

## **Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2017-18 Recipients**

The Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship is an award for Ph.D. candidates who are in the final phases of dissertation writing. The purpose of the award is to recognize especially meritorious projects and to support their completion. Seven one-time awards of \$15,000 are granted each year on a competitive basis to the most outstanding proposals. A call for applications is announced each December. A selection committee of current faculty from across campus reviews the applications and selects recipients in the spring. All Ph.D. candidates in Norman-Campus programs who will prospectively complete their degree in the coming academic year are eligible to apply.

The recipients of the Nancy L. Mergler Fellowship for academic year 2017-18 are:

### **Yue Ban**

Yue Ban is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is titled *Biophysical mechanisms of a metabolically expensive sensory and communication signal in the weakly electric fish Eigenmannia verscens*.

### **Reinaldo Cortes-Quantip**

Reinaldo Cortes-Quantip is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is titled *Walls of words: The discourse of immigration and media coverage in the United States and Latin America*.

### **Mary Jean Gowin**

Mary Jean Gowin is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Health and Exercise Science, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is titled *An Exploration of the Use of Apps and Wearable Activity Trackers by Young Adults*.

### **Melissa S. Jones**

Melissa S. Jones is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is titled *Violence in the Lives of Women Prisoners*.

### **Jacob Lackner**

Jacob Lackner is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is titled *Violent Men and Malleable Women: Gender and Jewish Conversion to Christianity in the High Middle Ages*.

### **Shawn Patrick Lambert**

Shawn Patrick Lambert is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences. His dissertation is titled *the Use of Material Exchange in Long Distance Social Organization during the Formative Caddo Period, A.D. 850-1200*.

**Kiley E. Molinari**

Kiley E. Molinari is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences. Her dissertation is titled *Crow Media World: Exploring Community Collaboration, Digital Object Returns, and Language Revitalization in Indigenous New Media*.