Funds distributed from the endowment shall be used to provide fellowship support to graduate students in the American Studies Department. The Les Dames Fellows' names will be shared with the donor or their representative on an annual basis. Graduate students supported by this endowment must be in good standing in the Department of American Studies. Their research shall be concerned with the study of food and culture, including, but not limited to, food, wine, or the hospitality industry. Preference shall be given to students researching Texas, women and food, and/or diversity in food cultures, or to students gathering oral histories in cooperation with Foodways Texas.