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2 local university projects earn grants

Two Central Minnesotans have earned awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For a project titled "Tracing Monastic Culture," the Rev. Columba Stewart of St. John's University earned a \$50,400 fellowship. It is the largest grant among the eight given to Minnesota projects by NEH.

Stewart's fellowship is part of NEH's fellowship program for college teachers and independent scholars. It is intended to support six to 12 months of full-time research in the humanities.

Stewart is head of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's. In June, he will leave that job to spend more time teaching and writing.

For a project titled "Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project," J.C. Turner of St. Cloud State University earned a \$2,500 grant. The grant recognizes library outreach projects.

Turner is associate dean for operations, learning resources and technology services at St. Cloud State.

Minnesota projects collected \$104,530 of the \$15.7 million in grant awards and offers made to 248 projects. NEH offers grants to scholars, museum curators, libraries and cultural organizations to promote excellence and lifelong learning in the humanities.
