The Faculty Senate is pleased to announce the **2015 Summer Stipends** and the **2015–2016 Coffin Grants**. The funded projects provide an excellent snapshot of some of the many scholarly and artistic endeavors in which our faculty are engaged. Please join the Faculty Senate in congratulating all of the awardees.

**SUMMER STIPENDS**

– **Joanna Borucinska**, professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S), plans to combine scholarly activity with the development of a graduate course in neuropathology for the Master's in Neuroscience program at the University of Hartford.


– **Hirokazu Fukawa**, associate professor of sculpture in the Hartford Art School (HAS), will collaborate in a dance and performance project.

– **Eoin King**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture (CETA), intends to perform a critical analysis of the Traffic Noise Model (TNM) method for noise mapping.

– **Daniel Lee**, assistant professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP), will be working on validation of a knowledge outcome measure for prosthetics (K.O.M.P.).

– **Paola Sacchetti**, assistant professor of biology, A&S, will be working on the role of proteins in cell survival of dopamine neurons.

– **Bin Zhu**, assistant professor of biology, A&S, will write a journal article titled “Ecosystem-level effects of invasive European frogbit and its two control methods – hand pulling and shading.” (Frogbit is an invasive floating plant in North American water bodies).

**COFFIN GRANTS**

– **Donna Menhart**, assistant professor in The Hartt School, will use the grant to travel to the 22nd International Kodály Symposium at the Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, Scotland, at which she will be presenting a workshop.

– **Richard Freund**, professor and director of the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, A&S, will be continuing his work on tracking the legacy of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer and his impact on human rights in Latin America. The grant will support travel which will allow Freund to access important archives.

– John Willis, associate professor in the Hartford Art School, received an award in support of producing drawings and prints for his first solo exhibition, *Conflicted Space*, at the Davidson Gallery in Seattle, Wash., in May 2016.