

Committee on Research and Professional Development (RPD) Year End Report: AY2022-2023

The **Committee on Research and Professional Development** (RPD) has responsibility for the development and administration of policies for awarding internal grant monies and sabbaticals for faculty research and development. Members: One member elected by and from the Faculty of the Library, two members elected by and from the Faculty of each of the other Schools, the Provost or a designee (ex-officio), and a bargaining unit representative appointed by the President of the Union (ex-officio).

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*Ex-Officio Member, Provost Designee, Jennifer Kosakowski***Summary:**

During AY 2022-2023, the RPD committee completed eight rounds of review as of 5/4/2022, and will complete two additional rounds of review in June 2023.

The eight completed rounds of review included:

- Two rounds of review of Course Release Applications (2022-2023)
- One round of review of Sabbatical Applications (October 2022)
- Two rounds of review of Adjunct Faculty Opportunity Fund (AFOF) Applications (September 2022 & December 2022)
- One round of review of Provost's Faculty Opportunity Fund Applications (PFOF) (December 2022)
- One round of review of the RPD Main Round Applications (April 2023)
- One round of review of the Stockton Center for Successful Aging (SCOSA) Scholar Award Fund (April 2023)

The two remaining rounds of review scheduled for June 2023 include:

- One round of review of PFOF Applications

- One round of review of AFOF applications

Across the nine completed rounds of review (as of 5/17/2023):

- A total of 63 applications were reviewed and 47 were recommended for award (74.6% recommendation rate)
 - 5 Course Releases were recommended
 - 12 faculty members were recommended for Sabbatical (for a total of 16 semesters)
 - A total of \$134,218 was recommended to fund the research and/or professional development of 30 faculty members across the Main Round, PFOF, AFOF and SCOSCA Scholar Award rounds of review

The remainder of this document provides more details about each round of review.

Course Releases (two rounds of review)

Spring 2023 Course Releases (September 2022 Round of Review)

- 7 Applications were submitted
- 2 were Recommended for Award

○ 29% Recommendation Rate

Recommended Spring 2022 Course Releases

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Abstract of Project | Amount | Award Type |
|---------------|------------|--------|------------|---|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Gayda-Chelder | Christine | SOBL | Psychology | Neurological Disorders: Cases from a Biopsychosocial Perspective. | I am currently writing a textbook for my Clinical Neuropsychology class. I am under contract with Cognella Academic Publishing for this work, along with a fellow colleague in Health Sciences, Dr. Rebecca Mannel. | 1 C R | Spring 23 CR |
| Lind | Craig | NAMS | Biology | Hormones and Reproductive Cycles of Snakes: An updated synthesis. | I am seeking a course release to write an invited book chapter for Academic Press' Hormones and Reproduction of Vertebrates. Course release time will allow me to accept this opportunity without disrupting ongoing scholarship projects in my lab. | 1 C R | Spring 23 CR |

Fall 2023 course Releases (March 2023 Round of Review)

- 5 Applications were submitted
 - 3 was Recommended for Award
- 60% Recommended Rate

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Abstract of Project | Amount | Award Type |
|-----------|------------|--------|------------|--|---|--------|------------|
| Gussman | Deborah | ARHU | Literature | Catharine Maria Sedgwick Online Letters, Phase 2 | The Catharine Maria Sedgwick Online Letters Project is an open-access digital edition of the complete, unexpurgated letters written by Sedgwick (1789-1867) over seven decades. Sedgwick's status as the premier U.S. woman writer of the Early National Period and her contributions to the important cultural conversations of the day argue for the significance of this correspondence. My editorial work includes transcribing, verifying, annotating letters, and preparing them for digital publication. | 1 CR | Fall 23 CR |
| Long | Nathan | ARHU | Litt | Palmistry : A Collection of 48 Flash Fictions | I plan to complete a collection of flash fiction (stories under 1000 words) titled Palmistry, begun during my 2019 sabbatical. The 40 stories currently in the collection are placed into one of four sections—heart, head, life, and fate—mirroring the lines that appear on one's palm. During the release time, I plan to write, revise, and edit eight new stories, format the collection, research publishers, and by the end of 2023, have a complete manuscript to send out. | 1 CR | Fall 23 CR |
| Law | Michael | NAMS | Biology | Course release for externally funded epigenetic research | This course release is requested to continue an externally funded research project in my laboratory. The proposal integrates undergraduate research students in all phases of research planning and will result in dissemination of scholarly work as a manuscript. | 1 CR | Fall 23 CR |

