

# **1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR CHARLES PHELPS TAFT MEMORIAL FUND**

This year was one of change. The Taft Fund acquired a new office and a new secretary, implemented a new program and authorized the creation of several others, revised many of the existing programs and discontinued some of them. All of these changes in the Fund, as well as the usual operations of the Taft Fund, are described in this report.

## **I. Administration and Governance**

In August of 1999, the Taft Fund moved out of the Arts & Sciences Business Office, and into its own office in 719 B Old Chemistry Building. By arrangement with the College of Arts & Sciences, the phone, computer support, initial outlay of office furniture and equipment, and copying are provided by the College, while all other office expenses are paid for by the Taft Fund.

At almost the same moment that the office opened, it had to be closed temporarily, as Martha Hart left to take a position at Raymond Walters College. After discussions with Howard Jackson, the Vice President for Research and Advanced Studies, it was agreed that the Taft secretary position would continue to be jointly funded by the Taft Fund and the Division of Research and Advanced Studies. While these arrangements were being made and the position was being advertised, we were fortunate to receive part-time assistance from two staff members. Joy Dunn (Judaic Studies) was hired on a part-time basis to staff the office, and Dorothy Young (German) helped to reduce our staffing needs by putting the Taft manual on the website. Thanks to their help, and the co-operation of all of the Taft department staffs, the operations of the Fund were able to continue uninterrupted during this period.

The position was advertised internally, and Joy Dunn, who had been working for the Judaic Studies department, was hired. Joy began in December, and the Taft office reopened at the beginning of Winter Quarter. Joy quickly familiarized herself with the many aspects of the Fund's operation, and the administration of the Fund has proceeded smoothly.

As part of the changes in the Taft Fund's operations, all of the Taft procedures, requests for proposals and application forms were moved online. As noted above, this was made possible by the efforts of Dorothy Young. This was done in part to make all of the Taft materials available after Martha Hart's departure, but also to address a persistent problem with updating and disseminating information about the Taft Fund. With the movement of all of the Taft materials to the website, the need to keep paper copies up to date is removed. Plans are in the works to add to the website, to move some of the reporting requirements online. In the future, it may be possible to move to electronic submission of applications, but there are no plans underway for such a step at the moment. The Taft website is currently being hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences web-server, and has URL <http://ucaswww.mcm.uc.edu/taft>. Regular maintenance of the

site is handled by Joy Dunn, with the assistance of the Arts & Sciences computer staff. One more administrative change is on the horizon. The Taft Fund has been offered a larger space in the Old Chemistry Building, and will soon move to 605-B Old Chemistry. All other arrangements for the Fund's operation will remain unchanged.

As will be seen in Section V, the Faculty Executive Board was presented with a very full agenda, and addressed a wide range of issues. Some were controversial, many required compromise and flexibility, all involved careful attention from the Board. The members of the Board are to be commended for not shying away from difficult decisions, and for addressing all of the issues presented to them in a professional and collegial manner. Particularly noteworthy was the decision to return a portion of the 2000-01 budget to the Trustees to reinvest in the Fund's principal. Thanks to restructuring in the administration of the Fund, the Trustees were able to offer the Faculty Executive Board with an unexpectedly large increase for 2000-01. This presented the Faculty Board with two temptations: to spend all of the increase made available to it; and to reject any suggestion to discontinue programs. The Board resisted both temptations, voting to end funding for several programs (see Section V) and voting to return approximately half of the increase to the Trustees for reinvestment. This will both give the Board greater flexibility in the short-term, and increase the Fund in the long-term.

## II. Student Programs (39.0% of the Fund)

### A. Graduate Fellowship Committee (35.2% of the Fund)

The Taft Committee on Graduate Fellowships for the academic year 1999-2000 consisted of Sara Friedrichmeyer (German), Richard Harknett (Political Science), Victor Kaftal (Mathematics), Carl Mills (English) and Debashis Pal (Economics). Debashis Pal served as the chair. As a part of its normal responsibilities, the committee reviewed applications and made recommendations for Taft Graduate Fellowship Awards and the Taft Graduate Travel Awards. The lists of Graduate Fellowships recipients and Graduate Travel Awards recipients for the academic year 1999 – 2000 are given in Appendix B. The distribution of awards for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as follows:

Awards By Department	1999-2000		2000-2001		Adv. Beg. Adv.
	Beg.	Adv.	Beg.	Adv.	
Anthropology					1 1 1 0
Economics	0	1	0	2	
English					1

			4
		2	
German		2	0
			1
			0
History			2
	4		
	3		
	2		
	3		
Mathematics			0
			3
			0
Philosophy			3
			0
			0
			0
Political Science			0
	0		
	1		
	1		
	1		
Romance Languages			0
	0		
	2		
	0		
	2		
Sociology			0
			1
			0
			1

This table shows that some Taft departments continue to receive more fellowships than others. As is traditional, English and History continue to have the largest number of fellows overall.

### **Travel Grants**

This was the third year for the new Taft Graduate Travel Awards. A significant number of students took advantage of this program and presented their papers at conferences. As of June 29, 2000, 28 students received the travel award. The average grant was \$401.44. The total

amount spent was \$11240.27. The complete list of travel awards is given in Appendix B.

### **Changes and Current Projects for the Committee**

Regarding the Graduate Fellowships, the committee made the following recommendation for a modification. The committee recommended that the recipients of Advanced Departmental Fellowships may elect to receive their \$3000 summer stipend in either the summer preceding or following the fellowship year. Earlier the recipients could receive the fellowship only in the summer preceding the fellowship year. This recommendation was prompted by the fact that last year several students requested permission to defer the summer stipend to the summer after the fellowship year. The Taft Faculty Board subsequently approved the recommendation.

The committee also made several suggestions regarding the proposed replacement of the Taft Beginning Fellowships by the Graduate Enrichment Awards. The suggestions were reflected in the guidelines for the Graduate Enrichment Award, which was subsequently approved by the Taft Faculty Board. Those changes are addressed in Section V.

