College of Liberal Arts

Dean, Dr. Anadeli Bencomo
HISTORIAS PASEÑAS: RECOVERING THE HISTORY OF EL PASO’S BARRIOS

Yolanda Leyva

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES THROUGH HUMANITIES TEXAS
History
Amount Awarded: $5,000
This funding recovers and preserves the history of El Paso’s Segundo Barrio South Central El Paso, two historic barrios with local, state, and national significance.

Award Start Date: Jul. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Jun. 30, 2023
FELLOWSHIP FOR LIGIA ARGUILEZ:
MAKING THE DESERT PLACE: AN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF
A DESERT SHRUB FROM THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDERLANDS

Ligia Arguilez

ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION THROUGH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF
LEARNED SOCIETIES
History
Amount Awarded: $30,000 ($5,000 to UTEP)

This funding supports Arguilez’ dissertation on the borderlands environmental and
cultural history of Larrea tridentata, the dominant desert shrub in the hot North
American deserts which spread from Mexico to Southwest U.S.
This award covers her tuition. It is part of a $30,000 dissertation completion fellowship.

Award Start Date: Jun. 01, 2022
Award End Date: May. 31, 2023
Daniel Carey-Whalen

U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Museum
Amount Awarded: $10,000

This funding supports the museum’s collection of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) artifacts in updating the BLM inventory, researching artifacts, and assisting in relevant recommendations to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Award Start Date: Jul. 15, 2022
Award End Date: Dec. 15, 2022
LETTERS TO YOU: AN IMMERSIVE THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE BORDERLANDS

Kim McKean

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
Theatre and Dance
Amount Awarded: $20,000

This community-engagement project develops a theatrical, immersive production that features the complexity of life in the borderland through the examination of letters, postcards, murals, and other personal stories.

Award Start Date: Jun. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Dec. 31, 2023
CO-USE OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION STUDY

Craig Field

NIH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
Latino Alcohol and Health Disparities Research Center
Amount Awarded: $47,848

This project involves revision of and participation in an existing alcohol intervention adaptation session, providing the expertise needed for clinical trials associated with the intervention.

Award Start Date: Apr. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Mar. 31, 2025
BUILDING ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY FOR REFUGEE WOMEN

Maissa Khatib

OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH THROUGH PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Women’s Studies
Amount Awarded: $63,777

This project recruits female refugees, who will participate in a multi-phase program to develop them as entrepreneurs, and will evaluate its effectiveness.

Award Start Date: Apr. 1, 2022
Award End Date: Nov. 30, 2022
RESEARCHING CASES OF CHILDREN WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Caitlyn Muniz

CHILDREN`S ADVOCACY CENTER OF TEXAS, INC
Criminal Justice
Amount Awarded: $82,304

This research will collect and analyze child sexual abuse (CSA) data obtained from multi-team responses to CSA by the justice system, child advocacy centers, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and medical personnel.

Award Start Date: Jul. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Apr. 30, 2023
This project develops risk screening tools and methods designed to be expeditiously administered by youth delinquency programs.
PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION TO PROMOTE DIABETES PREVENTION, SCREENING, AND MANAGEMENT IN THE PASO DEL NORTE REGION

Ted Cooper

PASO DEL NORTE HEALTH FOUNDATION
Psychology
Amount Awarded: $74,333

This grant supports continuation of the Foundation’s diabetes initiative, providing technical assistance and strategic planning support.

Award Start Date: May. 05, 2022
Award End Date: May. 31, 2023
This project conducts research on Latinx hazardous drinkers, particularly with issues related to cultural tailoring and intervention implementation.
Katherine Serafine

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHARMACOLOGY & EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, INC.
Psychology
Amount Awarded: $2,800

Using a basic science approach, this research investigates relationships between individuals with obesity and those with opioid use disorder.

FOR WHOM???
THE IMPACT OF DIET ON THE THERAPEUTIC AND ADVERSE EFFECTS OF MORPHINE

Katie Serafine and Robert Kirken

NIH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES
Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC)
Amount Awarded: $147,840

This pilot project evaluates the effect of dietary history, in particular a traditional high fat or ketogenic diet, on opioid use disorder.

Award Start Date: Mar. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Feb. 29, 2024
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE LAW: A SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES BEFORE UNITED STATES COURTS

Rebecca Reid and Todd Curry

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Political Science
Amount Awarded: $400,000

This project develops an Indigenous Studies minor and new Indigenous Politics courses in the Department of Political Science, which will impact the health, well-being, and survival of Indigenous Peoples.

Award Start Date: Sep. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Aug. 31, 2025
SUPPORT FOR ARTISTIC PRACTICES IN THE BORDERLAND

Kerry Doyle

ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION
Art Department
Amount Awarded: $400,000

This funding supports the Rubin Center’s outreach and interdisciplinary programming for contemporary art and culture in the borderlands.

Award Start Date: Jul. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Dec. 31, 2024
This study investigates metabolic markers of insulin resistance in predicting the escalation of the rewarding effects of nicotine in diabetic rats, particularly during abstinence in a sex-dependent manner.
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS SUSCEPTIBILITY IN JUVENILE FEMALE AND MALE MICE

Sergio Iniguez

NIH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES
Psychology
Amount Awarded: $613,875

This research investigates the behavioral, pharmacological, and molecular evidence of mood-related illnesses, such as major depressive disorder, which is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the juvenile population.

Award Start Date: Aug. 01, 2022
Award End Date: Jun. 30, 2026
R01: STAGE II EFFICACY TRIAL OF A CULTURALLY INFORMED BRIEF INTERVENTION TO REDUCE ALCOHOL RELATED HEALTH DISPARITIES AND TREATMENT INEQUITIES AMONG LATINXs

Craig Field and Melissa Wholeben

NIH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM
Latino Alcohol and Health Disparities Research Center
Amount Awarded: $3,102,613

This interdisciplinary study being conducted in collaboration with the College of Nursing and University Medical Center examines the effectiveness of a culturally informed intervention among trauma patients admitted for an alcohol related injury to increase engagement in protective drinking behaviors and help seeking.

Award Start Date: Aug. 10, 2022
Award End Date: Jun. 30, 2027
CREATING A PLAN OF ALTERNATIVES FOR THE BINACIONAL ESPACIO LIBRE-INFRAESTRUCTURA VERDE FOR THE CIUDAD JUÁREZ-EL PASO METROPLEX

Alex Mayer and Josiah Heyman

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Center for Environmental Resource Management (CERM)
Amount Awarded: $24,999

This funding supports planning for the BELleVe project for the Ciudad Juárez-El Paso Metroplex.

Award Start Date: Jul. 04, 2022
Award End Date: Jul. 04, 2024