

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**REPORT**

**REPORT: 2015-16 PROVOST'S NEW FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the 2015-16 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

The Provost's New Faculty Research Award offers competitive awards of up to \$5,000 to faculty in their first or second year of employment to carry out carefully designed research or creative projects. The program is designed to help new faculty establish a research agenda that will make them more competitive for external funding. Awards must be expended during the 2016 fiscal year.

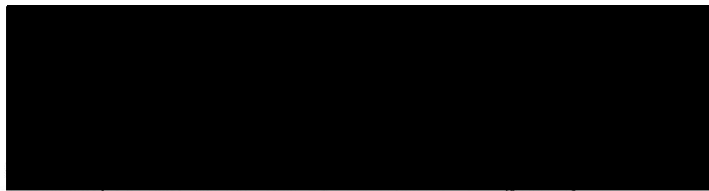
The Provost has awarded a total of \$148,352 to thirty-one (31) new Eastern Michigan University faculty for research and creative projects under the Provost's Research Award for New Faculty program for 2015-16.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of Provost's Research Awards for New Faculty will be absorbed in the 2015-2016 budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.



University Executive Officer

2/26/15  
Date

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Academic Affairs**  
**Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President**

**Provost's Research Award for New Faculty**  
**2015-16 Winners**

1. Chong Man Chow (Psychology). "Fat Talk between Adolescent Girls and Mothers: Implications for Body Image, Eating Attitudes, and Psychological Adjustment"
2. Maria Luz Garcia (Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminology). "Analysis of Ixhil Maya Testimony Given during the Trial of Rios Montt for Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity in Guatemala"
3. Stephanie Wladkowski (Social Work). "Exploring the Practice of Live Discharge from Hospice"
4. Ashley Falzetti (Women's & Gender Studies). "Who Can Claim Frances Slocum's Remains?"
5. Joseph Breza (Psychology). "An Optogenetic Approach to Deciphering the Neural Circuitry of Salt Taste"
6. Emily Grman (Biology). "When Good Fungi Turn Bad: Community Ecology in Restored Prairies and Phosphorus-induced Plant Parasitism"
7. Steven K. Backues (Chemistry). "Identification of Novel, Biologically Interesting Mutations in Autophagy Related Protein 9"
8. Katherine Ryker (Geography & Geology). "Designing a Framework for Video-based Instructional Resources"
9. Thomas J. Waltz (Psychology). "Developing an Improved Performance Measure for Distress Intolerance"
10. Eric K. Acton (English Language & Literature). "Nonmembership, Distancing, and the English Definite Article"
11. Thomas G. Mast (Biology). "Cell Death and Change in the Mouse Olfactory Bulb: A new Stroke Model"
12. Debra Jelinek Gombert (Music & Dance). "Do You See What I See? Establishing Inter-observer Reliability of an Assessment Measure for Music Therapy"
13. Kasim Armagan Korkmaz (Visual & Built Environments). "Information Portal Development For Implementing Sustainable Practices In Highway Construction Projects"
14. Cynthia Macknish (World Languages). "Exploring the Impact of English as a Second Language Courses on Standardized English Language Test Scores"

15. Ildiko Porter-Szucs (World Languages). "In Loco Maternis: Studying the Discourse of University ESL Teachers"
16. Lydia McBurrows (Nursing). "Adolescent Fatherhood Consequences, Barriers and Challenges"
17. Marisol Garrido (World Languages). "Spanish Heritage Speakers Phonological Competence: Becoming Bilingual and Biliterate"
18. Hee-Jung Jun (Geography & Geology). "The Efficacy of Local Comprehensive Plans on Housing Affordability"
19. Camilla McComb (Art). "Making Artistic Thinking Visible"
20. Beth Henschen (Political Science). "State of the Judiciary: What's the Message?"
21. Jacob L. Lindquist (Health Promotion & Human Performance). "The Subjective and Objective Effects of a Mal-aligned Prosthesis on the Gait of a Amputee"
22. Anushri Rawat (Management). "Do you Behave Any Differently on Social Media? Exploring the Role of Emotional Intelligence and Personal Value Orientation in Social Media Usage and Behavior"
23. Keisha Lovence (Nursing). "Communication and Human Patient Simulation in Nursing Education"
24. Ebrahim Khalifeh Soltani (Political Science). "Understanding the Impact of Religiosity on Tolerance in Muslim Countries"
25. Matthew Kirkpatrick (English Language & Literature). "Exhibit Catalog"
26. Sarah VanZoeren (Social Work). "Collaborating with Teachers: An Opportunity for School Social Workers to Address the Problem of Bullying"
27. Michael Doan (History & Philosophy). "Civic Etiquettes and Motivational Vices"
28. Jenni L. Hoffman (Nursing). "Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Online Educational Intervention on Knowledge of Sexually Transmitted Infections Among College-Age Female Students"
29. Macarthur L. Stewart (Engineering Technology). "A Computational Approach for Predicting the Fatigue Life of Rubber Springs"
30. Susan Bushinski (Nursing). "Assessing Clinical Competency in Undergraduate Nursing Students"
31. Corrie Baldauf (Art). "Frames For The People"