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To: Executive Officers
From: David Olan, Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Affairs
Re: 2020-2021 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowships

I am happy to announce the results of this year's Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship competition. The Graduate Center has offered 80 doctoral candidates dissertation fellowships for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Dissertation Fellowships include level III in-state tuition coverage and we hope that these awards will support our students in successfully completing their dissertations. I am grateful to the faculty members who served on the review panels and completed the process of evaluating and ranking the proposals. Please join me in thanking the reviewers and in extending congratulations to the outstanding doctoral students listed below.

The B. Altman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Caitlyn Bolton, Anthropology, *The Spirit of Progress: Islamic Education, Development and Modernity in Zanzibar*

Elena Chavez Goycochea, Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures, Arts and Activism. *The Arising of Afro-Descendant Female Artists in Brazil, Cuba and Peru during Socio-Political Transitions (1960-2000)*

Thomas Moody, Classics, *Emotion and Social Realism in Plato's Trial of Socrates*

Zoey Lavalley, Philosophy, *The Structure of Desire: Toward an Integrationist Account*

Sejin Oh, Linguistics, *"Temporal coordination of complex segments and clusters at prosodic boundaries"*

Alumni Fund Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

José Fabián Escalona, Theatre and Performance, *Circulation of Theatre and Performance in the Colonial/Republican Transitional Era: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santiago, and Valparaíso, 1783-1852*.

American Studies Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Sarah Molinari, Anthropology, *The Politics of Debt and Disaster in Puerto Rico: Contesting Debt and Remaking Community After Hurricane Maria*

Randolph Braham Dissertation Award (\$10,000)

Merrill Sovner, Political Science, *Does International Funding Help Civil Society to Sustain Democracy? Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe*

Ralph Bunche Dissertation Fellowship (\$12,000)

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Mario Capelloni Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Veronica da Rosa Guimaraes, Music, *Reconsidering the Genesis of the Troubadours through New Methodological Approaches*

Carell Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Qasim Haq, Sociology, *Public Islam: New York City Muslims after 9/11*

The Center for Place, Culture and Politics Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)

Carlos Camacho, Sociology, *Navigating Ocha: LGBT Practitioners' Participation and Navigation of Orisha Spaces*

Michele Chinitz, English, *Tempos of History: Music and Critiques of Nationalism in Modern Literature, 1916-2014*

Martin Cobian, Anthropology, *Breaking the Colonial Food Chain: The Import Food Fix, Alternative Agri-food Movements and the Struggle for Food Sovereignty Puerto Rico*

Jessie Fredlund, Anthropology, *Ancestors and Rain in a Changing Climate: The Politics of Water, Knowledge and Time in a Catchment Area, Uluguru, Tanzania*

China Sajadian, Anthropology, *"The World is Gone": Labor, Obligation, and Wartime in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon*

Saleheh Sharifmoghaddam, Political Science, *Demobilizing and Reintegrating Ex-Combatants: Explaining Success and Failure on the National and Subnational Levels* [with \$15,000 Dissertation Year Fellowship]

The Committee for Globalization and Social Change Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)

Jarrett Moran, History, *Culture and Its Discontents: Arnoldian Culture in Britain from the 1860s to the 1960s*

Micheal Rumore, English, *Black Water: Race and the Human Project in the Indian Ocean Imagination* [with \$15,000 Dissertation Year Fellowship]

China Sajadian, Anthropology, *"The World is Gone": Labor, Obligation, and Wartime in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon*

Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$25,000)

Joshua Aftergood, Physics, *Discovering a signal of spinons in quantum spin liquids using non-equilibrium noise*

Gabriel Arce-Rollins, Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures, *"ICAIC at the Center of the World: Documentary Film and Cosmopolitanism in the Cuban 1960's"*

Alexander Baltovski, History, *The King's Church Revisited: The Church of England in Colonial America, 1680-1784*

Alicia C. Barrientos, Psychology, *Exploring the relationship between microglia and the perineuronal net during critical period development of the somatosensory cortex*

