American Fellowships

Name: Erin Durban-Albrecht  
Degree and Field: Ph.D., Women's studies  
Institution: University of Arizona  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2013-14  
Project Name: Queer Anti-Imperialisms: Racialized Sexuality and the Haitian History of Resistance to United States Imperialism

Erin Durban-Albrecht's research focuses on how U.S. policies, Haitian politics, and transnational social movements have shaped the experiences of gender and sexual minorities in Haiti and its diaspora. As a graduate student, she has been involved with the Women's Resource Center and the Southwest Institute for Research on Women, in addition to being the managing editor of Feminist Formations.

Name: Stephanie Tolbert  
Degree and Field: Ph.D., Organic Chemistry  
Institution: University of Arizona  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2013-14  
Project Name: Development of New Polysilsesquioxane Particles as Stabilized Active Ingredients for Sunscreens

Stephanie Tolbert's doctoral research focuses on developing UV-absorbing spherical nanoparticles for use in sunscreen and personal care formulations. Her recent work seeks to increase the UV stability of organic absorber ingredients. She is involved as the chemistry representative for the graduate council, acts as a graduate research mentor, and also mentors freshman chemistry students.
Name: Maria Cecilia Galup  
Degree and Field: Ph.D., Gender and women's studies  
Institution: University of Arizona  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2014-15  
Project Name: Seeds  

In her research, Mari Galup examines how different actors in the struggle over genetically modified seeds in the United States, Peru, Brazil, and Mexico shape these debates and our understanding of the issue. She is interested in how grassroots efforts against GMOs led by women in the Global South are mobilized around cultural and spiritual practices. Galup also works on immigration issues and her community farm, Las Milpitas de Cottonwood.

Name: Katherine Silvester  
Degree and Field: Ph.D., Rhetoric, composition, and the teaching of English  
Institution: University of Arizona  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2014-15  
Project Name: Elephants Don't Get Big by Learning English: Language Desire as Community Construct among Refugee Women in the United States and Nepal  

Katherine Silvester's dissertation looks at how Bhutanese women organize their language investments and literacy practices in the US and Bhutanese refugee camps in Nepal. As a graduate student, she has taught English as a second language in the Refugee Education Project and Tucson Alliance of Refugee Communities, and she conducted ethnographic literacy research for Caritas, Nepal's Bhutanese refugee education program.
Community Action Grants

Recipient: Scientek-12 Foundation  
Project Director(s): Kathleen Bethel  
Project Name: Finding the Next Generation of Science Researchers and Engineering Innovators  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2014-15  
Term: Two-year

SciEnTeK-12 Foundation board members will travel to a minimum of 60 schools in Southern Arizona where minority and female students are not participating in STEM at the same rate of success. The representatives will present to students in assemblies and classrooms, and they will also attend faculty and PTO meetings. The program will offer free, long-term support to ensure the success of underserved schools and underrepresented populations.

Career Development Grants

Name: Kaitlin Charette  
Degree and Field: B.S., Nutritional Sciences, Dietetics Option  
Institution: University of Arizona  
Location: Tucson, Arizona  
Award Year: 2013-14

Kaitlin Charette is a senior in the nutritional sciences program at the University of Arizona. After graduation, she plans to become a registered dietitian in order to provide nutritional information and resources to low-income women through the federal Women, Infants and Children program. A former international English teacher, Kaitlin looks forward to applying her global experiences to nutritional challenges in her community.
Name: Elizabeth Nelson
Degree and Field: Certificate, Global Health
Institution: Arizona State University
Location: Tempe, Arizona
Award Year: 2013-14

Elizabeth Nelson’s research at the University of Washington and Arizona State University focuses on early childhood trauma and maternal stress as predictors of developmental and physiological outcomes in high-risk populations. As a consultant for ChildFund International in M’bour, Senegal, she evaluated health education and identified ways to reduce child malnutrition. Her goal is to expand her research into the global health field.