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## KERK KEE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NSF CAREER GRANT

Over the past few years Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Kerk Kee has been gaining momentum with his research on socio-technical systems (e.g., social media, computational tools used by big data scientists, etc.). Dr. Kee's work focuses on the development and implementation of computational tools used by big data scientists. Working with undergraduate students, he is mapping the virtual world of big data.

In October of 2013 Kerk was awarded the NSF Virtual Organizations as Socio-technical Systems (VOSS) grant. The award spans three years and totals \$325,000. This past month Kerk was awarded a five year NSF CAREER grant in the amount of \$519,753 for his project, "Organizational Capacity and Capacity Building for Cyberinfrastructure Diffusion". According to NSF, this program is the Foundation's "most prestigious award in

support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations".



The specific aim of Dr. Kee's project is to understand the organizational capacity necessary to enable the development, implementation, and diffusion of such technologies to create a national research cyber infrastructure. Dr. Kee will conduct extensive interviews and national surveys to better understand the

social and organizational challenges these 'virtual organizations' face, and how they overcome these challenges.

**"Kerk is the perfect example of how to build a research profile: his work is deeply original, carefully constructed, demonstrates impact and trajectory; he has also been a proactive supporter of the College research culture, attending and giving workshops, mentoring others, exploring new ways to support his work,"**

Since joining Chapman in 2010, Kerk has generated more than \$850,000 in external research funding. Congratulations, Dr. Kee!

## GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINES

### NEH FELLOWSHIPS APRIL 30

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.



### NSF POLITICAL SCIENCE AUGUST 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.

### EU & US: GETTING TO KNOW EUROPE - MAY 4

Designed to promote the EU's strategic interests by supporting areas of mutual interest with major-international actors. It encompasses four key areas: a) it addresses major global challenges such as climate change; b) it supports the implementation of the external dimension of EU internal policies; c) it covers aspects of the EU's economic diplomacy by improving access to third-countries' markets through trade and business; and d) it supports public activities, including academic cooperation and outreach activities to promote the EU's vision and principles.

## FUNDING IN ACTION: STUDENT GATHERS DATA CROSS -NATIONALLY

Double major in Political Science and Psychology, Robert Roussel has joined Wilkinson's Team Fear as BURN Researcher assisting Dr. Ann Gordon. Robert was hired during the fall semester to assist with data collection, content analysis and translation. The project objective is to discover what motivates people to prepare for disaster and to understand what preparedness means comparatively by paralleling data cross-nationally.

Robert has translated the project code sheet, developed by his peer, into French and has began collecting data from



websites across the world. This Spring, Robert will be working on coding the new data collected. The experience has taught Robert how to perform advanced searches, as well as how to both code and organize data. Robert, who is looking into a career in public policy, has found this exposure to research invaluable and an integral part of his academic training.

## WILKINSON GRANT REPORTS DUE

If you have received an internal funding grant (Subvention, Community Engagement, Visiting Scholar) from Wilkinson College we ask that you submit a completed funding report to [Taryn Stroop](#) in congruence with the completion of your project. In addition, please submit funds for processing by May 1 (via Peoplesoft). Keep in mind that all transactions must be processed by May 31. If you anticipate this being a problem please contact [Barbara Piscitelli](#) immediately for assistance.

## NEH AWARDS CHAPMAN COLLABORATIVE TEAM \$38k

The National Endowment for the Humanities has just announced \$22.8 million in funding and Chapman University has been awarded a Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Foundations Grant. The \$39,850 grant is to support planning efforts in processing, digitizing, and sharing the 90,000+ letters in the War Letters archive. Securing a successful planning grant makes the project competitive for the larger Implementation grant.

The project was submitted through the Standing Together Initiative which is aimed at exploring war and its aftermath, promoting discussion and supporting returning veterans and their families. This truly interdisciplinary collaboration is led by Directors Doug Dechow and Rand Boyd, and Sr. Investigators Brett Fisher and Jana Remy; Andy Carroll, Jennifer Keene and Patrick Fuery will serve as the




Humanities Advisors. The project also includes an advisory board comprised of administrators and faculty from LMU, Claremont Colleges, Pepperdine, Lehigh University and the Huntington Library. Congratulations to the entire team on their accomplishment!

## PRE & POST AWARD LIFECYCLE WORKSHOP -APRIL 2

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Administration and the Office of Contracts and Grants is hosting an introductory workshop for faculty interested in learning how the institutional sponsored research process works at Chapman University. The workshop will provide a broad overview of the proposal/funding lifecycle and the differences between pre- and post-award. The training is targeted to full-time faculty who have joined the university in the past three years, but all are welcome. [RSVP by Monday, March 30.](#)

### UPCOMING BURN WORKSHOPS

-  THUR. APRIL 2 |12-1:00  
Job Networking and  
Interviewing Techniques  
Presented by the Career  
Development Center  
Roosevelt Hall 127
-  THUR. APRIL 8| 12-1:00  
Fellowship and Scholarship  
Workshop  
With Director of Fellowship and  
Scholarship Program, Eileen  
Jankowski Ph.D.  
Roosevelt Hall 127
-  THUR. APRIL 8| 12-1:02  
Fellowship and Scholarship  
Workshop Pt. 2  
Roosevelt Hall 127

For more information, please visit:  
[www.chapman.edu/wilkinson/crash-burn](http://www.chapman.edu/wilkinson/crash-burn)



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