Lauren Bejcek, Chemistry, *Studies Towards a Highly Efficient Route to Colchicine and Analogs*

Daniel Berlyne, Mathematics, *Geometric classifications in algebra*

Alberto Gelmi, Comparative Literature, *Theories of prophecy as Mediterranean ars rhetorica for the Middle Ages*

Caroline Gillaspie, Art History, *"Delicious Libations": Representing the Nineteenth-Century Brazil-U.S. Coffee Trade*

Maya Godbole, Psychology, *Using Policies to Combat Sexism in Organizations and Foster Women-Friendly Climates*

Michael Healy, Comparative Literature, *Modernist Poet-Critics Under the Sign of Baudelaire: Paul Valéry, Wallace Stevens, and Jorge Guillén*

Yanni Hu, Business, *How Social Interactions Can Affect Cooperation in Crowdfunding – A Social Network Approach*

Philip Johnson, Political Science, *Narcommunication: The Marketing and Messaging of Organized Crime*

Hratch Kestenian, History, *Making of a Social Disease: Tuberculosis and the Medicalization of Late Ottoman Society (1827-1922)*

Chaya R. Nove, Linguistics, *Phonetic Contrast in New York Hasidic Yiddish Vowels*

Spiros Maximos Papadantonakis, Sociology, *Coding in the Fast Lane: Tech Workers in an Age of Multiple Precarities*

Nicole Paronzini, Comparative Literature, *"A house of one's own: Challenges and re-definitions of female subjectivity and domestic space in Italian women writers from the 1950s to the early 2000."*

Rebecca Ravenelle, Biology, *Circuits Underlying Serotonin-Mediated Sex Differences in Fear Learning*

Michael Rolland, Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures, *Language Ideologies in Instructors of Spanish as a Heritage Language*

Samantha Tramontano, Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Deciphering processes that govern periods of quiescence at volcanoes*

Cameron Turley, Anthropology, *Historical Ecology at Alluitsoq Fjord: Inuit Negotiations of World Systems Changes in Colonial-Period Greenland*

Luisa Valle, Art History, *“The Beehive, the Hill, the Mangrove, and the Castle: Race and Modern Architecture in Rio de Janeiro, 1885 to 1945”*

Dissertation Year Award (\$10,000)

Lukasz Chelminski, History, *Translating Revolution: Polish 1968 Student Protestors as a Transmission Belt Between East and West*

John Knight, Comparative Literature, *Archived Identities: The Intrusive Gaze in Narratives of Exile*

Maria del Rocio Carranza Brito, Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures, *Between minoritization and hegemony: Language ideologies in the linguistic practice mapping of Mexican Immigrants in New York*

Ki Ki Leung, Music, *“The Formation of a Personality”: The Reception and Meaning of Shostakovich’s Fifth Symphony in Cold War America*

Naoko Kurata, Biology, *Illuminating the drivers of genomic diversification in lamprologine cichlids of the lower Congo River*

Divya Matta, Chemistry, *Study of proton transfer pathway around Oxygen Evolving Complex of Photosystem II*

Bin Guan, Mathematics, *Non-vanishing central values of triple product L-functions via the relative trace formula*

Mikheil Dvalishvili, Economics, *Should the Fed Pay Different Interest Rates on Required and Excess Reserves?*

Melissa Horger, Psychology, *The relationship between learning and sleep states (REM and nonREM) during infancy*

Marlene Ramos, Earth and Environmental Sciences, *JAILHOUSE FIX: The Expansion of Immigration Detention in New Jersey’s County Jails in the Era of Carceral Buildup and Reforms, 1985-2020*

Lynne Stillings, Music, *Performing Empowerment: Children’s Rights and Musical Participation in Senegal*

Anh Tran, Political Science, *The Invisible Hand of Networked Repression*

Dissertation Year Award (\$5,000)

Xueqing Chen, Biology, *Investigation of Notch Signaling in Cone Fate Specification in Vertebrate Retina*

