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*Through funding from the AlphaWood Foundation, Professor Terry Powis is able to do field work for the Pacbitun Regional Archaeological Project in Belize studying ancient Maya life . Photo by Jeff Powis.*

## The OVPR Internal Funding Process

*By Carolyn Elliott-Farino*

We would like to thank all the faculty members who submitted proposals to the FY 2015 OVPR Pilot/Seed Grant RFP, including those who submitted LOIs and later decided not to submit full proposals. We received 31 full proposals, with every academic college represented in the applicant pool. New to this year's competition was the review panel, composed of seven faculty members from across campus; care was taken to ensure that in so far as possible, all fields were represented on the panel.

Prior to coming together to discuss the proposals, each panel member reviewed and rated the proposals according to a predetermined scale: most competitive, very competitive, competitive, less competitive, not competitive. As panel moderator, I tallied all the ratings on one spreadsheet and sent it to the panel before the review meeting. When the panel met, the bottom third of the proposals were eliminated without discussion. The panel then discussed the remaining proposals and grouped them in two categories, recommended and do not fund. This list was

forwarded to Charlie Amlaner for final selection and the list of recipients have been posted to the Office of Research's OVPR Internal Funding webpage (<https://www.kennesaw.edu/research/ovprgrants.html>). You can also find information here including a synopsis of the funding program, past award recipients, and updates about future funding.

Congratulations to the FY 2015 award recipients! We look forward to seeing the results of your research as the year progresses.

# Meet **New Faces in Old Places** **Michael...**

We're happy to introduce the Office of Research's newest member, Michael Mitchell! Michael will be joining the Post-award team as a Grants Manager. He will assist investigators with procurement and other red-tape-heavy tasks that come with spending grant funds.



Michael graduated from The University of Georgia in 2008 with a Bachelors of International Affairs and in 2009 with a Bachelors of Political Science. An avid college football fan, Michael never misses a Georgia Bulldogs game. After graduating, Michael married his loving wife Erin in 2011 and they are expecting their first born child in March of 2015!

He is currently enrolled in the Masters of Public Administration and Masters of Business Management dual program here at Kennesaw State University and will finish the program in the spring of 2016. Having a strong understanding of public administration and modern business management techniques is critical to the future success of the public sector. Michael believes that achieving the dual masters degrees in both business management and public administration will develop the necessary skills to be successful. In his free time, Michael enjoys spending time with his family, football, and ballroom dancing.

## **& Welcome Back Deanna**

Deanna Hendrickson has rejoined the Office of Research as our Director of Research Compliance, with her primary responsibility to shepherd the Institutional Review Board (IRB). She will also be involved with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and will eventually add on duties under Export Controls and Biosafety/Biosecurity. Deanna has over 7 years' experience in research and grants administration, earned her Bachelor of Business Administration

from KSU, became a Certified Research Administrator in December 2012 and is now working toward becoming a Certified IRB Professional. She joined KSU in 2006 and managed the Global Center for Social Change for almost 4 years, then was a grants manager in our office for two years before crossing campus to work as the business manager for the Center for Sustainable Journalism for 13 months, so she is well acquainted with the world of grants and contracts and compliance issues.

## **Carolyn's Corner** *By Carolyn Elliott-Farino*

We hired a third grants manager. His name is Michael Mitchell and you can read more about him to your left. Michael impressed me with his desire to serve in the non-profit/public sector, coupled with his awareness that sound fiscal and resource management is as, if not more, important for non-profits and public entities as it is

for the private for-profit sector. Michael is currently a graduate student at KSU, pursuing a joint MPA/MBA degree. However, we are again dropping down to two grants managers with the departure of Alexandria (Dria) Rich, who has accepted a position at Georgia Tech. We wish Dria the best of luck.

## **National Science Foundation Broader Impacts**

All NSF proposals must include a section on broader impacts. If you are wondering what NSF means by broader impacts, visit the NSF webpage at [http://www.nsf.gov/od/ia/special/broaderimpacts/?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_51](http://www.nsf.gov/od/ia/special/broaderimpacts/?WT.mc_id=USNSF_51). "Scientific progress comes in all shapes and sizes. Researchers peer at the microscopic gears of genomes, scan the heavens for clues of our origins. They unearth wind-weathered fossils, labor over complex circuitry, guide students through the maze of learning. Disparate fields, researchers and methods united by one thing: potential. Every NSF grant has the potential to not only advance knowledge, but benefit society -- what we call broader impacts. Just like the kaleidoscopic nature of science, broader impacts come in many forms. No matter the method, however, broader impacts ensure all NSF-funded science works to better our world."