Apart from the larger changes discussed in Section V, the committee considered some issues involving the Advanced Graduate Fellowships. This year, the committee strictly followed the guidelines and attached a priority on the students who have already passed their Ph.D. comprehensive examinations. It has been pointed out to the committee, however, that the purpose of the award may be better served by placing equal priority on the students who are expected to pass their Ph.D. comprehensive examinations before the award actually begins. The committee suggests that the next year's committee investigate the issue and if necessary, make recommendations regarding how the guidelines need to be changed. Also, the committee felt that a prior recipient of the Taft Graduate Fellowship should report his/her progress during the fellowship year in his/her future application for the fellowship. (Current guidelines do not require the students to do so.) This will provide the committee an opportunity to know how a fellowship recipient has utilized the time that is made available by the fellowship before considering the same student again for a future Taft fellowship. Regarding Taft Graduate Travel Grant, it has been suggested that the grant application should require the signature of the Graduate Program Director or the Department Head. The current application form does require such a signature.

## **B. Undergraduate Awards Committee (3.8% of the Fund)**

Where as there were three parts to the committee's work last year (the Enrichment Award, the Fellowship Awards and program assessment), this year we dealt solely with Enrichment Awards. The complete list of Enrichment Awards is given in Appendix C. The Undergraduate Awards Committee consisted of Professors Lisa Cubbins (Sociology), Katharina Gerstenberger (German), John McEvoy (Philosophy), Joel Wolfe (Political Science) and Bingyu Zhang (Mathematics). The committee was chaired by Joel Wolfe. All were involved and supportive.

- Enrichment Awards: There was strong interest in the Enrichment Awards in 1999-2000. There were 18 applications and 14 different students making applications. This occurred because some students were asked to reapply during the next quarter in order to complete their applications or gain the requisites for receiving the award. Ten awards were made, two in the Fall, three in the Winter, and five in the Spring. Four students were denied awards. Two who were deferred and asked to reapply received an award the following quarter. These awards are, in short, in demand and competitive.
- In analyzing the awards this year, the committee pointed out several issues that ought to be noted:
  1. Publicize the Enrichment Awards more widely. This would make them more competitive.
  2. Continue to monitor the way the students spend the money.
  3. Introduce a question on the application asking the student if they have received or have applied for other sources of support.
  4. Find a way to get the students to be more competent in completing the applications as specified. The behavior of the students this year in this regard was disappointing to all members of the committee. In particular, some students are applying without having completed 15 credits of upper division work. Perhaps, the criterion here should be 12 credits.

As part of the overall restructuring of the Taft Fund, the Faculty Executive Board voted to discontinue the Undergraduate Fellowships. Consequently, no applications were solicited and no awards were made for the 2000-01 academic year. This decision will be discussed in Section V.

## **III. Faculty Awards (25.8% of the Fund)**

### **A. Grants in Aid (24.9% of the Fund)**

The committee consisted of: Tim Hodges (Mathematics, chair); Marcia Bellas (Sociology); Jeff Mills (Economics); Jill Rubenstein (English); Willard Sunderland (History). A complete listing of the awards made by the committee can be found in Appendix D.

## **Competitive Faculty Fellowships**

Competitive Faculty Fellowships are grants enabling a faculty member to be released from teaching for one quarter in order to pursue a specific project. It is expected that applicants will have obtained at least one additional quarter of additional release time (generally in the form of academic or professional leave). This year applications were strong but not that numerous, possibly because of the difficulty of obtaining the additional release time. Five awards were made to: Marcia Bellas (Sociology), Katharina Gerstenberger (German), John McEvoy (Philosophy), Barbara Ramusack (History) and Hilda Smith (History). A new method of funding was introduced this year for these awards. Instead of the faculty members being on leave with Taft paying their salary for that quarter, they will be assigned zero teaching duties by their department and Taft will pay the department \$8,000 to cover their replacement.

Since she was an applicant for one of these fellowships, Marcia Bellas was recused and her place taken by her David Maume (Sociology) during consideration of these fellowships.

## **Summer Research Fellowships**

Twelve Summer Research Fellowships of \$5,350 were awarded. Applications again well outnumbered the number of fellowships available and the committee was obliged to make some difficult decisions. A certain priority was given to junior members of faculty from whom there were many strong proposals. This meant that the committee was at first unable to fund as many of the proposals from senior faculty as they would have liked. Fortunately, two of the awardees later received other grants (from the NSF and the URC) and their fellowships were offered to the first two alternates.

## **Research Grants for Travel**

Research Grants for Travel are grants made to cover expenses for faculty who are obliged to travel in order to conduct their research. They are limited to \$3,500 in any 24-month period. This year seven grants were awarded. Approximately half of these covered expenses for faculty members traveling during their sabbatical leave; the remainder supported faculty making shorter trips.

## **Grants for Travel to Academic Meetings outside the United States**

Taft provides support for faculty members who are invited to make presentations at international academic meetings. These grants are particularly valuable to our faculty, enabling them to publicize around the world the high quality of research being done at the University of Cincinnati, while at the same time making useful contacts with their international colleagues. Fortunately the committee was able to fund the majority of requests, making 31 awards at an average of approximately \$1,300 per request.

## **Grants for Travel to Academic Meetings inside the United States**

The Taft Fund recently began a pilot program to help pay travel expenses for faculty members invited to make presentations at academic meetings within the United States. Currently such funds are limited to the costs of travel only (generally airline tickets or driving expenses), with the assumption that departments will help out whenever possible with additional accommodation expenses. This program has been extremely successful and again many applications were received of which, the great majority were funded. In all, 36 awards were made at an average of approximately \$300 per award.

### **Issues Raised**

A number of issues arose during the year, not all of which were completely answered. In the past, it has been understood that emeritus faculty could apply to the Taft Fund for travel grants, but few emeriti have done so. Faculty demographics suggest that there will be an increasing number of emeritus faculty, who will be retiring earlier and remaining more active in their research. This was the appropriate moment to develop a clear policy to deal with the expected increase in travel grant applications from emeritus faculty. The Board adopted a statement that emeritus faculty who are active in the University community are eligible for Taft conference travel grants, but may receive lower priority from the Grants in Aid committee.

Similar issues were raised, but not resolved, concerning eligibility of adjunct faculty. The other remaining issue is that of the "Saturday night stay." If a faculty member can save money on his/her airfare by staying an extra night should he/she be given money to offset the additional accommodation cost? This is particularly important for domestic travel where current regulations prohibit use of funds to cover accommodation, even if this would result in a lower net cost.