Pierpaolo Cordone, Biochemistry, *New D3R partial agonists with an aryl linker motif*

Lou Cornum, English, *Skin Worlds: Reading Blackness and Indigeneity in 20th Century Science Fiction*

Amel Derras-Chouk, Physics, *Skyrmions and Superconductors*

Meir Amir Farjoun, Theatre and Performance, *Epistemic Theatres and the Performance of Knowledge*

Maya Harakawa, Art History, *After the Renaissance: Art and Harlem in the 1960s*

Angelique Ibanez Aristondo, French, *Armored Feelings: Sensibilité, Sentimentality, and Species in French First World War Narratives (1914-1949)*

Martin Jensen, Comparative Literature, *Genres of Labor*

Jaekoo Kang, Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, *Good vs. bad variability in vowel production: an Uncontrolled Manifold analysis on the articulatory variability in native and non-native speech*

Stephanie Love, Anthropology, *(Dis)orientation in the Revolutionary City: Language, Spacetime, and Contested Urbanism in Oran, Algeria*

Marc Rickenbach, Comparative Literature, *Dwelling, Breathing, Laughing: Postwar Atmospheres, Voices and Critical Stimmungen from 1950 to the Present*

Cecilia Salvi, Anthropology, *Much More Than Books: Democracy and Diversity in Chile's Cartonera Movement*

David Garth Award (\$10,000)

Jessica Mahlbacher, Political Science, *One Country, Three Interpretations: Grassroots Mobilization and Autonomy in Post-Colonial Hong Kong*

Marilyn J. Gittell Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Romm Lewkowicz, Anthropology, *Documenting the Undocumented: Experiments on the Future of Europe at the Biometric Migrant Archive*

Caroline Loomis, Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Proximity and Partition: Elementary School Co-Location in New York City*

Anna Zeemont, English, *"The Act of the Paper": Literacy, Neoliberalism, and Student Protest in the 1990s.*

William Randolph Hearst Dissertation Year Award (\$25,000)

Milagros Seraus-Roache, Urban Education, *Segregated Schooling in the Circle City, 1900-1915: William R. Valentine, School 26, and Black Progressive Education During the Progressive Era*

The Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the America's and the Caribbean (IRADAC) Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Maegan Miller, Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Sea Stories: Maritime Labor and Black Internationalism in the Early Twentieth Century*

Maria Quinata, Art History, *Black Radical Activity and Lens-Based Practices in Postcolonial London, 1966-1990*

McGraw Dissertation Award (\$5,000)

Jennifer McDonald, Philosophy, *Causation, Causal Models, and Modal Profiles*

Phipps-Clark Dissertation Award (\$5,000)

Yen-Chiao Liao, Sociology, *Social Control on Chinese Immigrant Women Working in Massage Parlors in NYC*

Athena Pollis Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Thomas Bane, Social Welfare, *Environmental Change and Its Impact on Emotional Well-being for People in the United States Virgin Islands*

Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)

Andrea Paz Velez, Biology, *A multi-scale study of environmental drivers of biodiversity patterns in Neotropical species - from macroecology to population genomics*

Jingbo Kan, Biochemistry, *Characterization of a novel natural antibiotic which targets *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and its inhibitory mechanism*

Mengyao Li, Physics, *Higher-order topological insulators in photonic systems*

Urban Studies Dissertation Award (\$5,000)

Fernando Aquino, Political Science, *Dominican Political Mobilization in New York City from 1991 to Present*

Maura McGee, Sociology, *Globalizing Gentrification: Immigration, race, and ethnicity on transforming streets*

Omar Montana, Sociology, *It Ain't Easy Being Young: Post-Millennial and Millennials' Navigate School, Housing and Work Uncertainties in New York City*

Samuel Novacich, Anthropology, *Color as a Social Force: Aesthetic Surfaces and Everyday Life in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Sophie O'Manique, Earth and Environmental Sciences, *Social Reproduction in the Financialized City: Financialized Landlords and Multi-Family Rental Housing in Toronto and New York City*

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Review Panelists