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OYEDEMI RECEIVES NATIONAL CENTER FOR DIGITAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP

Toks Oyedemi, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, has received a 2010 Student Research Grant from the National Center for Digital Government (NCDG). The award will help Oyedemi conduct doctoral field research on the pattern and quality of Internet access and the role of technology in social change in South Africa.

In addition to receiving the research grant, Oyedemi joins the Center as a Research Fellow for the 2010-2011 academic year. As a fellow, Oyedemi joins a team of international NCDG scholars exploring the impact of technology on local, state and federal governments around the world.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the NCDG seeks to build global research capacity, to advance practice, and to strengthen the network of researchers and practitioners engaged in building and using technology in government. NCDG Student Research Grants are designed to support student research programs at UMass Amherst that examine the intersection of information and communication technologies, policy, and government. More information about NCDG is available at www.ncdg.org.