Leahy, Chad  
**Department**: Lang. & Lit  
**Project Title**: The Rhetoric of Jerusalem in Early Modern Spain  
**Abstract**: The Rhetoric of Jerusalem in Early Modern Spain proposes a substantive revision of the place of Palestine in Imperial Spanish culture and politics by studying the reproduction or replication of Jerusalem in texts and objects circulated in the sphere of the 16th- and 17th-century Spanish Court.

Fan, Xin  
**Department**: Physics & Astro  
**Project Title**: Microwaves resonant cavity for studying spin pumping  
**Abstract**: In this proposal, we aim to build a microwave resonator cavity and develop detection methods for understanding the fundamental mechanisms of spin pumping. The microwave resonant cavity is a powerful technique for studying how electrons behave at microwave frequency, which is the frequency nowadays computer CPUs work at. This will not only help expand my research capability, but also put me in competitive position among researchers in the world. An undergraduate student will be heavily involved in this research. He/she will learn about fundamentals of magnetism and have hands-on experience with useful microwave technologies.

Blackman, Terrence  
**Department**: ER&P/MCE  
**Project Title**: A decade of mathematics at Medgar Evers College  
**Abstract**: My request for funding is to hire editorial services for three research projects: a book that will shortly be under review by the editorial board at Routledge, and two journal articles. Because English is my second language, the publication process for these research projects, as a first-year assistant professor in the Economics department, the publication of these projects will substantially strengthen my professional development and academic reputation. Their publication will also add to the reputation of the Economics department, as well as the University of Denver, as the powerhouse of high-quality research, productivity, and scholarship.

Avant, Deborah  
**Department**: Korbel  
**Project Title**: Private Security Mapping Projects  
**Abstract**: Social scientists, governments, and corporations put substantial resources into predicting human behavior. Yet behavior prediction is not merely a scientific or bureaucratic endeavor: evolution has ensured that any human's well-being depends on the behavior of other humans, making it critical for people to forecast others' actions. Behavior forecasts are fundamental to the social-cognitive approach in psychology, as it is assumed that without other people in order to predict their behavior. Yet few studies examine if and how people accurately forecast others' behavior. I aim to fill this gap by testing if and how people forecast each others' behavior.

Weidbach, Max  
**Department**: Psychology  
**Project Title**: Lay Forecasts of Behavior: Accuracy and Processes  
**Abstract**: This research project proposes to provide the first in-depth examination of the relatively recent efforts of conservative Christian elites to develop the supporting institutions that provide intellectual and material resources traditionally required to build a powerful legal movement. This part of the project focuses on Alliance Defending Freedom—a prominent conservative Christian public interest law firm, networking hub, and financial resource—and its efforts to train the next generation of conservative Christian lawyers via its Blackstone Legal Fellowship program. The primary question pursued here is how the program aims at creating the resources required to effect legal and political change.

Wilson, Joshua  
**Department**: Pol Sci  
**Project Title**: Supplemental Support Structures and the Conservative Christian Legal Movement  
**Abstract**: Since the first AIDS death in 1981, HIV stigma continues to threaten the mental health of people with HIV. Despite the negative impact of HIV stigma, how people handle the stigma poses an important challenge. Therefore, the stigma and its effects are a core focus in HIV research. This project will help to understand more about self-compassion and HIV identity centrality. Results of this proposal will be submitted to external funding agencies on AIDS/HIV.

Chao, Ruth, Chu-Lien  
**Department**: Counseling Psy  
**Project Title**: HIV Stigma and Emotional Outcomes: The Moderating Roles of Self-Compassion and HIV Identity Centrality  
**Abstract**: This project investigates how different students and faculty experience off-track writing courses and what effect quarter of completion has on students' learning. We use surveys, interviews, focus groups, and course portfolio assessment and course evaluation comparisons to learn about the experiences of participants in off-track writing courses. This research may have implications for sequencing, advising, and curricula at DU, and it addresses current concerns locally and in the field of rhetoric and composition teacher preparation, transfer student retention, and support for non-traditional and international students.

Feldman, Donna Beth  
**Department**: English  
**Project Title**: postSaxon futures: new histories for old English(es)  
**Abstract**: This project explores how Saxon futures: new histories for old English(es) is a three-day national conference that brings together scholars of early medieval Britain in order to reimagine Anglo-Saxon Studies as a field that is “postSaxon”—unbound from historical period and unfettered from national-ethnic resonances. To these ends, “postSaxon futures” is not structured as a conference in the traditional sense but as a workspace. Participants engage in a variety of break-out groups designed to broaden their linguistic competence, interdisciplinary methodologies, and temporal scope so that they can imagine the parameters of this new and emergent postSaxon field.