### **B. Publications (0.9% of the Fund)**

In the academic year 1999-2000, the committee disbursed \$6,000 out of its \$8,000 budget. Both awards were made to Assistant Professors, both were in the History department. The committee's awards were:

Geoffrey Plank, Department of History

\$3,000 to the University of Pennsylvania Press for *The Culture of Conquest: British, Mi'kmaq and Acadians in Nova Scotia, 1690-1755*.

Man Bun Kwan, Department of History

\$3,000 to the University of Hawaii Press for *The Salt Merchants of Tianjin: State, Society, and Economy in Late Imperial China*.

This fund continues to play an important role in the scholarly careers of some of the faculty in Taft departments. Without it, it is difficult to say where such funds would come from.

#### **IV. Departmental and Interdisciplinary Programs (32.5% of the Fund)**

##### **A. Postdoctoral Fellowships Committee (8.3% of the Fund)**

The Charles Phelps Taft Postdoctoral Fellowships Program at the University of Cincinnati is intended to give recent Ph.D. recipients who demonstrate unusual scholarly ability the opportunity to enhance their education through additional study and research. The 1999-2000 Postdoctoral Fellowships Committee consisted of Steven Carlton-Ford (Sociology), David Herron (Mathematics), Michael Margolis (Political Science), Geoffrey Plank (History), and Ted Morris (Philosophy; Committee Chair).

The program is advertised in professional journals and in the publications of learned societies in the ten fields encompassed by the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Fund. In previous years, the program has usually attracted applications from nearly 300 candidates. In the last few years, these numbers have been declining, and this year only about 60 applications were received – the lowest number in many years. Equally alarming, Sociology and Economics received no applications. While fewer applications have been received, the quality of the applications remains high.

The 1999-2000 Postdoctoral Fellows were Yaël Simpson Fletcher (History) and William A. Parkinson (Anthropology). Both were new Ph.D.'s, Dr. Fletcher coming from Emory University and Dr. Parkinson from the University of Michigan. Upon completion of their fellowships, Dr. Fletcher went to the University of the South as a Visiting Assistant Professor and Dr. Parkinson took a postdoctoral position at Ohio State University.

The Committee received 18 files of finalists for 2000-2001 from eight Taft Departments. The Committee was impressed with the overall quality of the finalists, and quickly reached a clear consensus about the top two candidates:

**Michael Dahan** (Political Science)

Ph.D. expected May 2000, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Research Project: *Computer mediated communication in the strengthening of civil society*

**David Sobel** (Philosophy)

Ph.D. May 1997, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Research Project: *Well-being, reasons and morality*

Both accepted the offers extended to them.

##### **B. Conferences and Lectures Committee (6.6% of the Fund)**

The committee consisted of Donald French (Mathematics), Jon Kamholtz (English), Christine Kelton (Economics), Vernon Scarborough (Anthropology) and Connie Scarborough (Romance Languages). Connie Scarborough chaired the committee during the Autumn and Winter quarters, and Jon Kamholtz chaired the committee in the Spring. The Chair responded to requests for interdisciplinary lectures, oversaw the general expenditures for the allocated departmental lectures, and reviewed applications for conferences.

## **Lectures**

The committee approved 17 departmental and 10 interdisciplinary lectures, all of which were of high quality. The complete list of lectures is found in Appendix E. These lectures were well spaced throughout the year, though the natural aversion to travel in winter tended to concentrate most of the lectures in the Autumn and Spring quarters. All lectures were listed on the Taft website, making it easier for organizers to see what dates were available and avoid scheduling conflicts.

## **Conferences**

During 1999-2000, the Taft Fund supported four conferences:

- *Intersections: Multi-Ethnic Literatures at the Century's End* - A Conference for Graduate Students in Literature was sponsored by graduate students in English (October 1999). The proposal was awarded \$2,200.
- *Twenty-first Midwest Probability Colloquium* was sponsored by the Department of Mathematical Sciences (October 1999). The Taft award of \$3,700 was used to supplement a grant from the National Science Foundation.
- *Metaphysics into Science*, held in April, 2000, was sponsored by the History Department, and co-sponsored by Miami University. The proposal was awarded \$10,000, and received \$8,000 from Miami University.
- *Jahrhundertwerden*, held in April, 2000, was sponsored by the Department of Germanic Literature and Languages, and co-sponsored by the Max Kade Foundation. This centennial conference of the German department was supported by \$10,000 from the Chair's Contingency Fund and \$10,000 from the Kade Foundation.

It should be noted that there was a substantial amount of leveraging of funds in these conferences. All of the faculty-organized conferences had external support. For the three faculty conferences combined, the \$23,700 provided by Taft helped attract \$22,357 in external support.

The committee also approved two conferences:

- *Cross-National History and European History* (April, 2001) was sponsored by the History Department, and co-sponsored by German Historical Institute, Washington DC. The proposal was awarded \$10,000, which will supplement a \$6,000 award from the German Historical Institute.
- *Midwest Dynamical Systems Seminar Anniversary Conference* (September, 2000) was sponsored by the Department of Mathematical Sciences, and co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The proposal was awarded \$6,000, which will supplement a \$13,000 award from NSF.

### **C. Library Committee (16.2% of the Fund)**

The membership of the Taft Library Committee consisted of Dan Gottlieb (Head of Acquisitions and Accounting, Langsam Library), Charles Groetsch (Mathematical Sciences), Man Bun Kwan (History), Edgar Slotkin (English), Sourushe Zandvakili (Economics) and was chaired by Lynne Schepartz (Anthropology).

#### **Current and Evolving Issues**

Early in the academic year, the committee met to discuss the criteria used to evaluate the proposals for Special Request purchases. The committee drafted four recommendations for revising the guidelines:

1. Proposals involving large collections that can be made as multiple year installment purchases will be evaluated as entire collections. If the decision is made to purchase the collection, then funding of the subsequent installments will be supported in future years. This change is to avoid partial purchases that result in incomplete or non-functioning sets that have inadequate cataloging or indexing.
2. Applicants requesting materials for specific research ventures should provide the Committee with information about the intended use of the material in a specific research project or documentation of its use at another location in past scholarship endeavors. Such applications would be greatly enhanced if a C.V. that indicates scholarship interests, publications and awards that pertain to the proposed purchase is included with the proposal.

Applicants requesting materials as general reference and research resources should provide information about the potential uses of the materials in the applicant's discipline and related Taft disciplines. The application should be supported by a letter from a library bibliographer.

