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### **Linda Pei Undergraduate Research Grant**

The Linda Pei Undergraduate Research Grant supports an undergraduate research project related to issues of women's empowerment such as gender equality in the workplace, access to reproductive health care, and women's political leadership. Research projects related to women in developing countries, such as micro-finance and access to education will also be considered. The \$1,000 grant is to be used to further research.

The grant honors the life of Linda Pei '67 (1944-2007). Linda was born in China and grew up in Tokyo. Her parents sent her to the United States for schooling at the age of sixteen. She graduated from Brown with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, earned a master's degree in teaching from Wesleyan University, and completed a master's degree in business administration at Stanford University. She founded the Women's Equity Mutual Fund in 1993 to advance the social and economic status of women in the workplace by bringing to bear the collective power of individual and institutional investors. She also founded a program to integrate entrepreneurial learning and microfinance in a small community in China.

2008/2009

Debbie Lehmann, Economics

***Examining the role of Argentina's Pro Mujer microfinance programs on women's empowerment and on the dynamics of their marital relationships***

2009/2010

Julie Siwicki, Development Studies; Economics

***"Credit, Investments, and Women: The roles of Informal Finance and Micro-finance in Urban Mali"***

2010/2011

Christine Zaleski, Environmental Studies

***"How has community based management impacted human and ecosystem welfare in two oyster restoration projects?: Lessons from conservation strategies in Rhode Island and the Gambia"***

2011/2012

Nicole Friedman, English Literature

***Female health disparities across the United States***