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Faculty and Students Receive Middle East Studies Grants for Research

Five faculty members and eight students are recipients of the latest round of Middle East Studies Grants, with which they engage in various research projects. A university committee reviews applications to determine how the funds are awarded. Faculty recipients are **Dr. William Allen**, professor, **Kimberly Vickrey**, associate professor, and **Nikki Arnell**, assistant professor, all in the Department of Art; **Dr. Gil Fowler**, professor of journalism; and **Dr. Irina Khramtsova**, associate professor of psychology. The successful student applications included one awarded jointly with Khramtsova. **Dr. Kathleen Carrick**, assistant professor of social work, and **Ms. Lynda Nash**, director of the Beck PRIDE Center, accompanied two social work student applicants on their study of social services in Morocco. The total amount of all awards was \$50,000.



Nursing Academy Selects Young as Fellow

The American Academy of Nursing has selected **Dr. Cathy Young**, assistant professor of nursing, for induction in its next class of fellows during the group's national conference in Washington, D.C. Selection is based on evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, through both policy and practice. Young, who joined the A-State faculty in 2011, completed her doctoral degree at the University of Tennessee.

Arkansas Business Cites Penry in '40 Under 40'

In its annual recognition of outstanding state citizens in its "40 Under 40" program, Arkansas Business cited **Dr. Jason Penry**, vice chancellor for university advancement, in this year's [class of honorees](#). Penry has provided strategic leadership for the initiative to establish a College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State through an agreement with the New York Institute of Technology. He also has oversight responsibilities for Alumni Relations, Creative Media, Development, Marketing and Communications, and Publications and Creative Services.



Physical Therapy Faculty Members Produce 'Perfect' Student

Well, maybe not perfect in every way, but Duston Jones scored a perfect 800 on the National Physical Therapy exam, administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The May graduate gets the credit for a great test score, but the faculty members in the **Department of Physical Therapy** deserve a share of the spotlight for preparing him so well. Watch Jones explain what motivated him to success in this [A-State video](#).

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