

**FACULTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM**

Name: **DR. JOHN KAISER ORTIZ**

Department **PHILOSOPHY**

Title of Grant:

**FOUR THINKERS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY GENEALOGY OF MEXICANIDAD:
JUSTO SIERRA, SAMUEL RAMOS, JOSE VASCONCELOS, AND OCTAVIO PAZ**

Date of Award (e.g. Fall 2018) **SUMMER 2020**

Category of Award (e.g. Travel to Present) **PUBLICATION GRANT**

Amount of Award: **\$417.08**

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REPORT

Dear Dean Zake, Faculty Grants Chair, and University Archives,

My publication grant award letter stipulates the following two conditions:

- c. File a final report with your Dean, with copies to the Faculty Grants Committee Chair and the University Archives, within one year from the date awarded. The report should be in the form of a one-page abstract, with an accounting of fiscal expenditures. Submission of a final report will be considered in judging future proposal awards.
- d. Inform your Dean, the University Archives, and the Committee Chair of any publications and/or presentations resulting from the work completed with these funds. Publications should credit the University.

I was awarded a publication grant on August 17th (summer cycle, 2020) totaling \$417.08, which I applied toward the cost of publishing my essay "Four Thinkers in the Twentieth Century Genealogy of Mexicanidad" in the online open access journal *Genealogy*. The total cost of publication was \$1000 and covers access to this article in perpetuity. However, I enjoyed a five hundred dollar discount for my having previously served as an outside blind reviewer.

I credited the university with this partial funding. My essay reads: "This essay's publication was made possible, in part, by funding from the Faculty Grants Committee of Millersville University."

My publication's abstract reads as follows: The twentieth-century development of Mexicanidad underwent a series of treatments that changed how selfhood in Mexico was problematized and understood. Octavio Paz's claim that Mexicanidad faced historical and philosophical obstacles in its development, such as the problem of solitude, allowed him to go beyond the accounts of Mexicanidad provided by Justo Sierra, José Vasconcelos, and Samuel Ramos. Paz's account of Mexicanidad sought an explicit connection between the Mexican experience of solitude and the universal human experience of solitude. This paper demonstrates how Paz's revised account addresses these and other problems in twentieth-century Latin American quests for national identity."

d. My publication can be found here <https://www.mdpi.com/2313-5778/4/3/75/htm>

e. Thank you for your continued support of my research and publications.

f. Respectfully yours,

g. John Kaiser Ortiz