2017 UOWGS Scholarship Awardees

Annie Greenaway is a chemistry PhD candidate studying the growth of highly efficient solar absorbers via a lower-cost, safer deposition method. She has been an active member of WGS and its Executive Board in addition to co-founding LGBT+ in STEM and UO Science Policy Initiative, and co-directing the Mad Duck Science Friday program for several years. She is honored to accept the Karfilis Women in Leadership Award as recognition of the breadth of outreach and mentoring work she has done throughout her graduate career.

Jessica Kosie is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Psychology. Her research focuses on understanding how people learn to process events fluently – how do humans make sense of, respond to, and learn to perform everyday actions? Jessica works with infants, preschoolers, and adults, and incorporates novel methodologies (such as the dwell-time paradigm and pupillometry) to measure observers’ attention to events as they unfold in time. The UOWGS Travel Award will help fund her trip to the Interdisciplinary Advances in Statistical Learning conference in Bilbao, Spain, at which she will be presenting a talk. Attending the conference will also enable her to make valuable connections with colleagues and potential future employers. She is grateful for the assistance the UOWGS Travel Award provides.

As UO Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy doctoral student, I research the social co-production of nature, space, place, and subjectivities. My professional background is in urban planning and sustainable urban development, including open space planning and development. For a number of years I studied and experimented with engagement with the built environment through informal urban development and unplanned interventions in public spaces. I moved to Oregon in 2007 and completed a master’s degree and certificates in urban planning, design and development at Portland State University. Before that, I worked in Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin with a few NGOs, including the Center for Resilient Cities, where I helped to develop outdoor public spaces, including restored natural areas, community gardens, green school grounds and city parks. My roots remain firmly connected to the wooded hillsides of northeast Iowa. The UOWGS Travel Award will help her present her research work at a conference in Spain.
**Angie Michail** is conducting her doctoral research in the lab of Cris Niell in the Institute of Neuroscience at UO. Her research focuses on investigating the role of serotonin-2A receptors in modulating the processing and perception of visual information in the mammalian brain. These receptors are closely tied to positive symptoms associated with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. The **UOWGS Travel Award** will help fund her attendance at a meeting and summer course about neural circuits at the Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown in Lisbon, Portugal, where she will present her work. This three-week course also involves both theoretical and practical training and will enable her to learn about the newest techniques in neuroscience research. Attending this course will expose her to different scientific perspectives and will allow her to build scientific relationships with international colleagues.

**Sabrina Haskinson** is a psychology undergraduate at the University of Oregon interested in childhood development. The **UOWGS Undergraduate Summer Research Award** will aide her in dedicating herself to full time research in the UO Learning Lab. As a data collector she will explore sounds in the everyday environments of infants.

**Allison Zhou** is a Junior in the Clark Honors College majoring in biology with a neuroscience emphasis. The **UOWGS Undergraduate Summer Research Award** will help support her as she works in Dr. Caitlin Fausey's developmental psychology lab this summer. She is excited to be conducting research to study how different object frequency distributions affect early word learning.

**Annie Gilbert** is an undergraduate at the University of Oregon and will be attending graduate school for chemistry in the fall here at the UO. The **UOWGS Sara J. Staggs Undergraduate Transition Award** will help her continue to do research over the summer as she transitions to her teaching stipend. This summer she looks forward to finishing up some of her projects with the DWJ/Haley lab while mentoring an REU student.