Philadelphia University Professor Awarded Fulbright Research Fellowship

PHILADELPHIA, April 2006 – Steven Dinero, Philadelphia University associate professor of human geography, has been awarded a Fulbright research grant to continue his study of a Bedouin community in Israel.

During the grant period, from January to August 2007, Dinero will be studying the Bedouin town of Segev Shalom/Shqeb in Israel’s Negev. He has been conducting research on the town since the early 1990s.

Dinero’s research project is titled "Settling For Less: A Longitudinal Study of the History and Evolution of a Planned Bedouin Town, 1992-2007." His primary areas of interest include changing gender roles, expressed identities, religious activity and expression, economic activities and political behaviors that are developing in the post-nomadic, settled Bedouin town environment.

"The Fulbright fellowship is an honor, and I feel privileged to have received it,” Dinero said. “My family and I are looking forward to returning to Israel next year, and I am especially excited to be returning to my work in the Bedouin community.”

During his fellowship, Dinero will be affiliated with Haifa University. He was awarded $33,000 from the Fulbright Program, which is administered by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,200 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts and Science and Health.

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