

## 3 win Ford Foundation dissertation fellowships in ethnic studies here

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Three University of California, San Diego graduate students are among 95 scholars from throughout the United States and Canada who have been awarded dissertation fellowships in ethnic studies by the Ford Foundation.

They are: Joe Staten Bain, III, of San Diego, a Ph.D. candidate in English Literature whose research efforts are on "Chicano Life and Literature: A Study of Rural Living in Central California;" Marilyn Halpern, of La Jolla, a Ph.D. candidate in sociology whose research includes "A Comparative Study of Interaction Between Tribal People and Urban Agencies;" and Francis A. Sprout, of La Jolla, a Master of Fine Arts degree candidate in the field of studio art.

Bain and Mrs. Halpern will receive one-year grants aimed at scholars working on topics related to American minority groups. Sprout will receive a one-year grant supporting faculty members, administrators, and other members of minority groups. Sprout serves as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Visual Arts.

According to the Ford Foundation, the dissertation fellowships were granted to encourage research in the history and culture of Black Americans, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Asian Americans, and American Indians. The one-year fellowships, awarded to candidates who have completed all other degree requirements except the dissertation, average \$4,000 and cover a portion of living expenses and/or provide funds for research.

These fellowships, begun in 1970, have now assisted a total of 184 graduate degree candidates in ethnic studies.

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