Sabbaticals (one round of review)

AY 2023-2024 Sabbatical Applications (October 2022 Round of Review)

- 14 applications requesting 19 sabbatical semesters were submitted
- 12 applications requesting 16 sabbatical semesters were recommended for award
 - 86% Recommendation Rate (relative to number of applications)

Recommended AY 2023-2024 Sabbaticals

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Abstract of Project | Award Type |
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| Privitello | Lucio | ARHU | Philosophy & Religion | Approaching the Parmenidean Sublime | My immediate aim is to complete two more journal-ready articles to add to my two already published articles on Parmenides in the tier-one journal, <i>Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> . My longer-term aim is to present these four publications, along with a Table of Contents, as a manuscript proposal and seasoned, peer-reviewed scholarship for a book-length contract on Parmenides from either Parmenides Publishing (Nevada), Brill, Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, or Routledge Press. | Sabbatical Fall 2023 |
| Moscovici | Daniel | NAMS | ENVL & SUST | Wine Production and Eco-Certification | This project is about wine and eco certification (organic, sustainable, fair trade, natural, and biodynamic) from the perspectives of producers in the USA, Australia, Chile, France, Austria and South Africa (a 5 continent analysis). I would like to identify if a) production of eco certified wines are in line with consumer purchasing/demand, b) if producers understand who specifically will buy their wines (i.e., gender, age, occasion, etc.), and c) if distinct parts of the world are the same. | Sabbatical Fall 2023, Spring 2024 |

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| Barney | Robert | SOBL | Master of Social Work | Social Entrepreneurship Research in Lukaya, Uganda | This sabbatical project will include evaluation research on the Teach a Man to Fish (TMF) social entrepreneurship initiatives of Mustard Seed Academy in Lukaya, Uganda. The project will also include participatory action research to determine strengths, challenges and potential future directions for TMF. | Sabbatical Spring 2023 |
| Siecienski | Anthony | SRHU | Philosophy & Religion | Clerical Celibacy East and West: An Ecumenical History | This sabbatical will be dedicated to writing the first draft of a new book project "Clerical Celibacy East and West: An Ecumenical History." This book continues my series on issues that have divided Christian East and West, the first three of which (The Filioque, The Papacy and the Orthodox, Beards Azymes and Purgatory) are already published. OUP has expressed interest in the project, as the question of priestly celibacy remains both an ecumenical problem and an important pastoral concern. | Sabbatical Spring 2024 |
| Lind | Craig | NAMS | Biology | Thermal and endocrine disease coping responses in reptiles | The applicant is requesting sabbatical release for the spring semester of 2024 to dedicate time towards drafting results of ongoing studies into two manuscripts for submission to top journals in ecology and comparative physiology. Additionally, the applicant will use release time to travel to Central Florida and gather data necessary to extend their work by developing seasonally explicit energetic models of the cost of coping with fungal infections in reptiles. | Sabbatical Spring 2024 |

