

Five UCSD Graduate Students Selected as Fulbright Grantees

International dissertation projects range from porcelain to political accountability

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One is in China studying the infectious worm campaign undertaken by Mao Zedong; another's project covers the effect of the Austrian health care system on cancer morbidity rates. They and three other University of California, San Diego students with similar challenging research studies have been selected as grantees by the Fulbright program for the 2007/2008 academic year.

The five are among 1300 students awarded travel and living expenses this year by the Fulbright program under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State.

The grantees include:

Dahpon Ho, History Department, whose project examines the Qing coastal evacuation policy of 1661-1684 as a window into the maritime history of China.

Miriam Gross, History Department, who is studying the history of public health in Communist China by looking at the anti-schistosomiasis (infectious worms) campaign undertaken by Mao Zedong. Her work will have current implications about public health campaigns since the worms are expected to resurge once the Three Gorges Dam is complete.

Ellen Huang, History Department, whose dissertation examines Sino-foreign relations through the lens of the porcelain industry in 19th century Qing China, with particular attention to changing notions of national cultures.

Romy Chung, School of Medicine, who is studying the effect of health care systems on cancer morbidity rates by doing a comparative study of patients in the U.S. and Austria. She will use her research to make a documentary to be used in clinical courses at UCSD, broadcast on UCSD TV and streamed on the School of Medicine website.

James Long, Political Science, whose dissertation on political accountability in Africa will use data and analysis from his tenure in Uganda to examine the barriers and challenges that impede elections.

In announcing the awards, Fulbright officials noted "we would like to recognize the outstanding work of your Fulbright Program Adviser, Shannon Chamberlain, whose efforts in advising students and promoting the program on your campus were very instrumental in achieving this admirable success."

UC San Diego also hosts 29 international Fulbright students who are conducting graduate study in the U.S., and five international Fulbright Scholars who are teaching, lecturing or conducting research on the campus.

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