

## Academic Year 2026-2027

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Caroline Cheng	Social Work	Producing eight-chapter book manuscript titled <i>“Working Across Borders: Social Work Responses to Forced Migration and Resettlement”</i> .
Dr. Jacob Daar	Psychological Science	Engage in scholarly work aimed at improving therapeutic practices used in applied behavior analysis.
Dr. Fritz Erickson	Psychology	Researching psychological implications of GLP-1s.
Dr. Matthew Frank	English	Producing a book-length hybrid work of poetry and lyric-essays. Intersection of Jewish Artists and personal ancestral history.
Dr. Brian Kakas	Art and Design	International collaborations across China, Thailand and Taiwan.
Dr. Laura Reissner	Education, Leadership, & Public Services	Research on <i>“Elevating student voices: Rethinking success and instructional practices in rural middle school special education”</i>

### Academic Year 2025-2026

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Brandon Canfield	Chemistry	Research on cannabinoid reaction kinetics, chemical composition of ghost pipe. Redesigning two educational board games and revising a laboratory teaching module.
Yan Ciupak	Sociology and Anthropology	Advancing expertise and contribution to the interdisciplinary studies of death, dying, and grief.
Mlado Ivanovic	Philosophy	Write a monograph that critically investigates present humanitarian discourse and practices.
Maggy Moore	Health and Human Performance	
Tim O'Neil	History	Curriculum development

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Antony Aumann	Philosophy	Monograph on the transformative power of art and a conference on “existential aesthetics”.
Lynn Domina	English	Writing a collection of poetry and essays exploring techniques related to environmental literature.
Thomas Isaacson	Public Relations (College of Business)	
Gabe Logan	History	Completing three peer-reviewed articles on twentieth century soccer and aspects of immigration, recreation, and labor.
Barbara Rhyneer	Music	Creating a multi-movement high-school string orchestra work.
Neil Russell	Physics	Publishing ‘Data Tables for Lorentz and CPT Symmetry’ and addressing various unresolved questions concerning potential Lorentz-symmetry violations in the natural world.
Matthew Van Grinsven	Earth, Envir. And Geo Sciences	Working on a technical report addressing organic farming management challenges.
Robert Whalen	English	Principal investigator and founding editor for

two new Herbert editions: *Complete Works and The Temple and the Countrey Parson*.

### Academic Year 2023–2024

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Tim Compton	Languages, Literatures, and International Studies	Finishing book-length manuscript “Mexico In Its Theatre.”
Dr. Patricia Killelea	English	Project: “Agate Hooves & Birch Light: Videopoetry & Poetics.”
Dr. Nelly Kupper	Languages, Literatures, and International Studies	Interdisciplinary research on mythology, neuroscience, and literature.
Prof. Christine Lenzen	Art & Design	Series of photographs expanding on “As long as I'm alive...I am living.”
Dr. Russell Prather	English	Researching VR, learning VR software, earning certifications.

### Academic Year 2022–2023

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Gabriel Brahm	English	Completing book manuscript “The New Blank Slate.”

Dr. Robert Goodrich	History	Completing manuscript on collapse of the Weimar Republic.
Dr. Brent Graves	Biology	Research on upper administration of higher education.
Dr. Marek Haltof	English	Completing two book projects on Central European cinema.
Prof. Steven Leuthold	Art & Design	Study: “Structural and Philosophical Relationships in the Art of India.”
Dr. Rachel May	English	Nonfiction book interweaving biographies of women scientists.
Prof. Monica McFawn Robinson	English	Picture book on visual disability and neurodiversity, “The Treasure Room.”
Prof. Gabrielle McNally	Art & Design	Grant writing and production of film “NOS DISPARUS.”
Dr. Jacqueline Medina	Health & Human Performance	Certifications in health/wellness; DEI program development.
Dr. Sarah Mittlefehldt	Earth, Environmental, and Geographical Studies	Two manuscripts and grant on wood energy & environmental policy.

#### Academic Year 2020–2021

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Jon Billman	English	Book-length creative nonfiction on

		disappearance of USAF jet in Lake Superior.
Dr. Sarah Jones	Philosophy	Studying Philosophy of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.
Dr. Caroline Krzakowski	English	Completing manuscript "Cultivating the Nation."
Prof. Michael Letts	Art & Design	Painting series for Duluth Art Institute exhibit.
Prof. Dale Wedig	Art & Design	Advancing skills in hand-forming copper sheet metal.
Dr. Qinghong Zhang	Mathematics & Computer Science	Research on copositive and completely positive cones.

#### Academic Year 2019–2020

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Dwight Brady	Communication & Performance Studies	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Michael Crum	College of Business	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Christi Edge	Education	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Kurt Galbreath	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Steven Hughes	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Brian Kakas	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Josh Sharp	Biology	Sabbatical project.

#### Academic Year 2018–2019

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Dr. Scott Drum	Health & Human Performance	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Keith Ellis	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Matthew Frank	English	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Jim McCommons	English	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Peter Pless	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Martin Reinhardt	Native American Studies	Sabbatical project.
Dr. William Tireman	Physics	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Bao Truong	Math & Computer Science	Sabbatical project.

#### Academic Year 2017–2018

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Antony Aumann	Philosophy	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Neil Cumberlidge	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Kia Richmond	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Jaspal Singh	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Mounia Ziat	Psychology	Sabbatical project.

#### Academic Year 2016–2017

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Zac Cogley	Philosophy	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Gabe Logan	History	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Elizabeth Monske	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Eric Ottem	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Alex Ruuska	Sociology/Anthropology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Robert Whalen	English	Sabbatical project.

### Academic Year 2015–2016

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Charles Ganzert	CAMS	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Amy Hamilton	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Lesley Larkin	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Robert Legg	EEGS	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Adam Prus	Psychology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Mac Strand	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Katherine Teeter	Biology	Sabbatical project.

### Academic Year 2014–2015

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Gabriel Brahm	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Terry Delpier	Nursing	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Mollie Freier	AIS	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Marek Haltoff	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Patricia Hogan	Health & Human Performance	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Steven Leuthold	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Judith Puncochar	Education	Sabbatical project.

### Academic Year 2013–2014

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Patricia Cianciolo	Sociology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Sarah Jones	Philosophy	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Nelly Kupper	MLL	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Michael Luokinen	Sociology	Sabbatical project.

Prof. Marcus Robyns	AIS	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Neil Russell	Physics	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Mark Shevy	CAMS	Sabbatical project.
Dr. James Strain	Music	Sabbatical project.
Dr. David Wood	English	Sabbatical project.

### Academic Year 2012–2013

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. Donna Becker	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Sheri Giordana	Nursing	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Robbie Goodrich	History	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Jeffrey Horn	Math & Computer Science	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Randall Jensen	Health & Human Performance	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Keith Kendall	History	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Stephan Larson	Art & Design	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Lesley Putman	Chemistry	Sabbatical project.

### Academic Year 2011–2012

Recipient	Department or College	Project Description
Dr. KC Holder	Education	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Mitchell Klett	Education	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Alec Lindsay	Biology	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Diane Sautter Cole	English	Sabbatical project.
Prof. Eileen Smit	Nursing	Sabbatical project.
Prof. John Smolens	English	Sabbatical project.

Prof. Cate Terwilliger	English	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Helen Wedin	Nursing	Sabbatical project.
Dr. Qinghong Zhang	Math & Computer Science	Sabbatical project.