

International Opportunity Grants: Spring 2018

Last	First	Title	School / Department	Email	Activity Type	Location	Dates	Brief Description of Proposal
Barton	Thomas	PhD	CAS, History	barton@sandiego.edu	Conference	Cambridge, UK	Feb 10-15, 2018	"After the Conquest: Converging Approaches to the Study of the Iberian Reconquista" - This travel would enable Dr. Barton to attend and present at this interdisciplinary international conference. The conference, hosted by Cambridge University in the UK, has been created and organized by a collection of international Cambridge scholars (the Woolf Institute) and will be attended almost exclusively by international scholars from a diversity of countries (Spain, France, Portugal, Italy, Morocco, and Algeria, among others). Third, the conference's proceedings (including his presentation) will address international themes: most centrally, the conquest of Muslim-ruled territory and the integration and management of ethno-religiously Muslim inhabitants by Christian regimes during the Middle Ages in various contexts throughout Iberia and the Western Mediterranean.
Bilsel	Can	PhD	CAS, Art, Architecture & Art History	bilsel@sandiego.edu	Research	Hong Kong	May 24 – May 31, 2018	Architecture and the Housing Question: Research in Hong Kong Dr. Bilsel is working on Architecture and the Housing Question, an edited book (under contract with Routledge) that brings together the original research of a team of fifteen scholars from around the world. Tracing a history of the housing question in specific historical contexts in China, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Russia, Singapore, Somalia, Turkey, and the United States—among other places—the contributors map out a vast network of architectural and discursive practices with the aim of contributing to an emerging comparative field. His continuing role as editor in 2017-18 will include offering our authors a set of guidelines and synthesizing their findings in an editorial introduction.
Bond	Bradley	PhD	CAS, Communication Studies	bond@sandiego.edu	Research	Prague, Czech Republic	May 24-28, 2018	Media, Culture, and Parasocial Relationships Dr. Bond is working on two projects about individuals' relationships with media characters that take cultural context into consideration when determining how audiences form parasocial relationships with media characters, under what conditions those relationships flourish, and the effects of those relationships. One project is with Keren Eyal, a professor at the IDC Herzliya in Israel. They are studying how individuals in the U.S. and Israel binge watch television and how those behaviors influence the development of parasocial relationships with characters. Another project is a book-length project on parasocial relationships that will have a chapter on cultural context. The purpose of this travel is to meet with Professor Eyal at a large, international conference being held in Prague at that time to continue collaborative work on cultural differences in media experiences. While there, he plans to also collect interview and focus group data for the book length project from Czech individuals. The proposed travel experience will greatly enhance his research agenda, particularly as it relates to expanding expertise beyond American media.
Diaz	Josen	PhD	CAS, Ethnic Studies	josendiaz@sandiego.edu	Research	Manila, Philippines	May 29- June12, 2018	The purpose of this travel is to complete the last round of archival work for his book manuscript, Configurations of Martial Law: The U.S.-Philippine Cold War and the Making of Filipino America. Because of past International Center funding, she was able to complete a significant amount of archival work at the National Library of the Philippines. Due to limited time, however, she was unable to complete all of my research. By June, she will have completed four chapters of the manuscript. The archival work she plans to complete at the National Library, the University of the Philippines-Diliman, and the Ateneo de Manila University during this trip will strengthen the final two chapters, which currently demand more historical documentation. More specifically, she is seeking records of Imelda Marcos's trip to Mexico City for the International Women's Conference in 1975, the construction of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and Manila International Airport, and the Philippine Refugee Processing Center.
Fabionar	James	PhD	SOLES, Dept. of Learning and Teaching	jfabionar@sandiego.edu	Research	Manila, Philippines	January 2-16, 2018	Curriculum Reform and Implementation in the Philippines - This application is to fund travel expenses to gather data for a new research project on recent education reforms in the Republic of the Philippines. Recent reforms extend public education by two years and include a host of curriculum changes centered on implementing inclusive education practices and impacting the nation's higher education system. Recent public education reform context provides an opportunity to gather data with which to publish comparative analyses in international journals of education on inclusive education and school reform, secondary social science education, teacher education, professional development, and educational leadership. He will conduct archival research on the history of curriculum in the Philippines and interview Department of Education personnel, teacher education faculty, and local school leaders and teachers about the recent reforms.

