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Kirwan Institute Awards Grants

The impact of sixties activism, the intertwining of racial identity and religion, and the impact of racism's stress on preterm births are three topics being explored by Ohio State University researchers with support recently awarded through the Kirwan Institute's Small Grants Program.

Jay D. Iams, M.D., Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine, will conduct "*Stress, Health, and The Pregnancy Experience: The Shape Study*." This clinical research pilot study will explore the possibility that chronic stress due to structural racism and racial disparities contributes to infant mortality in the United States, causing a disproportionate rate of preterm births among Non-Hispanic Black women.

Angela Ryan, Doctoral Candidate in the Department of History will assess "*What Happened to the Sixties?: Multiracial Coalitions and the Enduring Legacy of Ethnic Studies*." This historical study will examine how the launch of the new intellectual field of Ethnic Studies created long-lasting, impactful change as the sixties ended by helping to bridge the gap between races as well as between whites of both the "left" and "right".

Alvina M. Kubeka, Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Sociology, will study "*Racial Identity, Religiosity, and Adolescent Development: A Comparative Analysis of African American and Black South African Youth Experiences*." This study will examine how racial and religious identity are complexly intertwined and will compare the experiences of African American and Black South African youths to assess how their racial group's unfavorable position in the general social structure affects their identity formation.

The Kirwan Institute Small Grants Program is designed to support research which will deepen the understanding of racial and ethnic disparities at the local, national and international levels.

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity was established in 2003 as a center for interdisciplinary research at The Ohio State University. The Kirwan Institute partners with people, communities, and institutions worldwide to think about, talk about, and act on race in ways that create and expand opportunity for all. For more information about the Kirwan Institute, go to: <http://kirwaninstitute.org/>.