

# RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAM'S NEWS

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**We have moved.**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has relocated to its permanent home in the renovated Blair Hall. Please stop by and visit our new office in Room 1102. We thank everyone who adapted to our remote location, and we look forward to serving you on campus once again.

**Experience with Grants.gov**

Eastern has submitted several grant proposals through Grants.gov, the new electronic system that soon will become mandatory for all proposals to federal agencies. There are several potential pitfalls in the submission process. See the article on page 2 for a short discussion of how Grants.gov might affect your proposal.

**CFR Awards for Summer, 2006**

The Council on Faculty Research recently made several awards for research and creative activity to be conducted during the summer of 2006. A list of funded projects is available on page 2.

**Submissions and Awards**

The listing on pages 3-5 recognizes everyone who has submitted a proposal or received a grant during the first quarter of 2006.

Bob Chesnut



## GRANTS.GOV

The federal government has begun its transition to Grants.gov as the electronic system for submitting grant proposals. Eventually all federal grant proposals will require submission through <http://www.Grants.gov>.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) has already completed submission of grant proposals through Grants.gov. The experience demonstrated several things:

### 1.) Start Early

The Individuals whose proposals were submitted were in contact with ORSP several months before the due date of the proposal. This schedule allowed time to install the required software and solve some technical problems.

At Eastern, internal routing of the proposal must begin three weeks before the due date. This schedule will allow ORSP to begin attempting to submit two weeks before the deadline.

### 2.) Be aware of the multiple systems.

Several federal agencies are creating their own electronic systems in order to process applications received through Grants.gov. For example, NIH has a system that is more complicated than Grants. Gov. Thus, a grant proposal may have to clear the hurdles of two electronic systems.

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## 2006 SUMMER RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Council on Faculty Research would like to congratulate the faculty members who have received 2006 Summer Research and Creative Activity Awards. The Council received fifty-seven grant proposals. The College of Arts and Humanities submitted twenty-eight proposals; ten were funded. The College of Sciences submitted seventeen proposals; eight were funded. The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences submitted eight proposals; two were funded. The College of Education and Professional Studies submitted four proposals. Faculty members receiving awards are: Eric Bollinger, Biological Sciences; Gary Bulla, Biological Sciences; Ke-hsin Jenny Chi, Art; Tim Engles, English; Karen Gaines, Biological Sciences; Linda Ghent, Economics; Christopher Hanlon, English; Ruth Hoberman, English; Bill Joyce, School of Business; Hui Li, Economics; Marina Marjanovic, Biological Sciences; Pat McCallister, School of Family and Consumer Sciences; Francine McGregor, English; Scott Meiners, Biological Sciences; Jyoti Panjwani, English; Debra Reid, History; Jad Smith, English; Mukti Upadhyay, Economics; Angela Vietto, English; and Keith Wright, Music.

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## CHRIS CHILDRESS TAKES NEW POSITION ON CAMPUS

Chris Childress, grant accountant for the past eight years, has assumed a new position in Facilities Planning and Management effective April 1, 2006. As all of you who had the pleasure of working with Chris know, she did an outstanding job and will be greatly missed. We wish Chris the best of luck in her new venture. A new grant accountant should be hired soon. In the meantime, if you need assistance with your grant, please call the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

