation of Aged Acetylchotinesterase, Professor Christopher Callam

**Michael Kovacevich**, Physics, *Analyzing the Correlation between High Energy Neutrinos and Cosmic Rays*, Professor James Beatty

**Tyler Webb**, History, *The Battling Buckeyes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division*, Professor Peter Mansoor

### RECIPIENTS OF \$500 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**Clara Aman**, Neuroscience, *The Role of Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase in Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia*, Professor Kerry Rogers

**Megan Broughton**, Biology, Binding Qualities of Staphylococcus Aureus in Cardiac Implant Infections, Professor Steven K Lower

Sarah Ewing, Linguistics, Spell Checker for Virtual Patient Dialogue System, Professor Michael White

**Gregory Halsey**, Microbiology, The Role of Potent BTK/ITK Inhibitor Ibrutinib on the Development of Mature Dendritic Cells and Effective T-cell In-vivo Under Inflammatory Conditions, Professor David A. Nagib

**Nathanael Miller**, Speech and Hearing Sciences, *Effects of Age and Hearing Loss on Driving Performance*, Professor Christina Roup

Judy Nayal, Biology, Targeting PRMT5 in Mantle Cell Lymphoma, Professor Robert Balocchi

Ella Pigg, Comparative Studies, A Dramatic Approach to Technology, Professor Phillip Armstrong

**Sunder Sai**, Neuroscience, *The Relationship Between Responsible Drinking Policies and Game-Day Incidents at The Ohio State University: a Preliminary Study*, Professor Paul Belair

**Madison Smith**, Chemistry, Kinetic Investigation of the Bypass and Extension vs Productivity of a Bulky Lesion by DNA Polymerase Kappa to Prevent Certain Cancers, Professor Zucai Suo

#### RECIPIENT OF \$188 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Alexander Prouty, Biochemistry, Targeting HSP90\(\beta\) in Lymphomas, Professor Robert Balocchi

**Note:** Arts and Sciences faculty who served on the Research Scholarship Subcommittee of the Arts and Sciences Honors Committee included Professors Anna Grotans (Germanic Languages and Literature), Jennifer Mitzen (Political Science), Wendy Panero (Earth Sciences), and Richard Yerkes (Anthropology).