

Sabbatical Summaries for 2018-2019

The Sabbatical Leave process is explained in the Handbook for Professional Personnel, XI.A. The following levels review the professor's plan and application, and they recommend Sabbatical Leaves: Department Chair, Dean, Faculty Senate Professional Leave Committee, and Provost, to the President. The following 23 faculty members were recommended for the upcoming academic year.

Name and Department	Time Period Requested	Add'l Funds Requested	Planned Usage of Add'l Funds
Dr. Jill Adams, English	Spring 2019		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: The goal of the sabbatical leave is to investigate effective field experiences for secondary English Language Arts pre-service teachers.</i>			
Dr. Lisa M. Altemueller, Special Ed, Early Childhood, CultLingDiv Education	Spring 2019	\$2,190.00	Travel, Software
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: The purpose of this proposed sabbatical will be to 1) teach alongside two elementary special education teachers in local public schools 2) research how two special education teachers utilize collaboration within the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process in the state of Colorado.</i>			
Dr. Jennifer Leigh Bradford, Criminal Justice & Criminology	Fall 2018	\$4,500.00	Travel, Training
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: My sabbatical leave will have three separate components. First component, which is receiving education/certification, specifically two certification programs. Second component will be seeking scholarship activities, to include grant funding. Third component is a service component through curriculum development based upon the training/education and conference attendance I achieve in the first and second components.</i>			
Dr. Ruth J. Chavez, Marketing	Fall 2018	\$2,195.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: I am applying for sabbatical leave to leverage a unique opportunity to advance my Scholarship and collaboration with a transdisciplinary research network of diverse scholars committed to understanding the role of race in the marketplace and advancing knowledge innovation on consumer marketplace inclusion and transformative change to address racial inequities.</i>			
Dr. Lorretta Chávez, Special Ed, Early Childhood, CultLingDiv Education	Fall 2018		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: My proposed sabbatical leave will have two components. First will be writing Curriculum/syllabi for a new Bilingual Education Specialist Endorsement. This endorsement is an added education program that students with Spanish proficiency can add to their teacher licensure program. In addition, the instructor must be proficient in Spanish. Therefore, I will need to further develop my Spanish speaking and writing abilities. Second will be studying Spanish for 6 weeks in Spain.</i>			
Dr. Caleb Cohoe, Philosophy	Fall 2018		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical: I will be revising a book manuscript on Aristotle's views on intellect or the power of understanding and conducting related research on views of immortality and survival in the ancient Greek and Roman world.</i>			

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Dr. Clark D. Dollard, Math & Computer Sciences	Fall 2018		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I am requesting a sabbatical leave to finish the current version of an online collaborative environment for teachers that I have been working on for several years. This tool, which is called Curriculum Weaver Master Teacher, will support teachers to collaboratively engage in a "continuous improvement model" of teaching.			
Dr. Amy K. Dore, Health Professions	Fall 2018	\$2,920.07	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I am requesting sabbatical leave for the fall 2018 semester to focus on workforce development within the aging services profession. Title of Sabbatical Project: "Understanding Barriers to Workforce Development, Forecasted Job Needs, and Enhancing Student Opportunities Surrounding the Aging Services Profession"			
Dr. Bethany F. Fleck-Dillen, Psychology	Fall 2018	\$8,275.00	Travel, Equipment
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> The purpose of this sabbatical is to support my scholarship and service efforts by allowing me time to complete three key projects that contribute to my professional development related to campus civic engagement. I have a unique opportunity to represent MSU Denver as an American Democracy Project (ADP) Civic Fellow.			
Dr. Roberto J. Forns-Broggi, Modern Language	Spring 2019	\$3,000.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> To complete research and creative work culminating in the creation of a bilingual Workbook on Environmental Writing and Film in Latin America. The purpose of the Workbook is tri-fold: to be used in language and culture classes taught in Spanish; to be used in interdisciplinary and culture courses taught in English; to serve as a tool to train faculty in teaching about cultural-environmental issues in Latin America.			
Dr. Aaron J. Gordon, Math & Computer Sciences	Fall 2018	\$600.00	Supplies, Materials
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> Additional training retraining, or study of value to the University. Specifically, I plan to learn about data visualization so as to be able to teach a course for our Computer Science			
Dr. Chad M. Gruhl, Hospitality, Tourism & Events	Spring 2019	\$1,464.00	Travel, Training
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I'm very excited to be a part of the potential investigation of the Glamping experience at LGBT campgrounds. This investigation is important not only to these organizations, but to our student awareness of the OHF and ARVC, organizations and the Glamping phenomenon. The CITI training, Human Subjects process, data collection and analysis will serve to improve and refresh my skills in empirical investigation.			
Dr. Laresh Jayasanker, History	2018-2019	\$7,200.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> Sabbatical leave would provide time to conduct research for my book, 1919: Global Upheaval. This is a new book project. Since last year, I've been reviewing the scholarly literature. During the current year I will conduct further research in secondary sources. During the sabbatical, I plan to do research at various archives and libraries in the United States, Canada, England, and Ireland. If time permits, I hope to draft a detailed outline of the book by the end of the sabbatical.			

