

## Professor Julie Burelle awarded Hellman Fellowship



Professor Julie Burelle was awarded the Hellman Fellowship for 2018 to pursue her research on Indigenous theatre and dance in Québec, Canada. The fellowship will allow her to travel to multiple sites in Québec, access archives, interview artists, and attend performances. This research will then become a book that will investigate the resurgence of Indigenous artists alongside new waves of political activism in the province of Québec and in the country of Canada at large.

Julie Burelle holds a PhD from the joint program in Drama and Theatre at UC San Diego and UC Irvine. Originally from Quebec, Canada, Julie has studied and taught theatre on both coasts of Canada and of the United States. She earned a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Toronto. Julie's research is invested in a decolonizing project and is in conversation with the fields of Performance Studies, Cultural Studies, and Native American studies among others. Her most recent work focuses on how questions of First Nations sovereignty, cultural identity, and nationhood are negotiated through performances in the particular context of Quebec, a province whose national aspirations have often occupied center stage. Her case studies include theatrical and cinematic performances, and political and land-based protests. Julie has presented her work in multiple international settings and she has published in TheatreForum, TDR:The Drama Review, Dance Research Journal, as well as in various edited volumes.

The Hellman Fellowship Program was established at UC San Diego in 1995 through the generosity of Chris Hellman and the late Warren Hellman. 2017-18 marks the 23rd year of this valuable program that is designed to provide financial support and encouragement to young faculty in the core disciplines who show capacity for great distinction in their research and creative activities. Funds awarded are intended as one-time support for activities that will enhance the individual's progress towards tenure; therefore, prior to receiving a Fellowship, faculty recipients will have served at least two years at the assistant professor rank as evidence of their promise of distinction. The maximum award amount is \$50,000.