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Fulbright experiences enrich faculty research

When UofL proudly notes the talented students awarded Fulbright scholarships to study and research around the globe, people might not realize that its professors also benefit from Fulbright opportunities.

Several faculty members spent part of 2018 abroad to further their own academic endeavors — from the history of Turkish baths to the study of Renaissance-era food — through that U.S. Department of State exchange program.

Karen Kayser, the Renato LaRocca chair of oncology social work, spent four months as a Fulbright-Nehru distinguished chair at a large South India cancer-care provider, Chennai Cancer Institute. She also taught a health disparities course at Stella Maris College including videoconferencing sessions with students in the Kent School of Social Work psychosocial

oncology specialization.

"The increasing rate of cancer incidence in India and the country's limited resources in psycho-oncology have presented challenges and opportunities in addressing the psychosocial needs of persons affected by cancer," Kayser said.

scrubbing, washing and massage. Hamams now are being revived as a wellness experience for locals and tourists, said Peteet, director of Middle East and Islamic studies.

Wendy Pfeffer, a classical and modern languages professor on her second Fulbright, spent

was submitting articles for publication and also improving her French.

As they returned, A&S colleagues Rodger Payne and Gerry Williger were packing for fall Fulbright treks to Ottawa and Budapest, respectively.

Payne, a political science professor, received a Fulbright research chair in Canada-U.S. relations at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, looking at the bilateral relationships related to President Donald Trump's foreign policy.

Williger, an associate professor of physics and astronomy, will visit the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to analyze telescope data on a small solar system.

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Meanwhile, anthropology professor Julie Peteet spent September-June in Ankara and Istanbul as a Fulbright senior research scholar examining the archaeology, history and ethnography of the Turkish bath custom.

Traditional Turkish hamams take bathers through a sequence of hot and cold rooms to cleanse through sweating, vigorous

a half-year in Tours, France, researching Renaissance culinary history — specifically travel accounts from 16th century physician and food encyclopedia author Jean Bruyerin-Champier.

"Thanks to the Fulbright grant, I am able to devote all my energy to my research, working in two outstanding libraries," Pfeffer said, adding that she

UPWARD AND ONWARD: STUDENTS EARN MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Asha Clark and 30 other seniors from Jefferson County Public high schools stood proudly at the annual Upward Bound Academic Banquet as their names were called and their scholarship awards were recognized. Collectively, the group received more than \$1.7 million in scholarships and other aid from various colleges and universities. Clark was one of seven students who received more than \$100,000.

"Upward Bound has been an irreplaceable experience," said Clark, a senior at Ballard High School and the mistress of ceremony at the banquet. "Without it I would have been completely lost

in the college application process. It isn't just academics that Upward Bound has helped me with, it's the lifelong bonds that I've formed as well. I think without Upward Bound the course of my life would be completely different, and not for the better."

Upward Bound, a federally funded program that has existed on the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus for more than 50 years, serves high school students from low-income and first-generation families. The goal of the Upward Bound Program is to increase the rate at which its participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of



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and that is to educate our students and produce a citizenry that's prepared to go forth and take their rightful place in this society," Ralph Fitzpatrick, vice president for community engagement, said during the ceremony.

Dwayne Compton, associate dean for community engagement and diversity and chief diversity officer for the School of Medicine, was the evening's guest speaker.

" Oftentimes see students and see myself when I was sitting in your seats," Compton said. "Do self-reflection, think about what it is that you want out of life and establish your own partnership of success."

post-secondary education.

The banquet celebrated 165 seniors who participated in the program and recognized more than 90 students who attained a 3.0 GPA or higher.

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