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Dr. Ting Jiang, Sociology & Anthropology	Spring 2019	\$6,000.00	Travel, Supplies
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I am applying for sabbatical leave in Spring 2019 to conduct research and finish writing a book manuscript. This book manuscript is the final product of my two-year long research project starting from Fall 2017. The title of the book is: Chasing the Chinese Dream on the Silk Road: The Rise of the New China Era.			
Ms. Robin Tsehai Johnson, Art	Fall 2018	\$10,079.00	Travel, Supplies
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> My sabbatical leave will allow me to develop, produce, and find venues to exhibit new artwork. I will spend 12 weeks as an artist-in-residence at the European Ceramic Work Center (EKWC), a prestigious residency in the Netherlands, with the remainder of my sabbatical spent in my art studio in Denver, Colorado.			
Mr. Alex Komodore, Music	Spring 2019	\$3,000.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to teach, demonstrate, and expand my performance and teaching experiences at renowned Music Conservatories, Universities and Schools in the US and abroad.			
Dr. Karen L. Lollar, Communication Arts & Sciences	Fall 2018	\$4,600.00	Travel, Supplies
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> A sabbatical leave offers me time to re-engage more deeply with my scholarship to enhance my expertise as a communication scholar. My scholarship is philosophical and qualitative and I'd like to expand on work done in 2016 that culminated in a paper presented at the National Communication Association.			
Dr. Jason Eric Miller, English	Spring 2019		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I will use this time to complete an elusive novel, Chinese Baby, Atari Baby. Able to keep to a strict writing schedule, I will emerge from my sabbatical with a market ready work, beneficial to not only my career as a writer, but, and more importantly, my career as an education prof in the field of creative writing, whose credentials are much enhanced by publication, and whose experience both writing and approaching markets with the fruits of the writing enriches his classrooms, as well as his advising.			
Dr. Andrew J. Pantos, English	Spring 2019	\$500.00	Supplies, Materials
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I will use the time to finish a draft of my textbook on the History of the English Language and try to find a publisher.			
Dr. Sheila M. Rucki, Political Science	Fall 2018		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> The purpose of this sabbatical is to conduct in-depth research and analysis to produce a monograph on neo-Gramscian international political economy. The monograph will focus on theoretical approaches to global economic crisis and the potential for counter-hegemonic narratives to effect distributional change.			
Ms. Renée S. Ruderman, English	Fall 2018	\$6,000.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> To write poetry that is based in memories of my German-Jewish-American heritage. To conduct research on German Jewry at the Leo Baeck Institute for Jewish Studies in New York City. To write poetry based on research on the German Jewish Diaspora from the Franconian area of Germany. To apply to a Writing Residency. To enhance my ability to teach poetry work-shops and memoir writing studios to MSU students by stressing the importance and understanding of current world-wide population displacements.			

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Dr. Stella W. Todd, Earth & Atmospheric Science	Fall 2018	\$7,500.00	Travel
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to advance understanding and visualization of biodiversity within a geographic framework.			
Dr. Weiyong Zhu, Math & Computer Sciences	Spring 2019		
<i>Purpose of Sabbatical:</i> I propose to use Temporal Logic of Action (TLA) to thoroughly analyze the security of one selected new network protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT). The proposed work is a new direction that is based on my previous research experience in the areas of computer networking, computer and network security, and educational research.			