The Appalachian College Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the ACA’s 2019-20 Faculty Fellowships. Through this program, the Association is able to furnish financial support to member institutions and their faculty for terminal degree completion, summer research, and semester or year-long sabbatical support.

This year, fourteen faculty members are awarded fellowships:

Maureen Drinkard, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies
Brevard College
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Summer research project to investigate the American Burying Beetle in the Southern Appalachian Mountains

Kendra Fullwood, Associate Professor of English
Johnson University
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Semester-long research project examining rhetorical practices in the Black Church that emerge between the preacher and congregation during worship services

Charles Hubbard, Professor of History and Lincoln Historian
Lincoln Memorial University
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Year-long biographical research investigating the Trail family, a 19th century African-American family

Jennifer Lanham, Associate Professor of Social Work
Campbellsville University
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Year-long investigation of the impact of job dislocation on Central Appalachian women and their social support networks

Susan Leight, Professor of Nursing
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
One-semester project examining distress, depression, and diabetes among Honduran adults

Chandra Massner, Associate Professor of Communication
University of Pikeville
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
Year-long support to complete doctorate in Communication from Liberty University

Veronica McComb, Associate Professor of History
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
One semester research project to develop ways of understanding and further supporting individuals from neuro-diverse backgrounds in higher education
Alison Miller, Assistant Professor of Art History  
University of the South  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Full-year research exploring the feminine imperial images of the modern Japanese empresses

Timothy Miller, Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Lee University  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Year-long research projects regarding the theological doctrine of continuous creation and consequentialist ethical theories

Damjana Mraovic-O’Hare, Assistant Professor of English  
Carson-Newman University  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
One semester project examining foreign-born, US based authors and transcendence of ethnicity or locality of narrative

Taylor Newton, Associate Professor of Psychology  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Full year research project exploring “paradoxical thinking” as a strategy for enhancing attitude change

Jimmy Smith, Professor of English  
Union College  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Summer research investigating the ideas of civility and wildness in Southern Appalachian fiction

Tracey Stout, Associate Professor of Christian Studies  
Bluefield College  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Single-semester research on the philosophical anthropology and moral vision of philosopher Charles Taylor

Robert Turpin, Assistant Professor of History  
Lees-McRae College  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Year-long research developing biography of later 19th/early 20th century black cyclists, including Marshall Taylor