Upcoming Events

McNair Senior Retreat is September 28 – 29, 2012, at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. This event is designed to jump start McNair students in preparing their graduate school application materials. In addition, students will receive hands-on assistance preparing their personal statements and letters of recommendation.

McNair Birthday Breakfast Celebration is set for Wednesday, October 17 on the 4th Floor of Marquette Hall, 9 am to 11am. McNair Scholars, mentors, and alums are invited to attend. Ronald E. McNair was born on October 21, 1950, in Lake City, South Carolina.

21st Annual National McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair is set for Friday, November 9 to Sunday, November 11 at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Workshops, panel discussions, and activities will introduce McNair scholars to the nature of graduate study as well as provide helpful tips and suggestions for writing an effective graduate admissions essay.

Interested in becoming a McNair Scholar? The final McNair Info Session is Wednesday, October 3 at 5pm in the Raynor Library. The application deadline is Friday, October 12. Contact the McNair Office for more information at 288-1771.

New Recruitment Cycle

New MU-McNair Increases stipend, Travel

Interested in becoming a McNair Scholar? The opportunity just may be just too good to pass up.

MU-McNair has been refunded, and with that comes a number of changes aimed at improved students’ graduate school prospects. The biggest change is the increase of student stipend to $4200. Students participating in the summer would receive $2800 at the end of the summer, and an additional $1400 when they take their GRE and complete their graduate school applications. The supplement will help defray any related costs, GRE and application fees and travel costs to visit any finalist programs.

Other changes include support for a week-long visit to the Les Aspin Center in Washington, DC; a spring research methodology seminar geared towards helping students formulate their research proposals; travel opportunities to present research at regional and national conferences; and funding for a McNair graduate assistant.

Students interested in more information should attend any of the McNair Info Sessions or stop by the McNair Program Office. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, October 12.
Investigating Learning: The Citizen Science Program at the Urban Ecology Center
Timothy Allen, Jr. (Dr. Jill Birren), Educational Policy and Leadership

The Emotional Response to Historical Images of Victimization Based on In-group and Out-group Categorization
Jazzmyne A. Anderson (Dr. Nakia Gordon), Psychology

The Impact of Job Embeddedness on the Decision to Retire
Toby D. Baker (Dr. Edward Inderrieden), Management

Effects of Perceived Discrimination, Acculturative Stress and Coping on Depression in Latino College Students
Brett J. Christensen (Dr. Lucas Torres), Psychology

Attitudes and Beliefs of Hispanic Women, Ages 60 or Older that Impact their Adherence to Treatment Recommendations from U.S. Healthcare Providers
Maritza Contreras (Dr. Kristin Haglund), Nursing

Gender Differences in Perceived Discrimination as a Predictor of Depressive Symptoms Among Latinos
Alexandra K. Reveles (Dr. Lucas Torres), Psychology

Comparing Scientific Student Achievement at Public and Charter Schools
Marlena A. Eanes (Dr. Francesca Lopez), Educational Policy and Leadership

The Effects of Breastfeeding Peer Counselors on African American Women's Infant Feeding Decisions
Jamarrah J. Foster (Dr. Karen Robinson), Nursing

It’s a Woman’s World: Defining the Complexity of Amy Jacques Garvey
Cicely Bianca Hunter (Dr. Kristen Foster), History

Not Our War: Anti-imperialist Discussions on the Spanish-American War Across the Racial Divide
Casimir E. Korducki (Dr. Laura E. Matthew), History

Competent In-Home Therapy: The Implications for Traditionally Marginalized Children and their Families
Cinthia Lopez (Dr. Kevin Tate), Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

Pilot Testing of a Revised Instrument Measuring Gastrointestinal Symptoms in Healthy Pregnant Women
Tamiah N. McCoy (Dr. Leona VandeVusse and Dr. Lisa Hanson), Nursing

Grin and Bear It: Black Women’s Perceptions of Depression Diagnosis and Treatment
Darrielle Mitchell (Dr. Marcia Williams), Sociology

Numerical Structural Analysis of Marquette University’s Engineering Hall
Natanael Ramos (Dr. Christopher M. Foley), Civil Engineering

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Sex Differences in the Neurological Adaptation to Resistance Training
Jason D. Raymond (Dr. Alexander Ng), Exercise Science

‘Small Hinges Swing Big Doors’: Social Entrepreneurs and Waves of Grand Change
Virginia Sanchez (Dr. Jeremy Fyke), Communication Studies

“Blackness as Property” to Agents of Contract: The Alternative Model
Shoji Sanders (Dr. Kali Murray), Law School

Synthesis of a Pentadentate Ligand for Modeling the Active Site of an Intradiol Catechol Dioxygenase
Maurice Sharpe (Dr. Adam Fiedler), Chemistry

Milwaukee Community Conferencing Program: Factors for Success Voiced by Crime Victims
Tommy C. Walls, Jr. (Mr. Paul Dedinsky), Social and Cultural Sciences

Impacting the Closet Door: Factors that Influence Homosexuals Declaration of Sexual Orientation to Their Parental Figures or Guardians
C. Alexander Weightman (Dr. Dawne Moon), Sociology

Scholars on the Move

Reema Ahmad was selected as a Fellow for the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute at Center for Religion & Civic Culture, University of Southern California.


Vincent Dang received a full-time Teaching Assistantship at Marquette University, Vincent is a graduate student in Master’s program in Biomedical Engineering.

Gabrielle L. Gray received a full-time Graduate Assistantship at Marquette University, Gaby is a graduate student in the Master’s program in Educational Policy and Leadership.

Shona Hang has enrolled in the Master of Science in Public Health program at the University of North Carolina.

Erica N. Mallett has been accepted to the WISE Abroad program and is currently teaching in Costa Rica. She also along with McNair alum Valencia Lynch, presented research at the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies Conference in February in New Orleans, LA.

Jazmynn L. McCain is enrolled in the Master of Science Program in Community Counseling at Mount Mary College.

Irma L. Munoz was listed as co-author on a paper entitled Crafting Asset-based Approaches to Linguistically Diverse Students and Families in Catholic Schools, presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada in April, 2012.

Christopher E. Powell has been selected to receive the 2012-13 University Fellowship award at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Chris is a first year graduate student in the Master of Arts program in the Criminology, Law and Justice at UIC.

Simone L. Smith has received a teaching assistantship at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has been accepted in the Masters of Arts Program in Media Studies.

Steven J. Snowden has received a teaching assistantship at the University of Florida. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology at UF.
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McNair Alumni Degree Update

Bachelor Degrees
Vincent Dang, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering
Monique N. Driver, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Gabrielle L. Gray, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Shona Hang, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering
Erica N. Mallet, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Daphne R. McPherson, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Irma L. Munoz, Bachelor of Arts, College of Education
Emmanuel J. Niyonsaba, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Breone Sanders, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Steven J. Snowden, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Devoniqueste N. Small, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Simone L. Smith, Bachelor of Arts, Diederich College of Communication
Samantha G. Whaley, Bachelor of Arts, Klingler College of Art and Sciences
Larry A. Whitley, Bachelor of Science, College of Business Administration

Master Degrees
Milijana Buac, University of Wisconsin
Jennifer Cossyleon, Loyola University
Stephanie Lowery, Concordia University Wisconsin

Ph.D.
Vanja Lazarevic, University of Illinois
Tatiana Jones-Joseph, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Bridget McCurtis, University of Wisconsin
Floyd Williams, Concordia University (2008)

Toby Baker presents at the 22nd Annual Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Research Symposium at Marquette University.