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American Public University System Awards Faculty and Student Research Grants

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CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Mar 24, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- American Public University System (APUS) has awarded 20 research grants to faculty and students to study a wide range of subjects, from LEED Certification and Nurse Environmental Culture, to Disaster Response in General Aviation Airports. APUS also announced that the resulting presentations and publications for its 2009 faculty and student research grants have been completed. A total of 19 grants were awarded in 2009.

"Our focus on continued research supports our commitment to contribute to the body of knowledge and practice in the specific disciplines and industries of which we are a part," says APUS President and Chief Executive Officer Wallace E. Boston, Jr. "The University System fosters an environment that promotes a life of learning for its constituents and holds a strong commitment to high standards in all aspects of its educational activities."

The largest of the 2010 research grants was awarded to Kimberly Dannels-Ruff and Michelle Watts of the School of Security and Global Studies to publish an article and a proposed book on the Effects of the Panama Canal on Quality of Life.

Additional research grants were awarded to the following:

- Dr. Bob Barrett (School of Business) - Published paper on Electronic Portfolios and Course Assessment;
- Diane Barrett (School of Science and Technology) - Published paper on Virtualized Environments for the Lab;
- Dr. Rhonda Bell (School of Management) - Paper presentation of Nurse Environmental Culture and Work Spirit;
- Dr. Stanley Carpenter (School of Arts and Humanities) - Full-length monograph on British Strategic Failure, October 1781;
- Dr. Arthur Coumbe (School of Arts and Humanities) - Paper presentation on Federal Policy for Junior ROTC;

- Dr. Visty Dalal (School of Science and Technology) - Research paper on Characterization of Paleo-Geomorphological Structures;
- Wesley Holmes (School of Science and Technology) - Web site, articles, and video on LEED Certification;
- Dr. Patrick Jennings (School of Arts and Humanities) - Book-length manuscript on the West Point Class of 1967 Oral History;
- Kurt Messick (School of Arts and Humanities) - Paper presentation on Augustine Intentional Reflection and Spiritual Discernment;
- Michael Mihajlovic, PsyD (School of Arts and Humanities) - Published article on Characterization of Paleo-Geomorphological Structures;
- Michael Miner (School of Science and Technology) - Published paper on Online Resources and Teaching College Algebra;
- Mary Olea (School of Arts and Humanities) - Published paper on Russian Views of America and American Literature;
- Dr. Don Sine (School of Arts and Humanities) - Published paper on the Tet Offensive and Outcome of the Vietnam War;
- Dr. James Smith (School of Public Safety) - Paper presentation on General Aviation Airports and Disaster Response;
- William Speer (School of Arts and Humanities) - Book on Delaware Military Academy Cadets and the Civil War;
- Dr. Chapla Verma (School of Arts and Humanities) - Paper presentation on Zen Buddhism Meditation Techniques and Rituals;
- Dr. Nance Wack (School of Arts and Humanities) - Article on Julia Foote's Evangelizing;
- Dr. Sonia Weeks (School of Science and Technology) - Paper on Liberian Forest Butterflies;
- Dr. Charles White (School of Arts and Humanities) - Article on Philosophical Roots of Scharnhorst's Ideas.

The 2009 research grants were used to fund a broad range of relevant subjects, including the following studies: how the new Department of Defense instruction affects U.S. space satellite acquisitions by Dr. Brian Anderson; emergency management in Asian-Pacific countries by John Casey, III; the ability of common people to rise through the ranks of society to become leading political figures by Dr. John F. Chappo; local impacts of climate change by Kristi Drexler; the defining characteristics of Cuban culture by Dr. Andrew Feldman; and facilitating a politically feasible transition to universal healthcare in the U.S. by Thomas Kirkwood.

Other 2009 research grants were awarded to: Dr. Bruce Bayley (investigation of ethical ideologies of APUS students); Dr. Tiffany DePriter (results of feedback as related to higher achievement scores and lower feelings of student anxiety); Dr. John D. Moore (talk therapy to reduce adjustment disorder among returning service members of Middle East combat theaters); Dr. Peter Nemes (parallels of the gardening cultures of England and Japan); and Cathy Silverman (African refugees).

In addition, nine 2009 grant recipients also received grants in 2010: Visty P. Dalal; Kurt Messick; Michael D. Miner; Dr. Don T. Sine; Dr. Jim Smith; William Speer; Dr. Chapla Verma; and Michelle Watts and Kimberly Dannels-Ruff.

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