Fu	Victoria	MFA	CAS, Art, Architecture & Art History	vfu@san Diego.edu	Research	Paris, Berlin, London	May/June, 2018	Research on international artists - requesting funds to conduct collaborative research with a Norwegian colleague on an internationally focused publication about the influence of touchscreens on artists' film and video art. They have been compiling their respective domestic research on current artists' practices that address the haptic in moving image artworks; this spring they would like to begin the international portion of the research by visiting with curators and artists in Berlin, Paris and London. The end goal of the research is a publication with MIT Press, who has already given an enthusiastic green light to proceed with further research (please see attached documentation). Being able to research first-hand and meet with practicing artists is invaluable, as the material cannot be seen or screened in any other way unless one happens to be in the venue where the work is specifically installed for exhibition. This publication is the culmination of the last four years of symposia and workshops, including the international conference they organized in 2015 at the University of Oslo called "Touching the Screen."
Fuller	Russell	PhD	CAS, THRS	fuller@san Diego.edu	Conference	Vienna, Austria	February 16-24, 2018	Presentation of a paper at the international conference, An End to Anti-Semitism which will be held in Vienna, Austria February 18-22, 2018. My paper title is, "Christian Anti-Semitism in Biblical Studies: The Continuation of Supersessionism in the Academic Study of the Hebrew Bible." An End to Anti-Semitism is an international and interdisciplinary conference which has been organized in response to the increased anti-semitism in Europe, in the United States, and around the world. There will be 150 international presenters from the humanities and sciences, from politics, religious communities, and from decision makers in our societies. Participation in this conference is part of an ongoing and developing part of my research program in antisemitism and biblical studies and will help to create productive collaboration with scholars in Europe and Israel.
Goldschmied	Nadav	PhD	CAS, Psychological Sciences	ngoldschmied@san Diego.edu	Conference	Israel	March 15-29, 2018	Keynote address to the 4th annual 'Media and Sports' IDC (Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya) symposium. This forum is the leading platform in Israel for discussion among researchers and practitioners in the field and should allow for extensive dissemination of Dr. Goldschmied's research ideas as well as the promotion of future research collaborations. The primary purpose of the travel is to present underdog support findings including his most recent work in collaborative research with Dr. Yair Galiily (IDC professor) on cross-cultural underdog sport fandom tendencies. The foundations for this work were laid in both previous IOGs. His collaboration with Dr. Galiily goes many years back and recently culminated in a publication ("Appraising Loftus and Palmer (1974) Post-Event Information Study in the Context of Sport Commentary: Does the Effect Hold?") published in 2017 at The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology.
Guerrieri	Kevin	PhD	CAS, Languages, Cultures & Literatures	kevin2@san Diego.edu	Conference	Barcelona	May 23-15, 2018	Titles: "(Entre) Abya Yala y Comala: la hibridez en las literaturas wayuu" and "Conflict and Reconciliation in Colombia: What Can Literary and Cultural Studies Do?" Dr. Guerrieri will be presenting—in two different capacities—at the XXXVI International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) to be held in Barcelona.. First, he will present a conference paper focused on Colombian indigenous Wayuu literatures in a panel on "Indigenous Modernisms in Latin America," and, second, he will be a round-table participant on the topic of the roles of literary and cultural studies in conflict and reconciliation in Colombia. International travel is a vital part of his work and directly involves a wide range of professional activities on a regular basis: conferences, research, seminars, teaching, advising, etc. In the case of this proposal, LASA is the most important professional association for his discipline, and the annual conference is an interdisciplinary gathering with hundreds of panels whose topics cover practically all of Latin America.
Halaka	John	PhD	CAS, Art, Architecture & Art History	jhalaka@san Diego.edu	Research	Palestine	May 14-June 5, 2018	The twofold purposes of this research trip are distinct but related. The first is to witness and document in Palestine, the 70th commemoration of the start of the Nakba. The second purpose of the fieldwork is to record a group of interviews with college age Palestinian men and women reflecting on their experiences of living an ordinary life, while existing under the extraordinary conditions of military occupation. His time in the West Bank will be spent mostly in the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah and Bethlehem, with day trips to Hebron, Nablus, Jericho and Jenin. He plans to attend and document visual art exhibitions, university and community lectures, academic and activist panel discussions, as well as public ceremonies. Dr. Halaka's research and creative work as a visual artist are directly informed by narratives of displacement, exile, survival and resistance, that I have recorded over the past decade with refugees and survivors of political trauma. The proposed research trip will provide a very important opportunity to witness/document commemorations of loss and survival and will further shape his artwork by deepening my understanding of the Palestinians' anti-colonial struggle.
