

YCAR Award Winners for 2007

In the 2006-2007 academic year, three awards were offered to graduate students involved in the Graduate Diploma for Asian Studies (GDAS) through the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR).

The winners were announced earlier this spring.

Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship



Terry Boyd-Zhang

The 2007 award recipient is Terry Boyd-Zhang, a MA Candidate with the Department of Humanities at York, whose research focuses on *Ancient Melodies*, a book by modern Chinese writer Ling Shushua. Boyd-Zhang plans to do a comparative study of the introductions included in the 1953, 1969, and 1988 English editions of the book to the 1991, 2003 and 2006 editions published in Mainland China.

The Fellowship was established by the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation to encourage and assist York University graduate students to conduct field research in East and/or Southeast Asia. YCAR would like to thank the Albert C. W. Chan family for their support to York graduate students.

For more information: [Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship](#)

David Wurfel Award



Shannon Arnold

Shannon Arnold, a Master's student in the York Faculty of Environmental Studies, is the first recipient of the David Wurfel Award.

Arnold is studying the Political Ecology of Industrial Aquaculture, with a focus on the global context for, and the local consequences of, seaweed cultivation in the Philippines. This booming cash crop has not yet been subject to analysis in terms of consequences for livelihoods, gender divisions of labour and access to resources. Arnold's research will provide an important assessment of the costs and benefits of seaweed cultivation as a development strategy.

The Award was established in 2006 by Senior YCAR Research Associate Dr. David Wurfel. He wanted to contribute to the emergence of a new generation of Filipino leadership that is grounded in the country's history, culture and public affairs. Dr.

Wurfel is a Philippine specialist who received his PhD from Cornell University's Southeast Asia Program.

The David Wurfel Award provides financial support to an honors undergraduate or masters graduate student who intends to conduct thesis research on the topic of Filipino history, culture, or society. The award is open to students enrolled in York University in social sciences or humanities programs (including Faculties of Law and Environmental Studies), and who are Canadian citizens/permanent residents/protected persons.

For more information: [David Wurfel Award](#)

YCAR Language Award

The 2006-2007 academic year was also the first year for the YCAR Language Award. Adam Lukasiewicz and Shannon Arnold are this year's recipients. Their language training in Tagalog while in the Philippines this summer will facilitate their fieldwork.

Lukasiewicz's area of interest is geography and his research is on altered gender relations within households, specifically the potential of migrant female members to challenge traditional divisions of labour and entrenched notions of masculine and feminine roles within family structures. Through his research, Lukasiewicz intends to establish the significance of human migration in the process of agrarian transition through remittances, and specifically these remittances' potential in transforming conceptions of gender and class.



Arnold is doing Master's level research with the Environmental Studies faculty at York University.

The Award was created to support graduate students in fulfilling the language requirement for the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS).

The award is open to local and international students who are enrolled in GDAS at York, have a grade point average of at least 6.0, and with demonstrated need to learn a specific Asian language to appreciate and better understand the context and perspectives relating to their area of research study.

For more information: [YCAR Language Award](#)