## GRANT AWARDS RECEIVED JANUARY—MARCH, 2006

- Chadd, Julie**, Technology. Perceptions of Secondary CTE Teachers Concerning the No Child Left Behind Act. University Council for Career and Technical Education - Illinois State University, \$2,280.
- Chadd, Julie**, Technology. Keyboarding Instruction in Illinois. University Council for Career and Technical Education - Illinois State University, \$4,200.
- Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy**, Biological Sciences. Plant propagation of species native to Missouri, Southeast Region Diversity Program. Missouri Department of Conservation, \$2,984.
- Crews, Daniel**, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. Celebration: A Festival for the Arts 2006. Illinois Arts Council, \$2,100.
- Crews, Daniel**, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. Illinois Arts Council - Arts Tour Program. Illinois Arts Council, \$440.
- Dau, Jeanne**, Business Technology Institute. Lumpkin Family Foundation Microgrant. Lumpkin Family Foundation, \$1,500.
- Dau, Jeanne**, Business and Technology Institute. Employer Training Investment Program. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, \$60,000.
- Davidson, Eric**, Health Service. Illinois Higher Education Center Environmental Management Programs Grant. Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug, and Violence Prevention, \$7,500.
- Gutowski, Vincent/Di Naso, Steven**, Geology/Geography. GIS Database Development for the City of Charleston. City of Charleston, \$25,000.
- Markwell, Becky**, Safety Programs. Substance Abuse Statewide Programs. Illinois Department of Human Services, \$265,100.
- Markwell, Becky**, Safety Programs. Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws. Illinois Department of Human Services, \$132,000.
- Meiners, Scott**, Biological Sciences. REU Supplement for: LTREB: Controls and consequences of exotic plant invasions in abandoned agricultural land. National Science Foundation, \$5,810.
- Mullin, Stephen**, Biological Sciences. Repatriation as a mechanism for restoring a pond-breeding amphibian community. Illinois Department of Natural Resources/ United States Fish and Wildlife Service, \$56,416.
- Nelson, Thomas/Liu, Zhiwei**, Biological Sciences. Ecology and Genetics of Red Squirrels in Illinois. Illinois Department of Natural Resources/United States Fish and Wildlife Service, \$169,486.
- Ozier, Jayne**, Family and Consumer Sciences. Child Care Resource and Referral. Illinois Department of Human Services, \$574,000.
- Roche, Denis**, WEIU. Ready to Lead in Literacy. Lumpkin Family Foundation, \$10,000.
- Roche, Denis**, WEIU. Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant FY06 (part one). Illinois Arts Council, \$120,153.
- Rohn, Charles**, Education and Professional Studies Dean's Office. An Adventure of the American Mind. Education and Research Consortium of the Western Carolinas, \$143,506.
- Smith, Lorenzo**, Military Science. EIU ROTC Cadet Awards Program. Tawani Charitable Foundation, \$5,000.
- Strader, Michael**, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY06. United Way of Pontiac, \$3,500.
- Wall, Andrew**, Education and Professional Studies Dean's Office. Teacher Graduates Assessment for the State of Illinois. Department of Education through the Illinois Board of Higher Education, \$50,000.
- Watts, Michael**, Table Arts Center. 2005-2006 Table Arts Center Exhibition and Education Program. Illinois Arts Council, \$8,800.

## GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED JANUARY—MARCH, 2006

- Bollinger, Eric**, Biological Sciences. Comparison of avian nest success among linear wooded habitats in an agriculturally fragmented landscape. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- Bower, Douglas**, Education and Professional Studies Dean's Office. The Illinois Consortium for Transitions to Teaching. United States Department of Education.
- Bulla, Gary**, Biological Sciences. Role of Cofactors in HNF1 $\alpha$ -mediated Function. National Institutes of Health.
- Chadd, Julie**, Technology. Perceptions of Secondary CTE Teachers Concerning the No Child Left Behind Act. University Council for Career and Technical Education - Illinois State University.
- Chadd, Julie**, Technology. Keyboarding Instruction in Illinois. University Council for Career and Technical Education - Illinois State University.
- Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy**, Biological Sciences. Workshops on Using Illinois-adapted Native Plants in Landscaping for Gardeners, Nurseries, and Educational Institutions. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).
- Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy**, Biological Sciences. Increasing Gardener Familiarity with Illinois-adapted Native Plants to Use in Landscaping. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).
- Coulton, Patrick**, Mathematics and Computer Science. Ergodic Ramsey Theory: A Dynamical Approach to Static Theorems, June 17-23, 2007. National Science Foundation.
- Coutant, Nancy/Coons, Janice/Todd, Brent**, Biological Sciences. Web-based Aid to Restoration for Illinois Prairie Plants Including Aspects from Seeds through Fruits. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).
- Crews, Daniel**, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. Illinois Arts Council - Arts Tour Program. Illinois Arts Council.
- Crews, Daniel**, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. Celebration: A Festival of the Arts 2007. Illinois Arts Council.
- Crews, Daniel**, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. Illinois Board of Higher Education Cooperative Work Study Program. Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Dau, Jeanne**, Business and Technology Institute. Lumpkin Family Foundation Microgrant. Lumpkin Family Foundation.
- Davidson, Eric**, Health Service. Illinois Higher Education Center Environmental Management Programs Grant. Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug, and Violence Prevention.
- Fischer, Robert**, Biological Sciences. The Effect of Extreme Hydrologic Events on Macronvertebrate Community Structure. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).
- Fischer, Robert**, Biological Sciences. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Basin Survey. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- Fritz, Ann/Fritz, Gary**, Biological Sciences. RUI: Distribution, molecular and cytogenetic taxonomy, and population genetics of fruit flies in the *Anastrepha fraterculus* cryptic species complex. National Science Foundation.
- Gaines, Karen**, Biological Sciences. Is the LCP Superfund Site an Ecological Trap. National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration.
- Garrett, Norman/Noll, Cheryl/Smith, Toni/Henderson, John**, School of Business/CATS. Hewlett Packard Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative 2006 Higher Education Edition. Hewlett Packard Corporation.
- Herrington-Perry, Mary**, Academic Affairs. Developing DARS Transfer Articulation Skills and Methods. Northern Illinois University/Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Lanham, Allen**, Library Services. Looking at: Jazz, America's Art Form. National Video Resources.
- Lisowski, Marilyn**, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education. Project TEAMS. Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Liu, Zhiwei/Tucker, Gordon**, Biological Sciences. Is *Anistrophus silphii* endangered? - Preliminary field survey of a rare gall wasp in Illinois. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- Meiners, Scott**, Biological Sciences. REU Supplement for: LTREB: Controls and consequences of exotic plant invasions in abandoned agricultural land. National Science Foundation.
- Methven, Andrew**, Biological Sciences. Macrofungi associated with tree windfall in old growth prairie groves. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- Morice, Kathryn**, Tarble Arts Center. 2007 Illinois Arts Council Arts-In-Education Residency. Illinois Arts Council.
- Mullin, Stephen**, Biological Sciences. Colonization of newly-constructed wetlands by an amphibian community. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- Nathan, Britto**, Biological Sciences. Estrogen and Alzheimer's Disease: The ApoE Connection. Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Osborne, Nick**, Educational Administration. Leadership for the Improvement of Teaching Performance. Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Roche, Denis/Rogers, Ke'an**, WEIU. Public Telecommunications Facilities Program FY06. Public Telecommunications Facilities Program.

## GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED (CONTINUED)

**Shank, Kathleen**, Special Education. Grow Your Own: Excellence, Increasing Access, Unity Through Partnerships. Illinois State Board of Education.

**Strader, Michael**, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY06. 375 Various Agencies.

**Tucker, Gordon**, Biological Sciences. Plant Inventory of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion County Unit). Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Wall, Andrew**, Education and Professional Studies Dean's Office. Secondary Analysis of Teacher Graduate Data Related to Induction. Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville/SRI International/Joyce Foundation.

**Watts, Michael**, Tarble Arts Center. 2006-2007 Currents Visual Arts Series. Illinois Arts Council.

**Wheeler, Kraig**, Chemistry. Acquisition of a Single - Crystal X-ray Diffractometer. National Science Foundation - Major Research Instrumentation Program.

**Wilson, Brenda**, Communication Disorders and Sciences. Discourse Performance of Students with Traumatic Brain Injury. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/United States Department of Education.



### GRANTS RECOGNITION RECEPTION



By: Ms. Vicki Woodyard  
Picture By: Ms. Beverly Cruse

Eastern Illinois University's Graduate School and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs recently honored dozens of individuals, including those responsible for bringing in \$8 million-plus in external funding.

ORSP, which helps EIU faculty and staff with applications, negotiations and procurement of grant funding, co-sponsored a recognition reception, which recognized individuals from many different disciplines within the university. Although the projects differed widely in scope, all were consistent with the mission and role of the university, and included research, creative activity, acquisition of equipment, construction and improvement of facilities, and public service.