Hubbard	Lea	PhD	SOLES, Leadership Studies	lhubbard@san Diego.edu	Research	Belfast, Northern Ireland	March 17-24, 2018	Educational Systems in Post Conflict Environments - For the 3rd year, Dr. Hubbard will instruct a SOLES graduate course in Belfast, and would like to extend her time in Belfast to conduct research with a professor at Queens University. The purpose of this international study is to investigate the ways in which integrated and shared schools in Belfast Ireland are constructing greater understanding between Protestant and Catholic children- schools designed to create a more peaceful and socially just community. Having the opportunity to work collaboratively with researchers at Queens University will facilitate not only access but will provide an "insider's" perspective into the important issues that to date continue to plague this post-conflict environment. She fully expect that publications and conference papers will result from this research opportunity.

Ingram	Rebecca	PhD	CAS, Languages, Cultures & Literatures	rei@sandiego.edu	Conference	Barcelona & Tours (FR)	May 23-26, 2018	<p>A) Participation as the invited discussant for “Food Heritage in the Iberian and Latin American Worlds” panel, proposed by Suzanne Dunai (UCSD-History) for the XXXVI International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), in Barcelona, May 23-26.</p> <p>B) Participation in proposed panel “Food Studies Finds Iberia” for the Fourth International Convention on Food History and Food Studies organized by l’Institut Européen d’Histoire et des Cultures de l’Alimentation (IEHCA) in Tours, June 7-8.</p> <p>Continued support for the Barcelona LASA conference and the 2018 Tours conference will support Dr. Ingram's professional growth in two ways. First, as the invited discussant to the LASA panel “Food Heritage in the Iberian and Latin American Worlds” she will be able to bring work and expertise on Transhispanic Food Cultural Studies to a larger and Latin Americanist audience.</p>
Jiang	Eric	PhD	School of Engineering, Computer Science	jiang@sandiego.edu	Conference	Sydney	Jan 7-11, 2018	<p>Research presentation on neural networks at an international conference -</p> <p>Dr. Jiang has been invited to be a speaker at the upcoming International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Applications that will be held in Sydney, Australia and he plans to present his latest research work on text classification based on neural networks. The conference provides an important international forum for the presentation of latest technological advances in intelligent computing and applications and for fostering international research collaborations. The proposed conference trip will allow him to share research work in developing intelligent systems and to establish research collaborations with fellow computer scientists and practitioners from around the world, especially with those from Asia-Pacific countries whose machine learning and artificial intelligence communities have been particularly active over recent years. This travel experience would also support his learning the latest trends in intelligent computer systems and developing new computer science courses in the field for USD students. This is quite relevant as they are currently undertaking a curriculum revision and planning to establish a new machine learning concentration for the computer science major.</p>
Maese-Cohen	Marcelle	PhD	CAS, English	marcelle@sandiego.edu	Conference	Mexico City	March 26-30, 2018	<p>Project Title: Against War: Juárez Femicide and Nonsecular Human Rights</p> <p>Week-long conference: “Pensamientos y feminismos descoloniales latino americanos” (Latin American Decolonial Feminisms and Thought)</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) present a conference paper, “Against War: Juárez Femicide and Nonsecular Human Rights,” an excerpt from the first draft of chapter four from my book manuscript; 2) conduct research at the Universidad Autonomia de Mexico library for my current book manuscript Confession, Song, Law and the Nonsecular in Comparative Chicanidad; 3) continue to develop a transnational network of decolonial feminist scholars (with a focus on human and education rights as well as indigenous sovereignty); 4) contribute to the USD Decolonial Working Group through campus programing and collaborative teaching.
