

FORWARD announces mentor travel grant awards



Rupiper Taggart

Thirty-three women faculty have been awarded Mentor Relationship Travel Grants through the FORWARD project. These grants offset the costs of meeting with mentors from outside NDSU to build long-term professional mentoring relationships. Some grants are used to allow NDSU faculty to travel to meet with a mentor(s), and other grants are used to bring a mentor(s) to NDSU.



Urness

Amy Rupiper Taggart, associate professor of English, will use her grant to fund a visit to NDSU by Rebecca Moore Howard, professor of writing and rhetoric, Syracuse University. Howard is one of the nation's leading plagiarism and source use experts and a well established writing program administrator. Howard and Rupiper Taggart have co-written a textbook, "Research Matters," and are working on a second edition. Howard's visit will be an opportunity for the co-authors to work face-to-face on their textbook update. Howard also will give a public talk on plagiarism and source use during her visit.



Hadrich

As a result of her grant, Cindy Urness, associate professor of architecture, has invited Helene Dreiling, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and newly elected secretary of American Institute of Architects, to NDSU. Dreiling has more than 30 years of experience as a professional architect, including service as a distinguished mentor to emerging professionals. During her visit, Dreiling will talk with NDSU students and faculty in design, engineering and construction disciplines about how to knit



Offerdahl

together a career that allows for service to professions.

Joleen Hadrich, assistant professor of agribusiness and applied economics, will travel to Michigan State University to meet with her mentor, Christopher A. Wolf, professor of agricultural, food, and resource economics. Wolf and Hadrich are co-authors, and Wolf is her outside NDSU mentor. Her time at Michigan State University will be spent finalizing manuscripts for publication, designing a survey instrument for proposed agricultural air compliance regulations and preparing a research grant proposal for multi-state research regarding the impact of environmental regulations on farm management decisions and organizational structure.

Erika Offerdahl, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, will capitalize on her grant by meeting with three mentors in one location: Thomas Baldwin, dean of natural and agricultural sciences, and Miriam Ziegler, professor of biochemistry, both from the University of California-Riverside, and Mary Pat Wenderoth, a biologist from University of Washington and an established researcher in biology education. All three mentors will be in Seattle at the same time in June. Offerdahl will work with Baldwin on a series of manuscripts for publication and continue collaborative research efforts with Ziegler. Her time with Wenderoth will be devoted to the adaptation of several studies done by Wenderoth in biology education for research in biochemistry, a discipline in which no studies similar to Wenderoth's have been done.

Other recipients include Erika Berg, Kasey Murdock Carlin, Harlene Hatterman, Xinhua Jia, Jane Schuh, Senay Simsek, Kim Vonnahme and Qi Zhang from the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; Kristi Groberg, Miriam Mara, Kjersten Nelson, Verena Theile, Courtney Waid and Nan Yu from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Stevie Famulari, Joan Vorderbruggen, Yechun Wang and Catherine Wiley from the College of Engineering and Architecture; Kristen Benson, Elizabeth Erichsen, WooMi Phillips, Yeong Rhee and Sherri Stastney from the College of Human Development and Education; and Hyunsook Do, Angela Hodge, Wei Jin, Mila Kryjevskaja, Juan Li and Wendy Reed from the College of Science and Mathematics.

Dean candidates to visit campus

The schedule has been announced for campus visits by five finalists for dean of NDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Each candidate also will give a public presentation while they are on campus for interviews.

"I am delighted with the number of applicants for the position and very pleased with the strong pool we have seen in the selection process," said Kevin McCaul, search committee chair and dean of science and mathematics. He said about 50 people applied for the position.

Joao Sedycias, professor of English and Spanish at Essex County College, N.J., will visit NDSU March 30-April 2. Since 2006, he has been chair of the Division of Humanities at Essex County College, and from 2003-06, he was chair of the Department of Letters at the Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil. He will give a public presentation on Thursday, March 31, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in Beckwith Recital Hall.

Magali C. Michael, professor of English at Duquesne University, will come to campus April 4-7. She has been chair of the English department since 2007, and she was the co-director and co-founder of the Women and Gender Studies program from 2003-2007.

Thomas W. Loughlin, Distinguished Teaching Professor of Theatre and Dance at the State University of New York, Fredonia, will visit April 6-9. He is chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance and his past administrative appointments include chair of the Department of Visual Arts and New Media, director of the Media Arts Interdisciplinary Program and interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Reinhard G. Andress, professor of German at St. Louis University, is scheduled to visit April 10-13. Andress spent five years as chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and is currently associate dean for graduate affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Kent Sandstrom, professor of sociology at the University of Northern Iowa, is set to come to the NDSU campus April 13-16. Since 2006, he has been head of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology, and he is past executive officer of the Midwest Sociological Society.

The public presentations by Michael, Loughlin, Andress and Sandstrom will be scheduled at a later date.