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Social sciences projects get major funding

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The decision-making involved in the design, planning and development of housing for chronically homeless people will be the focus of a new study by University of Manitoba researcher Rae Bridgman, thanks to funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

On June 15, SSHRC announced \$81.3 million in new funding for 969 research projects at 92 Canadian universities and colleges. The University of Manitoba will receive close to \$1.5 million for 18 new projects.

"The wide range of projects at the University of Manitoba that have received this new SSHRC funding is truly impressive," said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba. "This group of scholars spans a variety of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, and these researchers are applying their expertise to some of today's most important social issues."

Bridgman, city planning, will be conducting extensive fieldwork to study the creation of Times Square North in Toronto. This mixed-tenancy project will provide affordable housing for seniors, students and others, as well as support for tenants suffering from mental illnesses, physical disabilities and addictions.

Another project which received new funding will focus on women's perceptions of the factors that place them at risk for violence by their intimate partners. Over the next three years, Douglas Brownridge, family social sciences, will explore what it means to be "at risk" for violence, focusing specifically on the perceptions of women with disabilities, women experiencing a marital separation, and women in lesbian relationships.

The other researchers whose projects received new SSHRC funding are:

- **Brenda Austin-Smith**, English, for her study of the emotional power and social significance of film, focusing on how women experienced Hollywood movies of the 1930s, 40s and 50s.
- **Nealia Bruning**, business administration, for her research on healthy workplaces and the relationships between workplace policies and practices and individual and organizational outcomes.
- **Alison Calder**, English, for a project that aims to develop a new critical model for understanding prairie culture.
- **Brian Cox**, psychiatry, for his study of the psychological vulnerabilities that can influence the onset, expression and alleviation of emotional distress.
- **Bruno Dyck**, business administration, for his investigation of an alternate moral point-of-view that could be used to develop non-conventional management theory and practice.



University of Manitoba researcher Rae Bridgman will receive funding from the SSHRC for her study on housing the homeless.

- **Haskel Greenfield**, anthropology, who is studying the origins and development of metallurgy for making butchering tools in pre-historic Israel.
- **David Gregory**, Nursing, for a project that will incorporate video-taped interactions to better understand the work of nurse practitioners.
- **Joannie Halas**, Physical Education and Recreation Studies, for her study of race and diversity in physical education.
- **Gady Jacoby**, accounting and finance, for his study of corporate bond liquidity pricing.
- **Stephan Jaeger**, German and Slavic studies, for his examination of the challenges facing German historiography, which will compare texts from around 1800 with those from around 2000.
- **Brian Lewthwaite**, curriculum, teaching and learning, for a project to develop an evaluation tool designed to assess and improve the delivery of science education programs in Aboriginal settings.
- **Gregory Monks**, anthropology, for his study of animal remains recovered from archeological sites in traditional Toquaht territory on Vancouver Island.
- **Lance Roberts**, sociology, for research that compares the educational policies and programs of different nations, and how those influence national educational outcomes.
- **Russel Smandych**, sociology, for his comparative study of the development of colonial law in British settler colonies in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and southern Africa.
- **Gregory Smith**, history, for his research into power, authority and summary justice in eighteenth century London.
- **Jacquie Vorauer**, psychology, for her research on the triggers and behavioural implications of different forms of social awareness in inter-group interactions.

SSHRC is an independent federal government agency that funds university-based research and graduate training through national peer-review competitions. SSHRC also partners with public and private sector organizations to focus research and aid the development of better policies and practices in key areas of Canada's social, cultural and economic life.

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