Healthy Communities

Healthy People

Healthy Environment

College of Arts & Sciences
Research & Scholarship Highlights
Individual human health can only be achieved and sustained in the context of communities that value and support healthy behaviors and practices. CAS researchers seek to identify the elements of civil society that promote safety, security, social justice, and wellbeing.
Tara Deubel, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Saving for Change in Mali: from women’s financial inclusion to public engagement,” Oxfam America; $31,867.


Jennifer Lewis, Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Chemistry. Award Period: 2017-2019. “Student Engagement in a Community-Based, Blended Learning Environment: Perspective from a Minority Serving Institution,” Spelman College via NSF; $119,566.

Jennifer Lewis, Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Chemistry. Award Period: 2017-2020. “Collaborative Research: Mapping Change in Higher Education-Social Networks and STEM Reforms,” NSF; $188,445.

Scott Lewis, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry. Award Period: 2018-2021. “Collaborative Research: Longitudinal Impact of PLTL on Student and Peer Leader Retention of General Chemistry Concepts and Attitudes Toward Chemistry,” NSF; $63,892.


Ambar Basu, Associate Professor, Department of Communication. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Transgender Women, Sex Work, and Narratives on HIV and Health,” Villanova University; $9,000.


Manoug Manougian, Professor and Director of STEM Education Center, Department of Mathematics & Statistics. Award Period: 2017 to 2018. “2017-2018 Hybrid Motor Rocket Competition - SOAR Get Hybrid and SOAR Raging Bull,” University of Central Florida; $1,144.


Alex Levine, Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy. Award Period: 2017-2022. “The Community and Human Flourishing,” Yale University; $2,500.


Manh-Huong Phan, Associate Professor, Department of Physics. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Surface and Interface Effects of Magnetoimpedance Materials at High Frequency for Aerospace Applications,” University of Central Florida; $4,900.


Geoffrey Potts, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Society for Psychophysiological Research Training Fellowship Grant,” Society for Psychological Research; $3,320.

Elizabeth Schotter, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology. Award Period: 2017-2019. “Collaborative Research: Attention in Games and Decisions,” NSF; $98,214.

Edelyn Verona, Professor, Department of Psychology. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Linking Sleep and Aggression: The Role of Response Inhibition and Negative Emotional Processing,” Sigma Xi; $990.00; “Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program Student Support Grant,” Xcenda, LLC; $40,033; “Program Evaluation of Community Intervention for Youth in Low Socioeconomic Communities of Tampa, FL Evaluation the G3 Be More Program,” The Society for the Psychological Study; $2,500; “Linking Sleep and Aggression: The Role of Response Inhibition and Negative Emotional Processing,” Psi Chi; $1,500.

Mark Hafen, Senior Instructor, School of Public Affairs. Award Period: 2017-2018. “Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission,” Hillsborough Co. City Co. Planning Community; $10,000; “Hillsborough County MPO Fellowship,” Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning; $10,000.


Peter Funke, Associate Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies. Award Period: 2018-2019. “Creating Resilient Transatlantic Cultures and Communities in Florida,” Florida International University; $5,784.

Elizabeth Aranda, Professor, Department of Sociology. Award Period: 2017-2019. “Legal Status and the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Undocumented Young Adults,” NSF; $190,394.

Michelle Hughes Miller, Associate Professor, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies. Award Period: 2017-2019. “EAGER: Collaborative Research: Exploring the Effects of Academic Climate and social Networks on the Persistence of Sexual and Gender Minority STEM Undergraduates,” NSF; $61,028.

Jennifer Cazenave, Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages. Award Period: 2017-2018. “An Archive of the Catastrophe: Recovering the Unused Footage of Shoah,” ACLS; $40,000.


Robert Tykot, Professor, Department of Anthropology. Award Period: 2018-2019. “Exploring Variations in Diet and Health from Late Antiquity to the Early Medieval Period in the Veneto, Italy: A Biochemical Analysis,” Rust Family Foundation; $6,360.