

**Anthony and Mary Rudis
Research Scholarship**

DESCRIPTION

The Anthony and Mary Rudis Research Scholarship supports student interest in the comparative study of constitutions. Recipients of the scholarship will write a research paper during the 2010-11 academic year under the guidance of a faculty member.

The focus of the research paper is the comparative study of constitutions. Its purpose is to develop an understanding of the historical and political definition of constitutional rights, concentrating on the ways in which societies secure, or fail to secure, the rights of their citizens. In this time of rapid globalization, the means whereby governments define and implement rights is shifting, under pressure from the global economy and other new connections across national boundaries. We invite students to focus in particular on the concerns of groups and individuals who have been traditionally marginalized or subordinated in society: women, the poor, and ethnic and religious minorities. Students may explore the intellectual, political, or social context of different constitutional regimes—past and present—and the ways in which they contribute to the dignity, equality, responsibilities, and integration of such people and groups.

Students must will enroll in a 3-credit Directed Reading course in the spring 2011 semester under the direction of their faculty mentor. Faculty mentors will work closely with students to guide their research and supervise their final papers. The research will culminate in 20-25 page research paper and a poster presentation as part of the Loyola University Research Opportunities Program in spring 2011.

The Rudis Scholarship Program awards grants of up to \$2,000 for the academic year.