Maxim	Juliana	PhD	CAS, Art, Architecture & Art History	jmaxim@sandiego.edu	Research	Bulgaria, Romania Republic of Moldova	June 1-15, 2018	<p>Globalizing the architectural history curriculum: 16th century church architecture between Constantinople & Odessa</p> <p>The purpose of this travel is to produce and publish a teaching module that includes readings, lectures, and, most importantly, visual materials, which will be peer-reviewed and disseminated on the Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative website (GAHTC.org).</p> <p>The GAHTC, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with administrative connection to MIT’s School of Architecture and Planning, is the digital repository of record for novel teaching modules with an expanded global content, and is accessed and used by thousands of architectural historians around the world. If accepted for publication on the website, my teaching module will reach and be widely used by a large audience of scholars—much larger, in fact, than a journal article.</p>
Medina	Julia	PhD	CAS, Languages, Cultures & Literatures	jmedina@sandiego.edu	Conference	Barcelona	May 22-27, 2018	<p>To present a paper at the 43rd Latin American Studies Association Conference: “Cultural and Ontological Borderlands in Contemporary Documentary Film: The Case of the Caribbean Coast in Nicaragua”. The presentation will be part of a panel entitled “Latin American Borderlands in the Global Era”, that will include scholars working on different regions of the American continent, and from different cultural genres. A version of this paper is also being consider for publication in an edited volume on Contemporary Latin American Cinema. Beyond participation in the panel, the experience of the LASA is a wonderful opportunity to keep up with the academic work taking place within Latin America from interdisciplinary perspectives. This conference allows the opportunity to learn, and it serves as a productive space to network, and gather information and new materials that keeps current both my research and teaching.</p>

Molina	Sarina	EdD	SOLES, Learning and Teaching	sarina@sandiego.edu	Research	Tokyo	March 7-13, 2018	Project Title: "The critically conscious educator: Historical and global perspectives on the purpose and goal of education." Through both local and global examples, Dr. Molina will thematically analyze the unifying components that characterize the critically conscious educator and discuss implications for our teacher candidates today. For the past four years through research work, service work, global studies course and teacher training overseas, she has established connections with educators in China, Thailand, India, Singapore, Australia and Japan. The purpose of travel to Japan would be to begin gathering data for this book. She will interview Japanese and Australian educators (Dr. Ron and Suwanti Farmer, directors of the Toogoolawa School for troubled youth from Australia will be in Japan at this time) on their understanding of the purpose and goal of education and to gain insight into the historical and contemporary educators who have impacted change in their societies. This will be the first in a series of interviews over the next year with educators from China, India, Singapore and Thailand.
Mueller	Jennifer	PhD	School of Business, Management	jmueller@sandiego.edu	Conference	Israel	January 2-5, 2018	presenting research based on a continuing collaboration with Moran Lazar and Ella Miron Spektor at the Technion University at a conference in Israel – The Israel Organizational Behavior Conference (IOBC). Examining cross-cultural differences that explain why people in the US are more attached to novel vs. practical ideas, whereas people in China are more attached to their practical vs. novel ideas. The goal of the project is to understand the mechanism that explains why people might pursue some ideas and not others – as related to their national culture.
Nadkarni	Vidya	PhD	CAS, Political Science & IR	nadkarni@sandiego.edu	Research	India	Jan 3 - Feb 4, 2018	Dalits in India; India-China Border Conflict Dr. Nadkarni will pursue two projects in India—one is to examine the role of Dalits (an oppressed class) in Indian politics. This is a collaborative project, which includes Dr. Joel Gruber in Theology and Religious Studies and Tiana Avanes a USD undergraduate student. Dr. Gruber, Tiara, and Dr. Nadkarni, with the collaboration, advice, and assistance of a Pune University History professor (Dr. Shradha Kumbhojkar) and her graduate students will be conducting structured interviews of Dalit students at the University of Pune to gauge the strength of their Buddhist religious practice and their political affiliations. The second project is on the India-China border conflict and she plans to visit the border region towns of Imphal and Kohima and go to New Delhi for a short visit to discuss her work with a couple of academics who work on this subject.
