

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

**REPORT**

**REPORT: 2011 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 2011 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

The Provost's Research Award for New Faculty 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 2011 calendar year.

The Provost and Executive Vice President has awarded a total of \$73,072 to fifteen (15) new Eastern Michigan University faculty for research and creative projects under the Provost's Research Award for New Faculty program for 2011.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of Provost's Research Awards for New Faculty will be absorbed in the 2011-2012 faculty salary budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

University Executive Officer  
Provost and Executive Vice President

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12-8-2010  
Date

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

**Provost's Research Award for New Faculty**  
**2011 Winners**

1. Howard Cass (Music & Dance and Communication, Media, & Theater Arts). "Recording of Musical Compositions Based on the Writings of Kurt Vonnegut"
2. Elizabeth Currans (Women's & Gender Studies). "Engendering Publics: Women's Demonstrations in the 21st Century U.S."
3. Jason DeMarte (Art). "Nature Preserve"
4. Xianghong Feng (Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminology). "Place, Culture, and Consumption: The McDonalidization of Tourism in Fenghuang, China"
5. Jason Ferguson (Art). "Domestic Carnival"
6. Katherine Greenwald (Biology). "A New Mode of Reproduction in Salamanders: Adaptive Benefits and Conservation Implications"
7. Rob Halpern (English Language & Literature). "Becoming a Patient of History: Poetry, Politics, and the Crisis of Agency (scholarly essays), and My Augustine (poems)"
8. Peter Higgins (History & Philosophy). "Justice and Immigrant Admissions"
9. Margaret Koopman (Biology). "Investigating the Genetic Structure of Carnivorous Pitcher Plants"
10. David Pawlowski (Physics & Astronomy). "Towards a 27 Day Prediction of Ionospheric and Thermospheric Space Weather"
11. Robert Peavler (Music & Dance). "Recording of Various 20th and 21st Century American Art Songs"
12. Megan Rickard (Health Promotion & Human Performance). "Midwest College Students' Perceptions about Individuals with Sexually Transmitted Infections"
13. Jamie Scaglione (Chemistry). "Characterization of the Pladienolide Thioesterase"
14. Nitya Singh (Political Science). "Understanding the Role of Economic Factors in the Growth of Left-Wing Extremist Movements - A Study of the Naxalite Movement in India"
15. David Wozniak (Accounting & Finance). "The Effects of Ambiguity and Information for Individual Decision Making"