All applicants should provide documentation that the library does not currently own the material in any format, including Web or Ohiolink access; or document that the proposed format will greatly enhance their ability to use the materials.

3. The May 1 deadline is eliminated. There are consequently three deadlines per calendar year.
4. The existing selection criterion #4, specifying that proposals for purchases similar to those proposed within the last three years be considered differently, is eliminated.

These revisions were approved by the Taft Board in the March meeting. The new guidelines and a revised application sheet will be implemented in Fall 2000.

### **Departmental Allocations**

Following the usual procedures, the funds for purchases under \$1,000 (totaling \$75,000) were evenly divided between the ten Taft Departments.

### **Funds for Purchases Over \$1,000**

The Committee received 7 requests from faculty members and/or reference librarians in History (4), Romance Languages (1), and German (2). Some of these proposals consisted of multi-component requests that were given separate consideration. Four purchases were approved. One proposal was withdrawn when the applicant learned that the materials were available locally. The list of purchased materials is found in Appendix F. The committee's total expenditures were \$61,721.40.

### **D. Major Awards Committee (1.4% of the Fund)**

The Major Awards Committee was created by the Faculty Executive Board during the 1998-99 academic year, and began its first year of operations in 1999-2000. The committee consisted of Roger Daniels (History), William Feinberg (Sociology), Barry Isaac (Anthropology), Edgar Slotkin (English) and was chaired by Chris McCord (Mathematics). Patricia O'Connor (Romance Languages) had originally agreed to serve on the committee, but her travel plans did not allow her to participate in the Committee's discussions, and Edgar Slotkin agreed to substitute for her. The committee had two responsibilities this year: to select the first Departmental Enhancement Award, and to select a replacement for the Taft Professorship vacated by Patricia O'Connor on her retirement. The committee is also charged with awarding the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, but the Faculty Executive Board elected not to fund the award for 2000-01, so no applications were solicited.

The committee received five applications for the Departmental Enhancement Awards:

- *American Analysis Alliance*, submitted by Mathematical Sciences.

- *Center for Contemporary Literature and Culture*, submitted by English & Comparative Literature.
- *Comparative History in a Global Perspective*, submitted by History.
- *Europe Old and New*, an interdisciplinary proposal submitted by Germanic Languages & Literature on behalf of itself, History and Romance Languages & Literature.
- *Investing in Work and Family Scholarship at U.C.*, submitted by Sociology.

The committee recommended a four-year, \$150,000 award be made to *Europe Old and New*. This recommendation was approved by the Faculty Executive Board. *Europe Old and New* will allow the three departments involved to develop a truly interdisciplinary approach to graduate education, bringing together faculty and graduate students from all three departments (with the possibility of expanding to include other departments in the future). The Taft funding of this project will facilitate the creation of a new approach to graduate education in these departments, one which allow the departments to remain competitive nationally in graduate education.

The committee received four nominations for the Taft Professorship. After an initial screening by the Committee, external letters were requested for three of the candidates. From these, the committee recommended Barbara Ramusack (History) for the Taft Professorship. This recommendation was approved by the Taft Faculty Executive Board and the University Board of Regents. Barbara has made substantial contributions to the history profession, both through her scholarship and her professional activities. Her scholarship on the princes of India and gender in South Asia have won the highest praise from her colleagues around the world. A recurring theme among the letters of recommendation was Barbara's ability to combine exemplary research and scholarship with exemplary contributions to her profession.

As with any new award category, questions about the award process for the Departmental Enhancement Award arose and will need to be clarified. Among these are:

- When a recommendation is sent from the committee to the Faculty Board, how much (and what) information should be provided by the committee to support its recommendation?
- When weighing the impact that a funding proposal might have on a department, how does the committee ensure that the size of the department doesn't unduly influence the evaluation?
- What is the relative importance of the various award criteria? In particular, how should the criteria that call for benefits to the departments on the one hand, and increased resources for the departments on the other, be balanced?

## **V. Changes in the Taft Fund**

During the 1998-99 academic year, an internal review of all of the Taft Fund programs was

initiated.

This review was completed by the Planning Committee during the summer of 1999, with the results communicated to the Faculty Executive Board and the Board of Trustees in the Fall of 1999. The review's conclusions are attached as Appendix LAST. The recommendations included in that review formed the basis for the proposals submitted by the Planning Committee to the Faculty Executive Board this year. These included proposals to create two new programs (Graduate Enhancement Fellowships and Graduate Enrichment Awards), modify three existing programs (revise the Cost Sharing Program, Competitive Faculty Fellowships and Advanced Graduate Fellowships, and convert the Interdisciplinary Lectures to a Competitive Lecture Fund), and discontinue two programs (Undergraduate Fellowships and Beginning Graduate Fellowships)

Perhaps the most substantial changes were to Taft's support of graduate education. The review indicated that Taft departments are struggling to maintain high quality graduate programs (with the doctoral programs particularly challenged) and that the Taft Fund plays a vital role in supporting those programs. To refocus that support where it is most needed, a variety of changes were made in the Taft student programs.

1. The Advanced Graduate Fellowships were restricted to doctoral students, and the Beginning Fellowships were discontinued. While the importance of Masters' programs was recognized, the sense was that it was not the best use of resources to make awards of \$12,000 to \$15,000 with no duties to students pursuing a Master's degree. Further, both anecdotal evidence and the data on graduation rates suggested that the Beginning Fellowships were not having a strong positive impact on the doctoral programs.
2. With the funds thus saved, a new program for recruiting and retaining graduate students was created, the Graduate Enhancement Fellowships. This program will make funds available to the Taft departments to award to graduate students, either to supplement graduate assistantships or to provide fellowships. These awards may be made to either new or returning students. While some minimum award levels were set, to insure that the program's results were not diluted by being spread too wide, departments are encouraged to develop their own strategies for awarding the funds, and to use the Fellowships in whatever way best promotes their graduate program.

While there was general agreement on the rules for usage of the Graduate Enhancement Fellowships, the rules for allocating the funds to the department were more controversial. In the end, it was agreed to allocate funds to departments based on their graduate student graduation rates (taking the average over the past five years, with doctoral students weighted three times as much as master's students). This basic formula was modified in some ways to safeguard the interests of all departments: each department must receive a minimum award of 2.5% of the Fellowship budget; departments without a doctoral program receive an additional \$6,000; and for the first three years of the program, the distribution of the Beginning Fellowships will also be factored in to the allocation formula.

