March 24, 2016

Memorandum To: Randy Sullivan, UO Senate President  

From: Moira Kiltie, Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation  

Re: Report for University Senate on the  
2016 Faculty Research Award Committee

The members of the Faculty Research Award committee met with Brad Shelton, Interim Vice President for Research & Innovation on October 26, 2015 to review their charge and elect a chair.

Active committee membership consisted of the following individuals (in alpha order):

Nancy Cheng, Architecture (elected by the committee as chair)  
Edward Davis, Geological Sciences  
Mark Fonstad, Geography  
Ben Hansen, Economics  
Ocean Howell, Clark Honors College  
Regina Psaki, Romance Languages  
Chris Sinclair, Mathematics  
Elizabeth Tippett, Law

***Please note the following individuals, initially appointed to the committee, asked to be released from committee work (they were asked to formally notify the Senate President directly): Brian McWhorter, School of Music and Dance, and Jennifer Ablow, Psychology.

Forty three proposals for the 2016 Faculty Research Award were received and reviewed for adherence to the program guidelines. These proposals, a copy of the guidelines, and an evaluation tool were distributed to the committee via OneDrive in December, 2015, prior to the end of the fall quarter.

The committee met on February 25, 2016 to discuss the proposals and their individual evaluations of the applications. The committee’s recommendations and written comments were then provided to the Interim Vice President for Research & Innovation for final determination of awards. The Vice President approved twenty awards as recommended by the committee for FY2016-2017 (in alphabetical order):

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Jennifer Ablow, Associate Professor, Psychology, “MP3: Mindful, Perceptive, Present Parenting Skills for New Mothers at Risk for Parenting Problems.”


Nicholas Allen, Professor, Psychology, “Immune functioning and depressive symptoms in adolescents: the effects of parenting.”

Erin Beck, Assistant Professor, Political Science, “City of Lights: Building on New Trends in International Development.”

Lara Bovilsky, Associate Professor, English, “Almost Human: The Bounds of Personhood in Early Modern England.”

Nicole Dahmen, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, “The visual presentation of candidates in the 2016 presidential campaign.”

Jon M. Erlandson, Professor, Anthropology, “Documenting an Ancient Anthropogenic Landscape on California’s Santa Cruz Island.”

Elizabeth (Beth) Esponnette, Assistant Professor, Product Design, “Chemical (Reactive) 3D Printing: A New Method for Manufacturing Silicone and Rubber.”


Stephen Frost, Associate Professor, Anthropology, “Analysis of oldest, most complete skeleton of Theropithecus oswaldi.”

Jill Ann Harrison, Assistant Professor, Sociology, “Work, Culture and Risk: The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Louisiana Shrimp Fishers.”


Tom Lininger, Professor, Law, “Professional Codes and Ethical Duties to Protect the Environment.”

Michelle McKinley, Associate Professor, School of Law, “Bound Biographies; Reconstructing the Lives of African-Descent Peoples in the Early Modern Atlantic.”
Daniel Rosenberg, Professor, Clark Honors College, “Time Online.”

Aparna Sundar, Assistant Professor, Marketing, “How Positioning Can Bias the Health-halo.”

Cynthia M. Vakareliyska, Professor, Linguistics, “Russian provincial and military police files on the forced resettlement of Russian citizens of German Background in Russian Poland during World War One.”

Merle H. Weiner, Professor, Law, “A Comparative Law Analysis of the Parent-Partner Status.”

Julie Weise, Assistant Professor, History, “Citizenship Displaced: Migrant Political Cultures in the Era of State Control.”

Lisa Wolverton, Professor, History, “Plunder, Money, and the Czech Economy in the Aftermath of the German Civil War (1073-1126CE).”

Individuals were notified of their status as of March 8, 2016. An announcement listing the recipients was submitted to Around the O staff and additional announcements were made on the Research Development Services website and in the Oregon Research newsletter.

As the Committee on Committees considers appointing next year’s members, we respectfully request that they designate only one faculty member per academic department and give consideration to the divisional make-up of the committee. Having the broadest possible representation of academic disciplines benefits the review process immeasurably.

cc: Brad Shelton, Interim Vice President, Research & Innovation  
Lynn Stearney, Director, Research Development Services