Office of Research Announces Summer Grants

The Old Dominion University Office of Research has announced its 2016 intramural awards for the Summer Research Fellowship Program (SRFP). Faculty awardees will devote eight weeks to full-time research this summer.

SRFP grants provide a stipend of $6,000 and also include up to $1,000 in expenses. The purpose of the program is to nurture research and future scholarly effort primarily for junior tenure-track faculty members. Consideration is also given to more experienced investigators who are exploring new directions in research. It is expected that these awards will lead to external grants, journal publications, manuscript publication or display of artistic work.

The 2016 Awardees are:

**Sunny Alperson (Nursing);** “Find Healers Within: Teaching Mindful Self Compassion and Tai Chi to Professional Caregivers and the Impact on Behavioral Outcome of Alzheimer’s Disease Patients”

**Brandon Butler (Teaching & Learning);** “Training Teacher Support Specialists in the Work of Instructional Coaching”

**Sandeep Kumar (Civil & Environmental Engineering);** “Jet Fuel from Aqaterhmolysis of Waste Cooking Oils”

**Vanessa Panfil (Sociology & Criminal Justice);** “Places Unknown: How Urban LGBTQ Youth Navigate Risk”

**Alison Reed (English);** “Traumatic Utopias: Staging Power and Justice in Black and Afro/Latinx Queer Performance, 1955-2013”

**Ke Shi (Mathematics & Statistics);** “Multiscale Hybridization Techniques for Problems in Heterogeneous Media”

**Chuanyi Tang (Marketing);** “Uncovering the Enemy within: A Naturalistic Observation Approach to Studying the Frontline Employees' Deviant Behavior”

**Megan Thompson (Communication & Theatre Arts);** “The Power of Place”

**Pamela VanHaitsma (English);** “Pedagogical Rhetorics of Seduction Between Romantic Friends”

**Yusuke Yamani (Psychology);** “Gaze-Guided Training of Higher Cognitive Skills for Young Drivers’ Road Safety”

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