3. Modeled on the Undergraduate Enrichment Awards, a Graduate Enrichment Award program has been created. This program will allow graduate students to apply for up to \$2,500 every 24 months for research projects that will advance their degree program.
4. To fund the Graduate Enrichment Awards, the Undergraduate Fellowships were discontinued. The decision to discontinue these fellowships was not meant to denigrate the importance of undergraduate education, but rather was a recognition that there are many sources of undergraduate scholarships within the University, but no other sources for programs like the Graduate Enrichment Awards.
5. With the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Fellowships, the Undergraduate Awards committee was left with only one program to supervise, the Undergraduate Enrichment Awards. At the same time, the Graduate Fellowships committee had also acquired responsibility for an enrichment program. It was decided therefore to merge the Graduate and Undergraduate committees, and create a single Student Awards committee, with responsibility for all of the Taft programs for students.

In addition to the clarification of the policy on travel grants for emeriti, two changes were made in the faculty programs administered by the Grants in Aid committee. While not as sweeping as the changes to the student programs, these changes are also intended to use the Taft Fund in ways that will bring the greatest benefits to the Taft departments. First, the funding structure of the Competitive Faculty Fellowships was changed. Previously, the Taft Fund paid one quarter's salary of the faculty member receiving the award. This released their normal salary for a quarter, which reverted back to the College of Arts & Sciences. It then fell on the department to negotiate with the college for the return of that money to the department. This resulted in a very unsatisfactory situation, which we have attempted to remedy by a new funding formula. The new formula allocates \$8,000 directly from the Taft Fund to the department releasing the faculty member.

In recent years, the University has put an increasing emphasis on external funding. For a variety of reasons, this has been difficult for the humanities and social science departments. In an attempt to give the Taft departments a tool for pursuing external funding, the Cost Sharing

program was revised and expanded. The procedures for matching funds for external grants were clarified, and an award category for proposal preparation was created. Matching funds of up to \$10,000 may be requested for external grants, either as part of the external application, or as a supplement to an external award. Up to five awards of \$5,000 for release time for proposal preparation will be available.

Finally, revisions were also made in Taft funding for lectures. The review clearly demonstrated that the conference and lecture funds are greatly valued by the Taft faculty. But at the same time, two shortcomings with the program were also recognized. On the one hand, the existing Interdisciplinary Lectures have rarely been truly interdisciplinary. It has been commonplace for departments to use the Interdisciplinary Lecture fund to invite what are essentially departmental speakers, with other departments agreeing to co-sign the application. On the other hand, with Interdisciplinary Lectures capped at \$1,000 and departmental allocations at \$3,000, it is difficult for departments to attract more expensive speakers. While the most expensive speakers are not necessarily the best, it would be helpful if departments had some mechanism to pursue more expensive speakers. Therefore, the Interdisciplinary Speakers fund was replaced by a Competitive Lecture Fund. This fund (set at \$20,000 for 2000-01) will allow departments to apply for up to \$10,000 for a speaker. Priority will go to interdisciplinary speakers and departmental speakers costing more than \$3,000. Departments will be required to use their departmental allocation before (or along with) the Competitive Fund.

All of these changes, together with the Departmental Enhancement Awards created in 1998-99, together represent a significant reallocation of the Taft Fund's resources. In the coming years, these programs will have to be calibrated and monitored to ensure that the Taft departments do indeed receive the greatest possible benefit from the Fund. At the same time, there are a few areas remaining in which the review document called for action. The Postdoctoral Fellowship program was identified in the review as the funding category with perhaps the least benefit to the Taft departments for the money spent on the program. The challenge facing us is to either reconfigure the program to make it more beneficial, or discontinue it.

## **VI. Conclusion**

While this report has detailed the changes made in the Taft Fund, it is important not to lose sight of the fundamental continuity of the Fund's operations. The Fund continues to provide a variety and level of support for the Humanities at the University of Cincinnati that is virtually unique. It continues to work within its budget, striving to use that budget to the best advantage. It continues to be a vital element in maintaining the research and scholarly activities of the Taft departments. Unfortunately, it continues to be needed to alleviate the strains placed on the Taft departments by institutional funding priorities. With the changes made this year, we hope to move the Fund into a more proactive mode, to attract support to the Taft departments, rather than compensating for lost support. The coming years will show whether or not the changes have had this desired effect.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McCord, Chair  
Taft Faculty Executive Board

**TAFT MEMORIAL FUND BUDGET FOR 1999-2000**  
**(N754 030 3350 3453)**  
**(Budget for 1998-1999 for informational purposes)**

	<b>1998-1999 Budgeted</b>	<b>1999-2000 Budgeted</b>	<b>1999-2000 Spent</b>
<b><i>Students - 39% for 1999-2000</i></b>			
<u>Graduate Fellowships - 35%</u>			
10 Advanced Dept. Competitive Fellowships @ \$12,000	120,000.00	120,000.00	108,000.00
Summer Support - 10 @ \$3,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	27,000.00
6 Advanced Competitive Fellowships @ \$12,000	72,000.00	72,000.00	96,000.00
7 Beginning Competitive Fellowships @ \$12,000	84,000.00	84,000.00	72,000.00
Graduate Student Travel	20,000.00	20,000.00	11,240.00
<b>total</b>	<b>326,000.00</b>	<b>326,000.00</b>	<b>314,240.00</b>
<u>Undergraduate Fellowships - 4%</u>			
8 Competitive Fellowships @ \$2,500 (9 @ \$2000 98-99)	18,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Enrichment Awards (Max. of \$2000 ea.)	14,600.00	15,000.00	15,512.98
<b>total</b>	<b>32,600.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>35,512.98</b>
<b><i>Faculty - 27.5% for 1999-2000</i></b>			
<u>Grants-In-Aid - 25.3%</u>			
12 Research Grants @ \$5350 (12 @ \$5250/98-99)	63,000.00	64,200.00	64,200.00
6 Research Supplements	10,500.00	10,500.00	7,800.00
Competitive Faculty Fellowships @ 1/3 of salary up to \$25,000	84,000.00	85,700.00	83,398.32
CFF Supplements	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Travel to Present Papers Abroad or for Research	39,100.00	40,000.00	63,025.62
Cost Sharing	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fringe Benefits for Research Grants (Student Rate 5.5%)	5,000.00	9,000.00	9,743.50
Travel to Present Papers at Conferences - Continental U.S.	17,000.00	17,000.00	10,679.70
<b>total</b>	<b>226,100.00</b>	<b>233,900.00</b>	<b>250,347.14</b>
<u>Publications</u> - .9%	<b>total</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<u>Taft Professors</u> - .5%	<b>total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<u>Distinguished Taft Awards</u> - .8%	<b>total</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b><i>Departmental and Interdisciplinary Programs - 31.1% for 1999-2000</i></b>			
<u>Postdoctoral Fellows - 8.3%</u>			
2 Postdoctoral Fellowships @ \$30,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Family health insurance:			
single \$1,868/ indiv. + 1 \$3,736	4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00
Moving Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	533.76
Research Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,160.68



**GRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS  
1999-2000**

***English and Comparative Literature***

Will Clemens	Kentucky	\$236.00
Kristin Czarniecki	Wisconsin	\$500.00
Gary Fleising	Atlanta	\$475.00
Scott Hermanson	New York	\$249.00
Ann McClellan	New York	\$395.00
Brett McInelly	Baltimore	\$395.00
Jeff Miller	New York	\$284.00
Drew Patrick Shannon	Wisconsin	\$500.00
Juliana Vice	Tennessee	\$500.00

***Germanic Languages and Literatures***

David Prickett-Barnes	Germany	\$500.00
Britta Kallin	Chicago	\$500.00

***History***

Sanjam Ahluwalia	London	\$500.00
Natasha Margulis	Serbia	\$500.00

***Philosophy***

Arthur Morton	Atlanta	\$500.00
Catherine Sherron	Canada	\$ 78.00
Angela Yesh	New York	\$500.00

***Romance Languages and Literatures***

Jeanne Delarquier	Oregon	\$370.00
Marco Guillen	Costa Rica	\$500.00
Meredith Hartman	San Juan	\$500.00
Marimar Huguet-Jerez	Atlanta	\$455.64
Lydia Rodriguez	Tennessee	\$247.44
Ana Yanez	Atlanta	\$454.50

***Sociology***

Jennifer Gossett	Toronto	\$388.00
Magdalena Szaflarski	California	\$500.00

**UNDERGRADUATE COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS  
1999-2000**

Shannon Carter	Germanic Languages and Literatures
Benjamin Cornwell	Sociology
Anthony Fribourg	Political Science
Alexander Gose	Mathematical Sciences
Bryan Martin	Romance Languages and Literatures
David Nufrio	Political Sciences
Christopher Roos	Anthropology
Elizabeth Royalty	Anthropology

**UNDERGRADUATE ENRICHMENT AWARDS  
1999-2000**

Shannon Carter	Germanic Languages and Literatures
Sara Covert	Romance Languages and Literatures
Ede Gurry	Romance Languages and Literatures
Lisa Kathumbi	Political Science
Bryan Martin	Romance Languages and Literatures
David McGinnis	Anthropology
David Nufrio	Political Science
Carla Perrotta	English and Comparative Literatures
Heather Pospisil	Economics
Matt Tribbe	History
Patrick Uphus	Anthropology

**TAFT GRANTS-IN-AID  
1999-2000**

**HUMANITIES**

**ENGLISH (36 FACULTY) - 7 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,623.04**

**Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Jill Rubenstein	Requested	\$1560.00	Awarded	\$ 475.00
Lucille Schultz	Requested	\$1662.34	Awarded	\$1662.34

Domestic Travel Grant

Stan Corkin	Requested	\$ 300.00	Awarded	\$ 300.00
Arlene Elder	Requested	\$ 796.70	Awarded	\$ 206.70
Lucille Schultz	Requested	\$ 279.00	Awarded	\$ 279.00

**Research Grant**

Stan Corkin	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Andrew Hudgins	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00

**GERMANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (10 FACULTY) - 6 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$18,365.82**

**Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Katharina Gerstenberger	Requested	\$1208.82	Awarded	\$1208.82
Manfred Zimmerman	Requested	\$1557.00	Awarded	\$1557.00

**Competitive Grant**

Katharina Gerstenberger	Requested	\$8,000.00	Awarded	\$8,000.00
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**Competitive Research Supplement**

Katharina Gerstenberger	Requested	\$ 750.00	Awarded	\$ 750.00
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**Research Grant**

Klaus Mladek	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
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**Research Supplement**

Klaus Mladek	Requested	\$1500.00	Awarded	\$1500.00
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**HISTORY (20 FACULTY) – 23 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$54,021.85**

**Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Geoffrey Plank	Requested	\$ 546.00	Awarded	\$ 546.00
Thomas Sakmyster	Requested	\$2013.00	Awarded	\$2013.00
Hilda Smith	Requested	\$1207.00	Awarded	\$1207.00
Willard Sunderland	Requested	\$2195.00	Awarded	\$2195.00
Ann Twinam	Requested	\$ 856.90	Awarded	\$ 656.90

**Competitive Faculty Fellowship**

Barbara Ramusack			Awarded	\$8000.00
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**Competitive Research Supplement**

Barbara Ramusack	Requested	\$2000.00	Awarded	\$2000.00
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**Cost-Sharing**

Willard Sunderland	Requested	\$7500.00	Awarded	\$7500.00
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**Domestic Travel Grant**

Elizabeth Frierson	Requested	\$ 176.60	Awarded	\$ 176.60
Joan Marie Johnson	Requested	\$ 302.00	Awarded	\$ 302.00
Christopher Phillips	Requested	\$ 500.00	Awarded	\$ 500.00
Barbara Ramusack	Requested	\$ 469.00	Awarded	\$ 469.00
Mona Siegel	Requested	\$ 479.00	Awarded	\$ 479.00
Hilda Smith	Requested	\$ 430.00	Awarded	\$ 430.00
Ann Twinam	Requested	\$ 365.00	Awarded	\$ 365.35

**Research Grant**

Elizabeth Frierson	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Wayne Durrill	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Sigrun Haude	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Christopher Phillips	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00

**Research Supplement**

Sigrun Haude	Requested	\$1500.00	Awarded	\$1500.00
Christopher Phillips	Requested	\$1500.00	Awarded	\$1500.00

**Travel Grant for Research**

Thomas Sakmyster	Requested	\$1082.00	Awarded	\$1082.00
Willard Sunderland	Requested	\$1700.00	Awarded	\$1700.00

