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U of L humanities researchers secure federal grants

Four University of Lethbridge professors have been awarded more than \$300,000 in research grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

“This year’s SSHRC results reflect a high standard of excellence amongst our humanists and social scientists, of which we can be rightly proud,” says Dr. Claudia Malacrida, associate vice-president research. “These researchers’ projects touch on vital aspects of cultural, civil and social life and each of them richly deserves this recognition.”

Dr. Abdie Kazemipur, a U of L sociology professor, has been awarded more than \$138,000 over four years for a research project called *After the Ottawa Attack*. Kazemipur will examine the integration of Muslims in Canada in the wake of recent terrorist attacks in Canada by Muslim converts. More details about his research project are available on the [UNews website](#).

Dr. Fangfang Li, a University of Lethbridge psychology professor, has received a grant worth more than \$28,000. She and several fellow researchers at the U of L want to ensure the public has access to correct information about child language learning and are organizing a conference that will bring the various academic disciplines involved in child language acquisition research and the public together. The conference, to be hosted on a rotating basis with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, is planned to be an annual event. Check out the [UNews website](#) for more information.

Dr. Gloria Tian, an associate professor of finance at the U of L’s Calgary campus, and two fellow finance professors, will use their Insight Grant worth more than \$94,000 to examine partnerships between corporations and the non-profit sector. Visit [UNews](#) to learn more about Tian’s project.

Dr. Hillary Rodrigues, a professor of Religious Studies, will investigate a growing component of the ‘spiritual but not religious’ group. The Modern Nondual Spirituality movement centres on the attainment of a key psychological realization where all conceptual dualities, especially those that distinguish the individual from the rest of reality, collapse. The movement hasn’t received much attention from religious scholars and Rodrigues plans to use his grant worth more than \$43,000 to correct that situation. Further information on his study is outlined on [UNews](#).

These grants will further knowledge in key areas of research that are of interest not only to academics, but also to professionals and the public.

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