

Board Meeting  
May 11, 2006

ADDITIONAL SABBATICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE, 2006-2007

**Action:** Approve Sabbatical Leave Requests

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellors at Chicago and Urbana have recommended that the following members of the faculty be given sabbatical leaves of absence in accordance with the provisions of the University of Illinois *Statutes* and on the terms and for the periods indicated.

The programs of research and study for which leaves are requested have been examined on all campuses. The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs in these recommendations.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University recommends approval.

(This recommendation is supplementary to the applications recommended to the Board on April 11, 2006.)

CHICAGO

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department of Economics

JOHN ARVYDAS TAURAS, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2006-07, full pay

To research and to write a grant proposal on the impact of state-level smoke-free air laws, youth access laws, cigarette taxes, and state level tobacco control spending on adolescent cigarette demand; to be submitted to the National Institutes of Health – National Cancer Institute.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of English

NICHOLAS MAINEY BROWN, Assistant Professor

First semester 2006-07, full pay

To begin research for a new book, tentatively titled *The Music of the Sphere: Theorizing Music for the Twenty-First Century*, which will trace the ways in which collective and inchoate desires for the future are registered in artistic form.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Institute for Communications Research

INGER LISBETH STOLE, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2006-07, one-half pay

To conduct research for a book on the American advertising industry during the Second World War.

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Department of Computer Science

SARIEL HAR-PELED, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2006-07, one-half pay

To continue research and to interact with researchers in computer science, and to complete a book entitled, *Geometric Approximation Algorithms*.

YIZHOU YU, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2006-07, full pay

To seek unconventional graphics-related research problems and applications, to build stronger connections with industry, and to foster collaborations with foreign institutions.

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

YI MA, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2006-07, full pay

To conduct research on the estimation and segmentation of hybrid models and its application in biomedical image analysis.

## COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

School of Art and Design

LISA ROSENTHAL, Assistant Professor

First semester 2006-07, full pay

To complete several chapters of a book on the theme of artistic “virtue” in paintings, prints, and texts in the Netherlands of the 17th Century.

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of English

GILLEN D’ARCY WOOD, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2006-07, one-half pay

To complete a draft of a second book manuscript.

Department of French

ANDREA REYNALDO GOULET, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2006-07, full pay

To complete a book on representations of geographical space in modern French detective fiction.

School of Integrative Biology

Department of Plant Biology

JAMES W. DALLING, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2006-07, one-half pay

To develop a population model to predict the distribution and abundance of fast-growing tree species in tropical forests.