**PHILOSOPHY (10 FACULTY) – 6 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,465.00****Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Jennifer Robinson	Requested	\$1200.00	Awarded	\$1200.00
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**Competitive Faculty Fellowship**

John McEvoy			Awarded	\$8000.00
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**Domestic Travel Grant**

Kate Abramson	Requested	\$ 500.00	Awarded	\$ 400.00
Christopher Gauker	Requested	\$ 500.00	Awarded	\$ 317.00
Lawrence Jost	Requested	\$ 753.00	Awarded	\$ 328.00
Robert Richardson	Requested	\$ 220.00	Awarded	\$ 220.00

**ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (17 FACULTY) – 16 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$28,549.11****Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Carlos Gutierrez	Requested	\$ 906.00	Awarded	\$ 906.00
James Hamilton	Requested	\$1779.56	Awarded	\$1779.56
Kirsten Nigro	Requested	\$1475.00	Awarded	\$1475.00

**Competitive Faculty Fellowship**

Michele Vialet			Awarded	\$8000.00
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**Competitive Research Supplement**

Michele Vialet	Requested	\$2000.00	Awarded	\$2000.00
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**Domestic Travel Grant**

Susan Bacon	Requested	\$ 380.00	Awarded	\$ 380.00
Enrique Giodano	Requested	\$ 500.00	Awarded	\$ 307.00
Carlos Gutierrez	Requested	\$ 235.46	Awarded	\$ 235.46
Kathryn Lorenz	Requested	\$ 266.50	Awarded	\$ 266.50
Jeff Loveland	Requested	\$ 165.00	Awarded	\$ 165.00
Maria Moreno	Requested	\$ 260.50	Awarded	\$ 210.59
Michele Vialet	Requested	\$ 495.00	Awarded	\$ 109.00

**Research Grant**

Heather Arden	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Carlos Gutierrez	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00

**Research Supplement**

Heather Arden	Requested	\$ 300.00	Awarded	\$ 300.00
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**Travel Grant for Research**

Kirsten Nigro	Requested	\$1715.00	Awarded	\$1715.00
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**SOCIAL SCIENCES****ANTHROPOLOGY (9 FACULTY MEMBERS) – 1 GRANT AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$170.00****Domestic Travel Grant**

Lynn Schepartz	Requested	\$ 170.00	Awarded	
				\$170.00

**ECONOMICS (17 FACULTY MEMBERS) – 5 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$12,306.00****Academic Meeting Travel**

Sourushe Zandvakili	Requested	\$1731.31	Awarded	\$1631.00
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**Domestic Travel Grant**

Wolfgang Mayer	Requested	\$ 325.00	Awarded	\$ 325.00
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**Research Grant**

Robert Rebelin	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
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**Research Grant Supplement**

Robert Rebelin	Requested	\$1500.00	Awarded	\$1500.00
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**Travel Grant for Research**

Nicolas Williams	Requested	\$3500.00	Awarded	\$3500.00
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**POLITICAL SCIENCE (11 FACULTY MEMBERS) – 12 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$21,358.50**

**Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Michael Margolis	Requested	\$2160.00	Awarded	\$2160.00
David Resnick	Requested	\$1995.00	Awarded	\$1995.00
Howard Tolley	Requested	\$1470.00	Awarded	\$1370.00
Joel Wolfe	Requested	\$1995.00	Awarded	\$1995.00

**Domestic Travel Grant**

George Bishop	Requested	\$ 314.50	Awarded	\$ 314.50
Laura Jenkins	Requested	\$ 220.00	Awarded	\$ 220.00
Michael Margolis	Requested	\$ 225.00	Awarded	\$ 225.00
Thomas Moore	Requested	\$ 389.00	Awarded	\$ 389.00
Joel Wolfe	Requested	\$ 490.00	Awarded	\$ 490.00

**Research Grant**

Laura Jenkins	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
Carl Rhodes	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00

**Research Grant Supplement**

Laura Jenkins	Requested	\$1500.00	Awarded	\$1500.00
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**SOCIOLOGY (11 FACULTY MEMBERS) – 6 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$12,203.00****Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Steve Carlton-Ford	Requested	\$1101.26	Awarded	\$ 954.00
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**Competitive Faculty Fellowship**

Marcia Bellas			Awarded	\$8000.00
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**Competitive Research Supplement**

Marcia Bellas	Requested	\$2000.00	Awarded	\$2000.00
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**Domestic Travel Grant**

Marcia Bellas	Requested	\$ 400.00	Awarded	\$ 400.00
Annulla Lindes	Requested	\$ 349.00	Awarded	\$ 349.00
Phillip Ritchey	Requested	\$ 500.00	Awarded	\$ 500.00

**SCIENCES****MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (40 FACULTY MEMBERS) – 11 GRANTS AWARDED FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,905****Academic Meeting Travel Grant**

Victor Kaftal	Requested	\$ 770.00	Awarded	\$ 770.00
Philip Korman	Requested	\$2150.00	Awarded	\$2020.00
Anthony Leung	Requested	\$2500.00	Awarded	\$2400.00

Magda Peligrad	Requested	\$1870.00	Awarded	\$1870.00
Siva Sivaganesan	Requested	\$1400.00	Awarded	\$1300.00
Srdjan Stovanovic	Requested	\$2070.00	Awarded	\$2070.00
Gary Weiss	Requested	\$1860.00	Awarded	\$1760.00

**Domestic Travel Grant**

Timothy Hodges	Requested	\$ 365.00	Awarded	\$ 365.00
<b>Research Grant</b>				
Kenneth Meyer	Requested	\$5350.00	Awarded	\$5350.00
<b>Travel Grant for Research</b>				
David Herron	Requested	\$3500.00	Awarded	\$3500.00
Dan Ralescu	Requested	\$3500.00	Awarded	\$3500.00

**TAFT LECTURES  
1999 – 2000**

**Anthropology**

- Anne Stone (October 5, 1999) .....\$1,500  
University of New Mexico – Albuquerque  
“Neanderthal DNA and Modern Human Origins”
- William and Barbara Fash (May 17, 2000) .....\$1,500  
Harvard University  
“25 Years of Anthropological Research at Copan, Honduras”

**Economics**

- David Neumark (October 28, 1999) .....\$1,400  
Michigan State University  
“Do Minimum Wages Help the Poor?”
- James Foster (April 13, 2000) .....\$1,600  
Vanderbilt University  
“Economic Inequality”

