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Amy Berg at UC San Diego Receives AAUW American Fellowship

WASHINGTON – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) awarded a 2014-15 American Fellowship to Amy Berg. She is a doctoral candidate in philosophy at UC San Diego.

American Fellowships, AAUW’s oldest and largest funding program, date back to 1888 and support women scholars who are completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or finishing research for publication.

Berg focuses on political philosophy and ethics and has additional interests in the history of ethics and political philosophy, feminist philosophy, and the philosophy of law. In her dissertation, she focuses on ideal and non-ideal theory, whether our ideals can help us to improve our own non-ideal world. She is also involved in several initiatives at UCSD aimed at supporting women at all stages of their careers in philosophy. Berg grew up in Oregon and holds a BA in philosophy and government from Claremont McKenna College and an MA in philosophy from UC San Diego.

“These are life-changing awards,” said Gloria Blackwell, AAUW vice president of fellowships, grants, and global programs. “We’re so proud to continue this wonderful legacy and to salute this new class of fellows and grantees. They now join the ranks of Nobel Prize winners, celebrated authors, social entrepreneurs, and prominent scholars who have used AAUW funding to advance equality for women and girls.”

For the 2014-15 academic year, AAUW awarded a total of $3.7 million to 244 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls through six fellowships and grants programs. AAUW is one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education, having awarded nearly $100 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to more than 12,000 women from more than 130 countries since 1888.

Read AAUW’s press release about this year’s awards. To find out more about this year’s exceptional class of awardees, visit the online directory. To reach an award recipient, call 202.728.7602 or e-mail fellowships@aauw.org.
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