

# the CRASsH report

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## FUNDING IN ACTION: A TIMELY ISSUE

The Wilkinson College [Immigration CRASsH Group](#) has been awarded funds for their proposal *Mobilizing Public Sociology: Understanding Youth and Immigration through Minority Views in Southern California*. The group applied to Wilkinson's [Visiting Scholar Fund](#) for proposal support. The project, which is truly interdisciplinary in nature, will provide funds for a scholarly colloquium which will address issues related to the Latino community in Southern California, and will attract both local and national scholars, and activists. Topics will include: border issues affecting the children of refugees, process of racialization and problematization of identity, criminalization of youth, and DREAMers seeking access to higher education. It also offers the University the possibility to collaborate with community organizations. Selected colloquium participants, which will include graduate



students, will have opportunity to present their research. The colloquium will lead to a co-edited publication, as well as create and connect Chapman to a larger national network involved in research surrounding immigration. In addition, the group is considering submitting a [Community Engagement Grant](#) to support their existing work within the local community.

*\*We are introducing Funding in Action as a new monthly feature to the CRASsH Report. Its purpose is to highlight research groups developing exciting and innovative projects. If your group has a project/research you would like featured please contact [stroop@chapman.edu](mailto:stroop@chapman.edu).*

## GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINES

### NSF - SOCIOLOGY JANUARY 15

NSF Sociology program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization - societies, institutions, groups and demography - and processes of individual and institutional change. The program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental processes.



### NSF - POLITICAL SCIENCE JANUARY 15

The NSF Political Science program supports scientific research that advances knowledge and understanding of citizenship, government and politics. Substantive areas include, but are not limited to, American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, political behavior, political economy and political institutions. Recently program awards have supported projects on bargaining processes; campaigns and elections; emerging democracies; etc.

### CAL HUMANITIES COMMUNITY STORIES - FEB. 2

Community Stories is a competitive grants program to support story-based public humanities projects that collect, preserve, interpret, and share the stories of California communities - past and present. The program funds projects that focus on the collections and sharing of real stories of California's communities.



## WORKSHOP OPENS DOORS FOR CROSS-CAMPUS COLLABORATION

With a full house, Jerry Westby with *Sage Publishing* shared with Chapman faculty his expertise on securing a book contract with an academic publisher. Mr. Westby covered the gamut, spanning current issues facing the publishing world to how to find the right publisher. He also meet one-on-one with faculty members to discuss individual contracts. In addition, the workshop was successful in continuing to promote and create cross-campus interdisciplinary collaborations. Donald



Kochan, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at the Fowler School of Law was in attendance and has expressed interest in developing a collaborative relationship between Fowler and Wilkinson College. Jerry has kindly agreed to return to speak with faculty next fall.

## STUDENT RESEARCHER FUNDING AVAILABLE


Student Researcher funding is available to faculty and/ research groups. Interested parties should submit a [BURN Researcher application](#) to Taryn Stroop, Faculty Research Coordinator. CRASsH Groups are encouraged to consider funding to assist with blogging and group administration. All student researcher requests, however, must be clearly outlined in the BURN Application and demonstrate how the student's involvement will enhance their education experience at Chapman.

## 2015 SPRING CRASsH CHAT [SCHEDULE](#)

 **TUESDAY, FEB. 10 | 12-1 PM**  
*Building an Online Academic Profile*

Niklas Mhyr, Ph.D. Argyros  
School of Business  
Laura Scudder Conference Room,  
Roosevelt Hall 127

RSVP [stroop@chapman.edu](mailto:stroop@chapman.edu)

 **WED., MARCH 4 | 12-1 PM**  
*Developing National and International Research Networks*

Patrick Fuery, Ph.D., Dean,  
Wilkinson College  
Laura Scudder Conference Room,  
Roosevelt Hall 127

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## EXPLORING A WCHSS PH.D

Dean Fuery and Graduate Programs Coordinator, Allison DeVries, have started to meet with CRASsH groups to discuss the viability of establishing an interdisciplinary research-based Ph.D. in Wilkinson College. Candidates would be embedded into a CRASsH group of mutual choosing, and conduct research with the faculty in the group as they work on their doctoral dissertation. Ideal Ph.D. candidates would include both professionals and academics. Similar models have been explored, including an individual interdisciplinary doctoral program at University of Washington, MIT's Media Lab which involves student researchers into research groups, and U.C. Irvine's Ph.D. in Social Ecology which allows students to develop a tailored course of graduate study that draws upon the knowledge of several traditional academic disciplines. After meeting with the CRASsH groups, next steps are to establish a planning group of faculty to determine program requirements and submit a proposal to WASC for consideration.



For more information, please visit:  
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