**English**

- Sven Berkerts (February 3, 2000) .....\$3,000  
Mt. Holyoke College  
“Science Fiction and the Future” Fiction Forum with Richard Powers

**Germanic Languages and Literatures**

- Inge Stephan (October 27, 1999) .....\$1,200  
Humboldt Universitaet Berlin  
“Schatten, die einander gegeneuberstehen” Zum Geschlechterdiskurs in  
Goethes “Wahlverwandschaften”

**History**

- Christopher Browning (May 16 and May 17, 2000) .....\$3,000  
University of North Carolina  
“Revisiting the Holocaust Perpetrators n the Light of New Evidence” and  
“Holocaust Denial in the Courtroom: The Zundel and Irving Trials”

**Mathematical Sciences**

- Marc Yor (October 21 and October 22, 1999) .....\$1,500  
Université Paris VI  
“Is Brownian Motion the Prototype of a (continuous) Martingale?” and “Some  
Aspects of Brownian Motion: New Developments”
- Richard Askey (May 22 and May 23, 2000) .....\$1,500  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
“Srinivasa Ramanujan” and “The Binomial Theorem and Some Extensions”

**Philosophy**

- David Gallop (November 12, 1999) .....\$1,500  
Trent University  
“The Rhetoric of Philosophy: Socrates’ Swan Song”
- Charles Kahn (November 12, 1999) .....\$1,500  
University of Pennsylvania  
“The Limits of Literary-Dramatic Reading of Plato’s Dialogues”

**Political Science**

- Howard Spaeth (November 12, 1999) .....\$1,500  
Michigan State University  
“The Supreme Court: Strategizing and the Attitudinal Model”
- James Fishkin (May 11, 2000) .....\$1,500  
University of Texas - Austin  
“Deliberative Polls, Public Opinion, and Democracy”

**Romance Languages and Literatures**

- Edward Friedman (May 12, 2000) .....\$750  
Indiana University – Bloomington  
“Don Quixote, Part II and the Making of History”
- Mireille Rosello (May 12, 2000) .....\$1,500  
Northwestern University  
“Choosing Between Land and Women: Historiographical Choices in a French-Algerian Novel”
- John Kronik (May 13, 2000) .....\$ 750  
Cornell University  
“The Case of the Missing Mimeo, or Criticism in Revolution”

**Sociology**

- Michael Kimmel (February 3, 2000) .....\$3,000  
State University of New York – Stony Brook  
“Can Men and Women Be Friends: Gender Relations on College Campuses in the New Millennium”

**INTERDISCIPLINARY****Anthropology and Mathematics**

- Ron Eglash (March 13, 2000) .....\$1,000  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
“African Fractals”

**Economics and Political Science**

- William Wolman (November 18, 1999) .....\$1,000  
Business Week

“America’s Dual Economy: Causes and Consequences”

- John E. Kwoka (April 28, 2000) .....\$1,000  
 George Washington University  
 “Reconsidering Public Enterprise: the Economic and Policy Limits of Privatization”

**English and African American Studies**

- Sandra Jackson-Opoku (October 23, 1999) .....\$ 1,000  
 Columbia University  
 Reading from her novel “The River Where Blood is Born”

**English and Germanic Languages and Literatures**

- Asmerom Legesse (April 14, 2000) .....\$1,000  
 Citizens for Peace and Democracy  
 “The Uprooted”
- Mark Harman (October 15, 1999) .....\$ 800  
 Millersville University  
 “Digging the Tower of Babel: Translating Frank Kafka”
- Lewis Hyde (November 18, 1999) .....\$1,000  
 “The Creativity of the Trickster”

**History and African American Studies**

- Peter Daniel (November 29, 1999) .....\$1,000  
 National Museum of American History  
 “Bibles and Bayonets: The Curses of Central High School”

**History and Romance Languages and Literatures**

- Vanessa Schwartz (April 27, 2000) .....\$1,000  
 American University  
 “It’s so French: Clichés of National Identity in Post World War II Franco-American Culture”

**Romance Languages and Literatures and English**

- Rafael Courtoisie (March 31, 2000) .....\$1,000  
 Florida State University  
 “Prose and Poetry Reading (bilingual)”

**TAFT CONFERENCES  
1999-2000**

**English – (Graduate Students)**

“Intersections: Multi-Ethnic Literatures at the Century’s End” .....\$2,200  
Organizers: Rebecca Meacham-Gardner, Wendy Rountree  
October 23, 1999

**German**

“Jahrhundredwerden”.....10,000  
Organizer: Sara Friedrichsmeyer  
April 27 – 30, 2000

**History**

“Metaphysics into Science” .....\$10,000  
Organizer: Hilda Smith  
April 6 – 8, 2000

**Mathematics**

“Twenty-first Midwest Probability Colloquium” .....\$3,700  
Organizer: Joanna Mitro  
October 22 – 23, 1999

**TAFT LIBRARY SPECIAL REQUESTS  
1999-2000**

**History**

The Books of the Fairs.....	\$18,009
Requested by the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Mona Siegel, Chair	
Format: Microfilm	
Case Files of Investigations by Levi C. Turner & Lafayette C. Baker 1861-1866.....	\$4,658
Requested by Christopher Phillips	
Format: Microfilm	
Reports & Decisions of the Provost Marshal General 1863-1866.....	\$34
Requested by Christopher Phillips	
Format: Microfilm	
Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians.....	\$3,196
Requested by Christopher Phillips	
Format: Microfilm	
Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Individual Civilians .....	\$10,200
Requested by Christopher Phillips	
Format: Microfilm	
J-AW-Beance, a rare print portrait of a Native American.....	\$1,500
Requested by Alice Cornell, Archives & Rare Books	
Format: Lithograph	

**Romance Languages and Literatures**

Landmarks in Science I, Segments 5 and 6 .....	\$24,124.40
Requested by Jeff Loveland	
Format: Microfiche	

**TAFT SUBVENTIONS  
1999 –2000**

**History - \$6,000**

Man Bun Kwan

Publication of The Salt Merchants of Tianjin: State, Society, and Economy in Late Imperial China - University of Hawaii Press, publisher

Geoffrey Plank

Publication of The Culture of Conquest: British Mi'Kmaq and Acadians in Nova Scotia: 1690-1755 – University of Pennsylvania Press, publisher