

Research Grant Program—University of Florida

The University of Florida announces two grant programs for individuals wishing to conduct research using the resources of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program or Special Collections at the George A. Smathers Libraries. See below for application procedures.

Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Grant (\$1000 award)

This grant has been created in honor of Dr. Julian Pleasants in recognition of his contributions during his tenure as director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida. Dr. Pleasants, author of *Hanging Chads* (2003), *Orange Journalism* (2004), and *Gator Tales* (2006), established an exemplary record in teaching, scholarship, and service to UF and the community and continues to be an avid supporter of the oral history program. Applicants for this grant should be actively engaged on research about the American South and/or Florida and demonstrate a need for on-campus access to the resources of the Oral History Program and/or Special Collections. The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will award one (1) visiting scholar grant for 2009.

Cecilia L. Johnson Library Grant for Visiting Graduate Scholars (\$1000 award)

This grant was created in honor of Cecilia L. Johnson, a life-long supporter of the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, Special & Area Studies Collections, at the George A. Smathers Library (UF). Its purpose is to enable graduate students to conduct research in the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History or other special collections at the University of Florida Library. Applicants should be actively engaged on research on Florida history and demonstrate a need for on-campus access to the resources of Special Collections. Preference will be given to graduate students from institutions outside the State of Florida. Two grants will be awarded annually.

Procedures for Application

Applicants should provide: (1) a letter of intent specifying which grant they are applying for and containing their contact information; (2) a brief (300 word) proposal describing their research, the product they intend to create (thesis, book chapter, article, etc.), and resources at the university library that they intend to use; (3) the month in which they intend to visit UF; (4) a travel budget; and (5) a current CV. Applicants for the Cecilia L. Johnson Library Grant also need to submit a letter of recommendation from their major professor. All applications will be reviewed by a judging panel composed of archivists and historians at the University of Florida.

Responsibilities of Award Recipients

Individuals who receive awards are expected to spend at least one week (5 working days) in Gainesville in pursuit of their research and will submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project. Grants will be awarded at the time of researchers' arrival at the University of Florida. Award recipients are expected to acknowledge the Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Grant or the Cecilia L. Johnson Library Travel Grant in any published work, thesis, or dissertation.

Research work may be undertaken anytime between the announcement of awards (February 15, 2009) and December 31, 2009. Funds must be used in the calendar year awarded.

Send Applications to:

Samuel Proctor

Oral History Program

c/o Roberta Peacock

241 Pugh Hall

PO Box 115215

Gainesville, FL 32611

Application Deadline: January 15, 2009.

Awards will be announced February 15, 2009.

For more information on the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, see:

<http://www.history.ufl.edu/oral/>

For more information on Special Collections, George A. Smathers Library, see:

<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/>