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| White | Wendel | ARHU | Visual Arts | Manifest: Thirteen Colonies | "Manifest: Thirteen Colonies" (images of African American material culture) has been supported through a fellowship from the Peabody Museum at Harvard University. In "Thirteen Colonies," the sabbatical will support the production of the photographic and written portions of the project for exhibition and publication by the Peabody Museum. It will also support my work creating exhibitions at Oakland University & Swarthmore College as well as an array of programming events at all the institutions. | Sabbatical Fall 2023 |
| Shah | Ameel | HSCI | BSHS | Teaching Emotional Intelligence Across the Disciplines: A Book Project for Sabbatical Leave | The present proposal for a year-long sabbatical requests the time to develop and write a book to help instructors train their students to improve emotional intelligence abilities and resilience with everyday academic issues. Having data on successful student and instructor outcomes, feasibility of implementation, and a growing need in this topic in higher education, it is timely for me to publish a book especially since I now also have a leading publisher interested in publishing the book. | Sabbatical Fall 2023, Spring 2024 |
| Hultquist | Aleksandra | GENS | FRST | Final Phase: Editing Aphra Behn's Love-Letters for Cambridge Univ. Press | I request sabbatical leave for AY 2023-24 to finalize research & writing for my ongoing editorial project, v. 6 of the Cambridge Complete Works of Aphra Behn (2025). My project is editing a modern edition of Behn's Love-Letters between a Nobleman and His Sister (1684-87). I am taking the 1680s texts and creating an up-to-date version by copyediting, footnoting, & annotating the text, & writing an introduction (10,000 words) outlining key information on its historical sources & cultural contexts. | Sabbatical Fall and Spring |

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| Kazi | Nazia | SOBL | SOAN | Manuscript Completion for | I am seeking a sabbatical for AY 2023-2024 in order to finalize work on a manuscript under the working title "The CIA and Anti-Muslim Racism". I intend to send proposals & manuscript drafts to potential agents and publishing houses, ultimately finalizing a book contract, with the support of this sabbatical. This interdisciplinary manuscript explores the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency in Muslim-majority countries, building on my prior work on anti-Muslim racism. | Sabbatical Fall 23, Spring 24 |
| Kirzner | Rachel | SOBL | Social Work | Textbook Cost as Social Justice: Developing an Open Access Social Work Research Text | I propose to adapt an open access social work research textbook for use with Stockton's BSSW students. Once piloted with our students, the textbook will be permanently hosted on an online platform and available to other universities. The high cost of textbooks is a social justice issue. The proposed project will result in an authored textbook and will allow cost-free access to a high-quality text for students at all income levels. | Sabbatical Fall 2023 |
| Hancock | Nathaniel | ARHU | Performing Arts | Walking on the Moon: Collaborative Creation for the Development of an Evening-Length Solo Performance | The main objective of this project is to build a solo dance using the music of Arthur Russell. Working with a variety of collaborators, I will develop a choreographic structure to Russell's sound that can be performed as either a solo or group composition without changes to the movement material. The project will culminate in a public performance, and reflective writing on the employed choreographic methodologies will highlight the project's outcomes. | Sabbatical 2024 |

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| Garcia | Luis | HSCI | Bachelor of Science in Health Science | Application for Sabbatical Leave, AY2023-24 | The application consists of three independent projects: 1) finish writing a textbook already started, analyze, and publish existing qualitative data on barriers to getting HIV testing, and analyze and publish existing quantitative data to validate an instrument that measures the Wellness Orientation of Healthcare professionals. The overarching goal of the proposal is to advance my scholarship, so I am prepared to apply for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Health Science. | Sabbatical Fall 2023, Spring 2024 |
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Adjunct Faculty Opportunity Fund (AFOF), (two rounds of review)

AFOF (September 2022 Round of Review)

- 1 Applications were submitted for a total of \$621.00
- 1 were Recommended for award for a total of \$621.00.
 - 100% Recommendation Rate

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Amount | Award Type |
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| Wheeler | Christina | NAMS | FRST Writing | Unraveling: A Collection of Essays | \$ 621.00 | AFOF FY23 Fall |

AFOF (December 2022 Round of Review)

- 2 Applications were submitted for a total of \$2015.00
- 2 were Recommended for Award 2 for a total of \$2000.00.
 - 100% Recommendation Rate

Recommended AFOF Award (December 2022 Round of Review)

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Amount | Award Type |
|-----------|------------|--------|---------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Richter | Katrina | ARHU | Dance | Writing Dance: Pedagogy and Practice | \$ 1,000.00 | AFOF FY23 Spring |
| Imburgio | Diane | NAMS | Biology | Scholarly Review of Literature: Identification of Genetic Components that Influence Language and Social Tendencies in Humans | \$ 1,000.00 | AFOF FY23 Spring |

