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US STUDIES CENTRE ANNOUNCES RESEARCH GRANT WINNERS

The United States Studies Centre has awarded research grants totalling \$100,000 for ten projects on a wide range of topics in the humanities and social sciences by academics from nine Australian universities.

The chief executive of the US Studies Centre, Professor Geoffrey Garrett said the quality and breadth of all the research proposals was very impressive.

“Receiving ninety applications for the Centre’s inaugural round of research grants is testimony to the great interest in the United States among Australian academics and the high quality of research they are engaging in”, he said.

Professor Garrett says he was also particularly impressed by the quality of the American collaborators in some of the proposals.

Research grants were awarded to:

Megan Blaxland, Research Associate in Social Policy, UNSW:
“Care, Employment and Social Policy in Australia and the USA”;

Dr Frances Clarke, Lecturer in History, University of Sydney:
“Dear Father Abraham: Defining the rights and obligations of citizenship in Civil War America”;

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Dr Paul Collits, Research Fellow in Global Studies, Social Science & Planning, RMIT:
“The US Heartland States - Economy, demography, culture, governance”;

Professor Don DeBats, Professor of American Studies and Politics, Flinders University:
“The Political Worlds of Nineteenth Century Virginia”;

Dr Shu Fan, Research Fellow in Econometrics & Business Statistics, Monash University:
“Demand Response in the Electricity Markets of the US”;

Professor Cliff Goddard, Professor of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences, University of New England:
“American English and Australian English”;

Dr Ben Goldsmith, Senior Lecturer in Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, and Dr Yasaku Horiuchi, Senior Lecturer, Crawford School of Economics and Government ANU:
“Global Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy: Trends over time and soft-power consequences”;

Dr Barbara Keys, Lecturer in Historical Studies, University of Melbourne:
“The Human Rights Revolution in the US: Forging a new foreign policy in the 1970s”;

Dr Jacqueline Peel, Associate Professor of Law, University of Melbourne:
“Californian Climate Change Law - Lessons for Australia”; and

Dr Louise Watson, Associate Professor of Education, University of Canberra:
“Federal / State Relations in US Education Policy”.

The US Studies Centre will award another round of research grants in the second half of 2009 for research to be undertaken in 2010.

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