AWARDS & ACCOLADES
COLFA-BULOUS

STUDENTS

Two COLFA students won District 5830 Global Education Grants to study abroad in 2016-2017. Paola Martinez will pursue a master’s degree in epidemiology at La Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, where she will focus on maternal and child health. Paola graduated in December 2015 with a B.S. in public health.

Ghada Ghannam will pursue a specialized graduate diploma in forced migration and refugee studies at the American University in Cairo. Ghada graduated in May 2016 with a B.A. in political science and English.

UTSA department of anthropology doctoral student and NSF Graduate Research Fellow Chris Jarrett has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowship. With the funds, he will travel to Amazonian Ecuador to conduct fieldwork for his dissertation, preliminarily entitled “The Role of Certified Guayusa Commercialization in Lives and Landscapes in Amazonian Ecuador.”

Milena Melo, a UTSA doctoral student in the department of anthropology, has been awarded a Dissertation Fellowship from the Ford Foundation and a Minority Dissertation Fellowship from the American Anthropological Association. The fellowships will allow Milena to complete the analysis of her data and write her dissertation, which investigates the treatment experiences of undocumented Mexican immigrants in South Texas who suffer from end-stage renal disease.
Linda McNulty was chosen to participate in the visiting student program at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, a program that accepts only 25 students from American universities each year. Linda, a UTSA Top Scholar majoring in classics in the department of philosophy and classics, is the first UTSA student to study in this program.

Allison Koch, a UTSA graduate student who began the doctoral program in environmental anthropology in 2015, has been awarded a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation. The fellowship is the top award for beginning doctoral students in the natural and social sciences. This year, the NSF awarded only fifteen of these fellowships to cultural anthropologists nationwide. Allison will use the three years of funding to support her research on the relationships between local communities and scientific research stations in Panama.

Department of English undergraduate student Madison Chilton is a winner of a $2,500 Writing Across the Curriculum scholarship.

FACULTY

Catherine Clinton, the Gilbert M. Denman Endowed Professor in the department of history, has won a prestigious 2016 Guggenheim Fellowship for her project *Diagnosing Insanity: Union Soldiers and the American Civil War*. She was chosen from more than 3,000 applicants, based upon their prior and anticipated future achievement.

Michael Cepek, faculty in the department of anthropology, has received a prestigious American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship that will provide him with a year-long paid leave to write his forthcoming book, *Life in Oil*, which is now under contract with the University of Texas Press. The book will explore the effects of the global petroleum industry on the Cofán people of eastern Ecuador.

The graduate program in the Department of Communication was ranked 24th out of 200 master’s programs in communication globally by the Eduniversal Best Masters and MBAs ranking 2015-2016.

Omar Valerio-Jiménez, faculty in the department of history, received an NEH award for his book project *Remembering Conquest: Mexican Americans, Memory, and Citizenship*. The book will offer a reinterpretation of the Mexican-American War.

Augustine Osman, faculty in the department of psychology, was named an associate editor of Psychological Assessment.

COLFA Spanish linguistics professor, Francisco Marcos-Marin was chosen by the International Mentoring Program as one of its ten philology mentors for the 2016-2017 year. As a philology mentor, Marcos-Marin will converse with doctoral students in Spain via Skype, attend a mentor conference in Spain, and be featured in a film that highlights his professional career.

Eugene Dowdy, faculty in the department of music, was appointed as conductor and artistic director of the Symphony of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas.

President’s Distinguished Diversity Award

Sonia Alconini, Associate Professor of Anthropology

African American Studies Symposium Committee

- Rhonda Gonzales, Associate Professor of History
- Sonia Lanehart, Professor of English
- Joycelyn Moody, Professor of English
- Scott Sherer, Associate Professor of Art
- Deborah Thomas, Assistant to the Dean

President’s Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in University Service

Rhonda Gonzales, Associate Professor of History

President’s Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Community Engagement

Jill Fleuriet, Associate Professor of History

The Extra Mile Award

Victor Guerrero, Sr. Admin Associate, Department of Art and Art History

The Ricard S. Howe Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award

Bridget Drinka, Professor of English

ALUMNI

Eleazar Hernández, MA Art History 2012, has published his first book titled *Leading Creative Teams: Management Career Paths for Designers, Developers and Copywriters*. He was also named one of the nation’s top designers by Graphic Design: USA magazine.