Provost's Faculty Opportunity Fund (PFOF) (one round of review)

PFOF (December 2022 Round of Review)

- 16 Application was submitted for a total of \$28,738.00
- 13 was Recommended for award for a total of \$23,375.00
 - 81% Recommendation Rate

Recommended PFOF Award

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Amount | Award Type |
|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| White | Margaret | EDUC | Teacher Education | Training Peer Evaluators of Teaching | \$ 1,753.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Smith | Mariana | ARHU | ARTV | Kala Art Institute artist residency | \$1,927.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |

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| Moscovici | Daniel | NAMS | ENVL | Association of American Geographers Conference 2023 | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Shobe | Elizabeth | SOBL | Psychology | Travel Funds to Present SIPET at Southeastern Psychological Association Conference | \$1,812.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Keenan | Kelly | NAMS | Chemistry | Characterization of Proteases | \$1,950.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| McDonald | Michelle | ARHU | Historical Studies | The Globalization of Caribbean Studies: How the ACH Reflects and Shapes the Field | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Lague | Michael | NAMS | Biology | Presentation of Research at the Annual Meeting of the AABA (2023) | \$828.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Corson | Jordan | EDUC | TEDU | A Critical History of Inclusion in U.S. Schools | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Pittenger | Caitlin | ARHU | ATRP-Dance | Palm Springs International Dance Festival Launch Program | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Hancock | Nathaniel | ARHU | Performing Arts | Launch Performance Exchange - Palm Springs International Dance Festival | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Hultquist | Aleksandra | GENS | FRST | Editorial Symposium, Loughborough University, Institute of Advanced Studies | \$2,000.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Pfeiffer-Herbert | Anna | NAMS | MARS | 2023 Coastal Ocean Dynamics Conference | \$1,805.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |
| Van Duyne | Emily | GENS | First-Year Writing | The Louisville Conference on Literature & Culture Since 1900 | \$1,300.00 | PFOF FY23 Spring |

RPD Main Round (one round of review)

AY 2023-2024 Main Round Applications (April 2023 Round of Review)

- 16 applications requesting \$127,241.00
- 13 requesting \$100,622 were recommended for award
 - 81% Recommendation Rate

Recommended Main Round Awards

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Abstract of Project |
|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Vogel | Judith | NAMS | Mathematics | The Salt of the Earth: Promoting Sustainable Processes for Teaching, Research and Engagement | This project will investigate the sustainable practice of harvesting salt from sea water and brackish water in our region. The aims of the project will address production, research, teaching, and outreach. Student learning and community engagement will be at the forefront of project objectives, as well as directly supporting the professional development of the author. |
| Olson | Matthew | NAMS | Environmental Studies/Science | Investigating ecological impacts of prescribed fire regimes on upland pine barrens' forest: remeasurement & maintenance of a long-term experiment on Stockton University Forest | Funding is requested to help support a long-term prescribed burning experiment in Stockton University Forest. Since its installation in 2015, the focus of the fire interval study has been keeping burning treatments on schedule. However, the experiment is in need of maintenance and remeasurement of its 42 vegetation monitoring plots. Funding this experiment will ensure its continuation as an outdoor classroom for years to come. |
| Kase | Colleen | SOBL | Psychology | Daily Predictors of Disordered Eating Among Young Bisexual Women | Bisexual women are at substantially increased risk for disordered eating compared to their heterosexual and lesbian peers. Using a daily diary design, this project will identify unique predictors of disordered eating among a sample of 225 young bisexual women. |
| Goodnight | Christy | BUSN | Business Studies-Management | Documenting Resilience on Atlantic Avenue in Atlantic City, New Jersey | During the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses across the globe were subject to lockdowns, quarantines, and curfew restrictions. This project looks at the area along Atlantic Avenue in Atlantic City during and after the pandemic, leaving many businesses vacant while others are bustling again. We plan to document this moment in time when the streets of Atlantic City were vacant and how these businesses survived the pandemic showing that resilience is alive and well on Atlantic Avenue. |
| Ye | Ning | BUSN | Marketing | Brand Name and Brand Performance Evaluation | This research investigates nickname branding, a novel phenomenon whereby firms incorporate the 'street' names consumers give brands into their own marketing (e.g., BMW uses Beemer in advertising). |
| Almajid | Rania | HSCI | Physical Therapy | The Effect of Visual Manipulation on Postural Responses of Fallers and Non-fallers | This work will examine the kinematic properties of motor behavior of older adults during visually demanding conditions while performing functional tasks that are part of the Timed Up and Go (TUG) test |