Michael Strader, director of the Peacemeal Senior Nutrition Program, received the **Edwin L. May Award** for his outstanding achievements in obtaining external funding. This award is given each year to a member of the university community who has demonstrated extraordinary success in securing external support for research, public service or creative activity.

**Other honorees recognized for their efforts toward the acquisition of externally funded grants** are Peter Andrews, David Bell, Richard Berg, Jonathan Blitz, Douglas Bower, Doug Brandt, Ann Brownson, Robert Chesnut, Charles Costa, Sandra Cox, Daniel Crews, Jeffrey Cross, Steven Daniels, Jeanne Dau, Mona Davenport, Eric Davidson, Robert Fischer, Ann Fritz, Mary Herrington-Perry, David John, Johnson Kuma, Marilyn Lisowski, Marina Marjanovic, Becky Markwell, Scott Meiners, Linda Moore, Linda Morford, Kathryn Morice, Stephen Mullin, Britto Nathan, Thomas Nelson, Nick Osborne, Thomas Over, Jayne Ozier, Charles Pederson, Rebecca Peebles, Gary Reed, Gail Richard, Denis Roche, Charles Rohn, Richard Rossi, Kathlene Shank, William Slough, Vanessa Sneed, Michael Strader, Rebecca Throneburg, Gordon Tucker, Nancy VanCleave, Andrew Wall and Michael Watts.

ORSP also administers state-appropriated funds that the university internally allocates for research and creative activity. Those recipients also were recognized during the grants recognition reception.

Among those honored were the recipients of the **Graduate Dean's Awards of Excellence** – awards presented to the individuals who submit the most highly rated proposals for internal funding. The recipient of the award for best proposal in the 2005-2006 competition for Council on Faculty Research funding was Scott Meiners, assistant professor of biological sciences. Paul Switzer, associate professor of biological sciences, received the Graduate Dean's Award for his 2005 Summer Research proposal.

**Recipients of the 2005 Summer Research and Creative Activity Grants**, supporting projects carried out during the summer of 2005, are Lilian Barria, Eric Bollinger, Ke-Hsin Jenny Chi, Ann Coddington, Daneen Deptula, Crystal Yan Lin, Peter Ping Liu, Zhiwei Liu, Marina Marjanovic, Rajit Mazumder, Christine McCormick, Francine McGregor, Stephen Mullin, David Raybin, David Radavich, Steven Roper, Nora Pat Small, Paul Switzer, Richard Wilkinson, Joseph Williams and Christopher Wixson.

**Recipients of the 2005-2006 Council on Faculty Research Grants** are Eric Bollinger, Gary Bulla, Julie Campbell, Janice Coons, Steven Daniel, Ann Fritz, Hui Li, Zhiwei Liu, Scott Meiners, Stephen Mullin, Jason Nelson, Charles Pederson, Scott Tremain, Mukti Upadhyay, Kraig Wheeler and Jie Zou. These grants supported projects conducted during the 2005-2006 academic year and, in many cases, included student participation.

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**Recipients of the 2006 Technology in Research and Scholarship Awards** are Rebecca Cook, Peter Ping Liu, John Looby, Scott Meiners and Keith Wright. These awards are given annually to individuals who have made exemplary use of technology in research or creative activity.

**FY2005 External Grant Recipients**

*Shown, from left, are (seated) Michael Watts, Jeanne Dau, Jackie Swango (representing Jayne Ozier), Marilyn Lisowski, Becky Markwell, Vanessa Sneed and Ann Fritz. Standing, from left, are Ann Brownson, Tom Nelson, Steve Daniels, Dan Crews, Jeff Cross, Maggie Burkhead (representing Mona Davenport), Gary Reed, Michael Strader, Nick Osborne, Andrew Wall, Charles Rohn, Jon Blitz, Marina Marjanovic, Doug Brandt, Britto Nathan, Scott Meiners, Johnson Kuma, Denis Roche and Eric Davidson.*

