



Research Forum

September 13, 2022



**Sponsored Projects
Recognitions**



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

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ARCHAEOLOGY COLLECTIONS REVIEW

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

YOUTH RESILIENCE TO CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN THE CARIBBEAN ACTIVITY

Hyunjung Cheon

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ARIZONA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Criminal Justice

Amount Awarded: \$150,000

This project develops risk screening tools and methods designed to be expeditiously administered by youth delinquency programs.



Award Start Date: Sep. 01, 2022

Award End Date: Aug. 31, 2024

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

LATINX HAZARDOUS DRINKERS WITH CLINICAL ANXIETY: EFFECTIVENESS TRIAL OF A PERSONALIZED NORMATIVE FEEDBACK INTERVENTION

Ted Cooper



NIH -NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOL THROUGH
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Psychology

Amount Awarded: \$76,197

This project conducts research on Latinx hazardous drinkers, particularly with issues related to cultural tailoring and intervention implementation.

Award Start Date: Sep. 20, 2021

Award End Date: Sep. 19, 2026

ASPET Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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.

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Award Start Date: May. 01, 2022

Award End Date: Aug. 15, 2022

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

PREVENTATIVE BIOMARKERS AND POTENTIAL PHARMACOTHERAPIES FOR TOBACCO USE AND DIABETES

Laura O'Dell



NIH - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

Psychology

Amount Awarded: \$613,750

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.

Award Start Date: Jul. 05, 2022

Award End Date: Jun. 30, 2026

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



Collaborative Awards Across Colleges



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



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