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| Scott | Nordia | SOBL | Psychology | Institutional and Racial/Ethnic Protective Factors and Resilience Promotion | This project focuses on how protective factors at the institutional level (i.e. campus climate) and those that are related to race and ethnicity (i.e. family ethnic socialization) impact academic resilience (i.e. GPA) among racially-minoritized female college students. It also assesses differences in the relationships between protective factors and academic resilience across race/ethnicity and year in college. |
| Green | Heather | HSCI | Bachelor of Science in Health Science | Associations between Intuitive Eating and Physical and Mental Health Outcomes among Rural Adults | The purpose of the study is to examine the prevalence of intuitive eating among rural residents and test the associations between intuitive eating, physical, and mental health outcomes. The study will utilize a cross-sectional survey design and the questionnaire will be sent out electronically via Facebook. The results of this study will lead to a manuscript submission to a peer-reviewed scholarly journal and presentation at a professional conference. |
| Girgis | Helana | SOBL | Psychology | Children's Knowledge of Contagion and Contamination for COVID-19 | This application requests funding for summer funding for the PI to analyze empirical data collected over 2021 and Spring of 2022, then to write the manuscript to submit for publication in a peer-reviewed scholarly journal. |
| Morfit | Jedediah | ARHU | ARTV | Your Myths Are Trash, An Exhibition Of New Work | Support is being sought for a period of creative research culminating in the exhibition of a new body of work at Paradigm Gallery, in Philadelphia. |
| Van Duyne | Emily | GENS | First-Year Studies | 1976: A Novel | I am working on a novel called "1975," about a Sylvia Plath scholar named Roxanne. Based on a composite of young feminist scholars who worked on Plath in the 1970s, Roxanne leaves her New York City home when she gets a call from an antique book dealer, claiming to have Sylvia Plath's journals from the last year of her life. The novel is a literary detective novel, and a ghost story haunted by-- who else?-- Sylvia Plath. |
| Ki | Daniel | NAMS | Chemistry | Understanding structure-property relationship in metal complexes for Chemosensing applications | This research proposal aims to develop new metal complexes using cost-effective metals for various applications, including chemical sensors, light-emitting phosphors, and antimicrobial applications. The proposal involves designing, synthesizing, and characterizing new metal complexes and examining their fundamental structure-property relationships via various instruments inside and outside Stockton. |

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| Hartman | Nathaniel | NAMS | Biology | Altering Neural Stem Cell Fates through mTOR Activation | This project will investigate how the mTOR pathway alters the type of neurons generated by neural stem cells in the postnatal brain. Activation of the mTOR pathway increases protein production, including the transcription factor Pax6. Altering the types of proteins expressed by neural stem cells can alter the types of neurons in the brain leading to neurological disorders. |
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Stockton Center for Successful Aging (SCOSA) Scholar Award (one round of review)

AY 2022-2023 SCOSA Scholar Award Applications (April 2022 Round of Review)

- 2 applications requesting a total of \$14,820.00 were submitted
- 1 application requesting \$7,600.00 was recommended for award
 - 50% Recommendation Rate

| Last Name | First Name | School | Program | Title of Project | Abstract of Project | Amount |
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| Kientz | Mary | HSCI | Occupational Therapy | Get FIT Seniors | Get FIT Seniors is an exercise and nutrition program for community dwelling older adults. The weekly sessions will be an interprofessional opportunity for OT and PT students to work together to provide wellness services to individuals living in low income senior housing. The 10-week program will include data collection on the first and last day. The purpose is to evaluate the impact of these wellness and social activities on the health and well-being of older adults. | \$ 7,600.00 |