# Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2018-19 Recipients

The Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship is an award for Ph.D. candidates who are in the final phases of dissertation writing. The purpose of the award is to recognize especially meritorious projects and to support their completion. Seven one-time awards of \$15,000 are granted each year on a competitive basis to the most outstanding proposals. A call for applications is announced each December. A selection committee of current faculty from across campus reviews the applications and selects recipients in the spring. All Ph.D. candidates in Norman-Campus programs who will prospectively complete their degree in the coming academic year are eligible to apply.

The recipients of the Nancy L. Mergler Fellowship for academic year 2018-19 are:

# Tracy Bark

Tracy Bark is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences. Tracy's dissertation is titled *Bureaucracies and the Supply of Information in Higher Education Policy.* 

# Ashlea Espinal

Ashlea Espinal is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Visual Arts, Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts. Ashlea's dissertation is titled *Visualizing History: Contemporary Native American Artists and the Making of "New" History.* 

## **David Hille**

David Hille is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences. David's dissertation is titled *Top-down and bottom-up anthropogenic regulation of parrot populations and conservation strategies.* 

#### **Arianne Hunter**

Arianne Hunter is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences. Arianne's dissertation is titled *Metal Carbenoid Initiated Cascade Reactions for Accessing Uncharted Regions of Chemical Space in Drug Discovery.* 

#### **Bethany Mowry**

Bethany Mowry is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences. Bethany's dissertation is titled *Relative Distances: Men and Women on the Philadelphia Waterfront*, 1770-1830.

#### **Karl Roeder**

Karl Roeder is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences. Karl's dissertation is titled *The World Below: How resources and habitat influence insect communities across space and through time.* 

# Dania Sheaib

Dania Sheaib is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences. Dania's dissertation is titled *Pattern Formation and Stability Analysis of Hydrodynamic Systems*.