Six McNair Students Selected to Present at NCUR

Six Marquette McNair Scholars have been selected to present their research at the 28th National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The conference will be held at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington, April 16 - 18. Over 2,000 undergraduate students will attend the three-day event.

The six students are: Brittany Bernal (Speech Pathology & Audiology), Derek Gutierrez (Mathematics & Statistics), Kaelin Rapport (Anthropology), Andrew Thomp-son (Political Science), Darryl Ramgoolum (Biomedical Engineering), and Anna Ogunkunle (Public Relations/Spanish).

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), established in 1987, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study. Unlike meetings of academic professional organizations, this gathering of young scholars welcomes presenters from all institutions of higher learning and from all corners of the academic curriculum. Through this annual conference, NCUR creates a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement, provides models of exemplary research and scholarship, and helps to improve the state of undergraduate education.

The students presenting at the conference are featured on Page 2.
**McNair Presenters at NCUR 2015**

Listed below are six McNair Scholars whose abstracts were accepted for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research to be held at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. Faculty mentors are listed in parenthesis.

**Histological Techniques for the Sex Determination of Skeletonized Human Remains**
Kaelin Rapport (Dr. Norman C. Sullivan), Anthropology

**Hollywood and the Mammy: Enduring Stereotypes for African-American Actresses**
Anna Ogunkunle (Dr. Pamela Hill Nettleton), Journalism and Media Studies

**Sensorimotor Adaptation of Speech Through a Virtually Shortened Vocal Tract**
Brittany Bernal (Dr. Jeffrey Berry), Speech Pathology and Audiology

**Predictive Modeling for Finding Cut Off Values of Serum Marker CA 19-9 for the Prognosis of Pancreatic Cancer**
Derek Gutierrez (Dr. Mehdi Maadooliat), Mathematics

**Using Humanoid Robots for Reading Comprehension**
Darryl Ramgoolam (Dr. Andrew Williams), Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Frozen in Time: State Selfhood in Postcolonial Africa**
Andrew I. Thompson (Dr. Jennifer Mitzen, Ohio State University), Political Science

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**McNair Moves to Coughlin Hall**

McNair is on the Move!! To Coughlin Hall, that is!!

The McNair Scholars Program has officially moved from Marquette Hall, Room 407 to Coughlin Hall, Room 348.

McNair now has a new resource room, which includes graduate school catalogues, GRE preparation materials, graduate school admission handbooks, and other resource materials. Plans for a computer, higher education publications and journals are in the works.

Offices for the McNair Program Coordinator and graduate assistant are a welcome addition.

“We hope that you all are enjoying our new home in Coughlin Hall” said Graduate Assistant Stephanie Hood. “We are excited that in Coughlin Hall there is more space for students to study, lounge, and watch TV on your breaks!”

Aside from the McNair Resource Room, the new complex features high top tables in the foyer, a student lounge where students can refrigerate their lunches and a microwave, and access the McGarrity Computer Lab which offers free printing.

“The new McNair room offers a quiet, comfortable space where I am able to flourish as an academic,” said McNair senior Andrew Thompson.

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MU McNair Scholar Janelli Barrow presents her research at the 2014 National McNair Conference in Delavan, Wisconsin in November 2014.
MATTHEW SEISAY LEAVES EOP, McNAIR

Matthew Seisay has left the building!
Matthew has accepted the McNair Program Assistant Director position at the University of Delaware. He served EOP for over the past ten years, the first four as an undergraduate at Marquette University and the last six as a staff member.
During his farewell party, he spoke of his time as a refugee and coming to America with just a backpack on his back. He spoke of needing an education to survive here.
He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in May, 2006. He served as an admissions/counselor for EOP and SSS and most recently was the program coordinator for the McNair program helping prepare students for graduate studies and of course, was there for them personally.
He will be missed, but we are excited for his new adventure!

2015 McNair Summer Research
New Scholars Announced

Seventeen students have been selected for admission to the McNair Scholars Program. In preparation for participation in the McNair Summer Research Institute, students are currently enrolled in the Honors Program Research Methodology Seminar (HOPR 3955) to assist in developing their research proposals. Congratulations!!

Aimee Alvarez, Psychology/SOWJ
Olanrewaju Awosika, Spanish for the Professions
Amanda Banks, Psychology
Taylor Bland, Psychology/SOWJ
Jabari Clifton, Marketing and Entrepreneurship
Sonia Escamilla, Biomedical Sciences
Dana Fernandez, Biomedical Sciences
Jaqueline Galindo, Psychology
Karen Gibbons, Biomedical Engineering
Xiong Her, International Affairs
Veronic Kozaczka, Psychology/CRLS
Austin Mason, Physics
Markie Pasternak, Psychology
Karina Sanchez, Psychology
Phonethip Sangasy, Spanish for the Professions
Sarah Sheard, Biomedical Sciences
HaSheana Strong, Criminology and Law Studies

Scholars on the Move

Current McNair Scholars who are studying abroad:
Nataly Aguirre and Celeste Hernandez are in Madrid, Spain as part of the MU Madrid Study Center.
Janelli Barrow and Diana Arroyo are in South Africa as part of the Les Aspin Center for Government.
Anna Ogunkunle is presenting her research at the National Association of African American Studies Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 9.
Claire Bird will be presenting at the 87th Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, April 30th.
Maribel Gamon is in the Masters of Public Health at the University of Illinois-Chicago.
Cicely Hunter is at Saint Louis University, pursing a Masters degree in History.
Darrielle Mitchell is at the University of Texas in Austin, pursuing a Master’s degree in Special Education.
Shoji Sanders is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in American Studies at the University of Maryland.
Tommy Walls is at the University of Illinois, pursuing a Master’s in Social Work program.
Affnan Mohammad is attending Duke University School of Public Policy.
**McNair Alumni Degree Update**

**Bachelors Degrees**

Erika L. Daniels, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
Amber J. Powell, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
Jason D. Raymond, Bachelor of Science, College of Health Sciences

**Masters Degrees**

Anabel R. Carrillo, Master of Arts, Loyola Marymount University
Dennis Griffin, Master of Science, Cardinal Stritch University
Veronica (Ortiz) Leshok, Master of Science, Cardinal Stritch University
Irma L. Munoz, Master of Education, National Louis University
Natanael Ramos, Master of Science in Civil Engineering, Marquette University
Chloe Robinson, Master of Science, Kansas State University
Claudia Rodriguez, Master of Science in Nursing, Marquette University
Steven J. Snowden, Master of Science, University of Florida

**Professional Degrees**

Diep Tran, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

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