Nevitt	Turner	PhD	CAS, Philosophy	tnevitt@sandiego.edu	Conference	Athens	June 4-10, 2018	Presenting a paper titled, "The Doctrine of Real Definitions in Aquinas's Commentary on Aristotle's Posterior Analytics" at the Symposium Thomisticum to be held 7–9 June, 2018 in Athens, Greece. Dr. Nevitt has been invited to present as a plenary speaker at the 2018 Symposium Thomisticum in Athens, Greece. The Symposium Thomisticum is an annual international meeting of scholars specializing in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, the most central figure in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Symposium features papers by 50+ leading scholars from across the Americas, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Europe. This year's confirmed speakers already include many of the best Aquinas scholars in the world. Presenting at the Symposium will be a wonderful opportunity for me to share my research, receive expert feedback from specialists in my field, and forge new professional relationships with other Aquinas scholars from around the world.
Ngo	Truc	PhD	School of Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering	tngo@sandiego.edu	Research	Auckland	June 15-30, 2018	3D-printed Biocomposites: The purpose of this trip is to discuss and explore research collaboration opportunities with Professor Sarat Singamneni (mechanical engineering) at the Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand. Dr. Ngo will visit Professor Singamneni's research lab to learn about their capability to 3D-print novel composite materials for biomedical applications such as implants, bone scaffolds, and controlled drug release systems. Their research collaboration started in 2015, and has resulted in two co-authored journal research papers that are either currently under review or will be submitted this calendar year for publication. They will discuss ways to continue our research collaboration, expanding their research focus to more biodegradable composites and process optimization. They will also be exploring various research grant funding opportunities to advance their collaborative research project.
Ortega	Alma	MA, MLIS	Copley Library	alma@sandiego.edu	Research	Mexico	(three trips planned) March, April and May 2018	Project Title: Fundraising Efforts along the Baja California Border Research in Mexicali, Ensenada, and Tijuana. Purpose: Exploring how academic libraries in public and private universities and in advanced research centers are expanding their fundraising outreach activities. This is research will allow her to connect with library deans, academic librarians, and to establish a relationship with fundraising officers at these institutions, if they are not already formally part of the library's team. This grant will support her sabbatical research on university libraries and their fundraising efforts in Baja California. During sabbatical Ortega will be studying institutional fundraising tactics, outreach services, and development strategies of special collections in universities and advanced research centers of the Baja California northern border region. This research will build on relationships developed and strengthened during her investigation during the spring of 2012 on the evolution of library reference services in Baja California. This sabbatical research project will also result in reinforcing connections with Mexican academic librarians in universities and advanced research centers. Ortega will create a record of the many special collections found in this border state's higher education institutions.

Petersen	Amanda	PhD	CAS, Languages, Cultures & Literatures	apetersen@sandiego.edu	Conference	Barcelona	May 23-26, 2018	Chair and co-organizer of official panel for the Mexico Section of the Latin American Studies Conference of 2018 titled "Haunting Her(Story): Specters of Gender in a Global Mexico" and presentation of original research called "The Haunting Persistence of Gendered Violence in Rosina Conde." The Mexico Section panel has been accepted by the Mexico Section, which LASA guarantees space for, and the second panel awaits approval from LASA. Dr. Petersen would participate in two key dialogues for her research at the Latin American Studies Association annual conference in an international setting that is certain to draw a diverse pool of scholars. Both are related to her principal research topic of spectral studies in Latin America. The first is in the panel I co-organized, which examines spectrality and gender in the Mexican context through an interdisciplinary approach—from cultural, visual, legal, and literary studies. The second panel also centers on topics of spectrality as an aesthetic and rhetorical strategy in a variety of cultural texts from contemporary Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico.
Salinas	Tara	PhD	School of Business, Management	tara@sandiego.edu	Conference	Hong Kong	June 7-10, 2018	<i>Do as I Say and as I Do: The moderating role of ethics education on the relationship between reading perception and reading practice</i> - This paper will be submitted to the International Association of Business and Society (IABS) conference in Hong Kong. This grant will allow Dr. Salinas to attend the IABS conference and present the work she and her coauthor have been doing on reading and practice with a new focus on international students and students from different cultural backgrounds. The topic of the research addresses how students from different cultural backgrounds engage in online reading and how that behavior impacts their performance in business courses. This provides a fantastic opportunity to connect with faculty in the area, something that does not often happen due to travel limitations. Also, the experience of seeing the city from her perspective as a business faculty will be something valuable she can bring to my class discussions in the future; especially since many of USD's current students are either coming from China or interested in working there in the future.