The site includes examples of projects that build STEM talent, innovate for the future,

improve society, reach beyond borders, and engage a wider audience. An example of engaging a wider audience is the Galaxy Zoo 2 project, a crowdsourcing effort of 83,000 worldwide volunteers to categorize galaxies in the universe. While computers can measure size and color, the determination of shape and structure relies on the human eye. People got involved because "they enjoyed contributing to science." Impressively, and hugely important, the effort expended by the volunteers is equal to about 30 years of full-time work by one researcher! ([http://cse.umn.edu/admin/comm/newsreleases/2013\\_09\\_23\\_nearby-galaxy-zoo.php](http://cse.umn.edu/admin/comm/newsreleases/2013_09_23_nearby-galaxy-zoo.php))

This is just one of several NSF projects highlighted to showcase its broader impacts. Read on – the stories are fascinating, and you will gain a better understanding of how to present the broader impacts of your proposal.

# Upcoming Deadlines

## Arts & Humanities

- NEH Media Projects: Development and Production Grants.....Jan 14  
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/mp>
- NEH Museums, Libraries, & Cultural Orgs: Implementation & Planning Grants.....Jan 14  
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/mlco>
- Association for Asian Studies Grants.....Feb 1  
<http://www.asian-studies.org/grants/main.htm>
- Georgia Council for the Arts Grants.....Feb 4  
<http://gaarts.org/grant-funding>
- Doris Duke Foundation Grants to Strengthen Performing Arts.....Feb 27 (LOI)  
<http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Arts/Initiatives--Strategies/National-Sector-Building/Fund-for-National-Projects/>

## Education & Community Development

- Walmart Community Grant Program.....Dec 31  
<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>
- Toyota USA Foundation STEM grants.....Rolling  
[http://www.toyota.com/usa/community/articles/community\\_grants\\_foundation.html](http://www.toyota.com/usa/community/articles/community_grants_foundation.html)
- Coca-Cola Foundation Grants (Women, Water, and Well-Being).....Rolling  
<http://www.coca-colacompany.com/our-company/community-requests-guidelines-application>
- AAUW Community Action Grants.....Jan 15  
<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>
- NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants.....Feb 1  
<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>
- NSF EHR Core Research (STEM Education).....Feb 3  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=504924&org=EHR&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504924&org=EHR&from=home)

## Health

- Allen Foundation, Grant Programs in Nutrition.....December 31  
<https://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp#requirements>
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges in Global Health.....Jan 13  
<http://gchg.grandchallenges.org/GrantOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>
- NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grants.....Feb 16  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-303.html>
- NIH Small Research Grant Program (R03).....Feb 16  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-304.html>
- NIH AREA (R15).....Feb 25  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm>
- American Heart Association Scientist Development Grant.....Jan 16 & 22  
<http://www.gene.com/good/grants-giving>

## STEM (including Social Sciences)

- Environmental Research and Education Foundation Grants.....Jan 8  
<http://erefdn.org/index.php/grants/proposal>
- NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE).....Jan 13  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505082&org=DUE&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505082&org=DUE&from=home)
- NSF National Robotics Initiative.....Jan 14  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503641](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503641)
- Whitehall Foundation – Life Sciences Grants.....Jan 15 (LOI)  
<http://www.whitehall.org/grants/>
- NSF Research in Engineering Education.....Jan 22  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503584](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503584)
- NSF Division on Environmental Biology (Core Programs).....Jan 23 (Prelim)  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503634&WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_39&WT.mc\\_ev=click](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503634&WT.mc_id=USNSF_39&WT.mc_ev=click)
- Association for Women in Mathematics – Travel Grants.....Feb 1  
<https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/programs/travel-grants>
- NSF Science, Technology, and Society (STS).....Feb 2  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5324](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5324)
- NSF Sociology, Social Psychology, Law, & Political Science .....Jan 15  
<http://www.nsf.gov/dir/index.jsp?org=SBE>
- Russell Sage Foundation Grant in Social Sciences.....Jan 16 (LOI)  
<http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/>
- NSF Economics.....Jan 18  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5437](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5437)
- John & Polly Sparks Early Career Grant for Psychologists Investigating SED.....May 15  
<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/sparks-early-career.aspx?tab=1>

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