

Board Meeting  
May 22, 2008

ADDITIONAL SABBATICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE, 2008-2009

**Action:** Approve Sabbatical Leave Requests

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellors at the Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses 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 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 Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.

(This recommendation is supplementary to the applications recommended to the Board on March 26, 2008.)

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Educational Psychology

LISA BETH SPANIERMAN, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To submit a major contribution to *The Counseling Psychologist* combining theoretical work with empirical research on the psychosocial costs of racism to white individuals and to seek grant funding to develop interventions designed to increase white students' and professionals' racial and cultural sensitivities.

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Department of Computer Science

MARCO CACCAMO, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2008-09, one-half pay

To conduct research and to broaden knowledge in the field of real time resource management for next generation cyber-physical systems and to establish new collaborations with researchers in the field.

GRIGORE ROSU, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a book: *Programming Languages: A Rewriting Approach*, which will include teaching and research material accumulated over the last five years at the University.

CHENGXIANG ZHAI, Assistant Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To write a book: *Statistical Language Models for Information Retrieval* and to develop a text mining software toolkit.

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering

DIMITRIOS C. KYRITSIS, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2008-09, one-half pay

To improve knowledge of alternative power generation in the context of commercialization of currently developing technologies and their ensuing impact on the quality of global energy balance.

## COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

School of Art and Design

LUKE BATTEN, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a body of photographic work documenting youth culture in suburban Chicago, which will provide a visual ethnography of the suburban landscape.

KEVIN HAMILTON, Assistant Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a nascent collaborative, interdisciplinary project for print, exhibition, and web, about how creativity is dependent upon addressing and reconciling conflict.

JOHN JENNINGS, Assistant Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To conduct research on the relationship of comics and sequential art to visual literacy and to work on a graphic novel entitled: *The Hole: Consumer Culture*.

School of Music

GABRIEL SOLIS, Assistant Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a book: *Performing Genre and the Self: Tom Waits, Masculinity, Americana and Rock at the End of the "American Century."*

Department of Theatre

JAMES ANDREW ZAGER, Associate Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To work on a youth play based on Edgar Allan Poe, and to film an adaptation of the play: *Stories Gone Wilde*.

## INSTITUTE OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

DEBORAH RUPP, Assistant Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To write a monograph proposing a meta theory of organizational justice and corporate social responsibility and to prepare large-scale grant proposals outlining empirical research to test aspects of the theory.

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of English

ROBERT W. BARRETT, JR., Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete research and to produce an edition of the sixteenth-century Chester Whitson plays: *A Cycle of 24 Biblical Pageants*.

CATHARINE E. GRAY, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To conduct research and to write a book on poetry of the British Civil Wars that analyses the impact of military violence and its representations on images of the nation state.

Department of History

TAMARA EILEEN CHAPLIN, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete research and to write a monograph on the impact of mass media in shaping post-World War II French legal, medical, and pedagogical debates about sexuality.

CAROL LYNNE SYMES, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To conduct research and to draft a book: *A Modern War and the Medieval Past: The Middle Ages of World War I*.

School of Literatures, Cultures and LinguisticsProgram in Comparative and World Literature

BRETT ASHLEY KAPLAN HARTNETT, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a second book project: *Landscapes of Holocaust Postmemory*.

LILYA KAGANOVSKY, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2008-09, one-half pay

To conduct research and to write a new book on Soviet cinema's transition from silent to sound (1928-1932), a period of aesthetic and ideological change, and political restructuring.

Department of French

LAWRENCE R. SCHEHR, Professor

First semester 2008-09, full pay

To complete a manuscript on the changing representations of masculinity in contemporary French literature and film, focusing on notions about identity.

Department of Speech Communication

LEANNE KNOBLOCH, Assistant Professor

Second semester 2008-09, full pay

To develop theory and to conduct research on how relational uncertainty shapes communication in marriage when one partner is afflicted with depression.

CHICAGO

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of African American Studies

MICHELLE R. BOYD, Assistant Professor

Academic year 2008-09, one-half pay; or second semester 2008-09, full pay

To conduct an ethnography examining the strategies used by day labor organizers at the San Lucas Workers Center, a multiracial organization in the Chicago metropolitan region.