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VILLANOVA INTERNAL SUPPORT GRANTS FOR 2008

The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects is pleased to announce the Summer Research Fellowships and the Research Support Grants for the summer of 2008 and offer congratulations to the successful applicants.

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

**Dr. David M. Barrett**, Political Science, *JFK, Congress, and the CIA: Security, Secrecy, and Accountability Dilemmas*

**Dr. William J. Kelly**, Chemical Engineering, *Modeling Shear Damage to CHO cells in Rotary Lobe pumps*

**Dr. John E. Kurtz**, Psychology, *Personality Stability and Change in the Transition and Adjustment to College Life: A Multi-Informant Investigation*

**Dr. Gabriel Rockhill**, Philosophy, *Contemporary Political Culture*

**Dr. Catherine Warrick**, Political Science, *Islamic Law in Western Democracies: the Implications of Demands for Legal Pluralism*

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

**Dr. Cheryl C. Asher**, Economics, *Women and Self-Employment*

**Dr. Robert H. DeFina**, Sociology, *The Impact of Incarceration on the Extent of Poverty*

**Dr. Angela DiBenedetto**, Biology, *The Effect of brd2 Knockdown on Apoptosis During Zebrafish Development*

**Dr. Scott J. Dressler**, Economics, *Economies of Scale in Banking and Economic Volatility*

**Dr. Shawn D. Howton**, Finance, *Classified Boards, Management Entrenchment, and Corporate Social Performance*

**Dr. James J. Kirschke**, English, *The Completion of the Research of William Hooper's transition from Colonial Subject to Lender in the Revolutionary Movement in North Carolina, and the Drafting of a Paper on This Topic for a Conference or Other Professional Presentation*

**Dr. Johnny Jiung Yee Lee**, Accountancy & IS, *Business Blog, Cost of Capital, and Firm Value*

**Dr. Mi Luo**, Finance, *Voluntary Disclosure and Dividend Policy*

**Dr. Jill McCorkel**, Sociology, *Policing the Family: The Consequences of Felony Drug Convictions for Prisoners and Their Families*

**Dr. Silvia Nagy-Zekmi**, Modern Languages & Literatures, *Representations of Nationhood, Ethnicity and Identity in Latin America*

**Dr. Colleen A. Sheehan**, Political Science, *Madison's Voyage to the World of the Classics*

**Dr. Qi Wang**, Communication, *Theorizing Interpersonal Conflict Avoidance Across Cultures*