Upcoming Events

The Graduate School at Marquette University will host an open house Thursday, Nov. 7, from 4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the AMU, Monaghan Ballroom. This event is open to anyone interested in pursuing a graduate program at the Graduate School.

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) invite undergraduate students to submit abstracts to present research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The conference will be April 3-5, 2014 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. The final day to submit abstracts is Wednesday, Dec. 4. McNair Scholars interested in submitting their abstracts should contact Mr. Seisay in the McNair Office.

28th Annual Ronald McNair Commemorative Celebration & 12th Annual Research Symposium will be held on January 26-28, 2014 at the North Carolina A & T University. For more information contact Mr. Seisay in the McNair Office.

2014 Diversity Summer Internship Program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health provides undergraduates with a graduate level summer research internship in public health. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply including biology, chemistry, public health, pre-med, and psychology. The application is open now through February 1, 2014.

Registration is now open for the 16th Annual Texas National McNair Scholars Research Conference and Graduate School Fair held on the campus of the University of North Texas (http://www.unt.edu/).

Road Trip to D.C.
McNair Scholars Visit Les Aspin Center

At the invitation of Marquette University’s Les Aspin Center for Government, the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program participated in a week-long visit to Washington D.C. following the summer research institute. The trip, held during the week of August 4-11, provided thirteen McNair scholars and five Student Support Services students the opportunity to visit graduate programs including Georgetown University, University of Maryland-College Park, George Washington University, George Mason University, and Johns Hopkins University. Students also visited the American Institutes for Research, the Library of Congress, and the American Public Health Association, along with the Council for Opportunity in Education, the headquarters of TRIO.

The Washington D.C.-based Les Aspin Center provided housing for the group during the week, as well as facilitated guest speakers from diverse backgrounds to interact with students about their careers in public service. EOP and McNair alums Walter Bond and Emmanuel Niyonsaba also made time to meet with the students. The trip provided scholars valuable insights into the Les Aspin program, where they can spend a semester or summer, taking Marquette-credited classes and learning about careers in public service.

“The trip was an enriching experience,' said A & S senior Rafael Torres. “We visited the capitol and saw the sights. We met with working professionals and graduate students, and were introduced to the top graduate programs in the area.”
MU McNair Summer 2013 Research

Social Media: Impact on Accounting Profession
Yunus Abdullah (Dr. Michael Akers), Accounting

Risk and Reward in Financial Decision-Making: The Roles of Probability, Magnitude, and Stress
Nataly Aguirre (Dr. Anthony Porcelli), Psychology

Filling More Caskets than Cribs: A Comparison of Infant Mortality in Milwaukee and Costa Rica
Guadalupe Avalos (Dr. Susan Giaimo), Political Science

The Role of KCNQ Potassium Channel in PCP Mediated Cognitive Deficits
Aisha Bano (Dr. Behnam Ghasemzadeh), Biomedical Sciences

Sensorimotor Adaptation of Vowel Production in Stop Consonant Contexts
Brittany A. Bernal (Dr. Jeffrey Berry), Speech Pathology and Audiology

The Man behind the Mask: The Progression of Masculinity in African American Male Characters as seen in Films Awarded the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture
Aaron E. Bledsoe (Dr. Pamela Nettleton), Journalism and Media Studies

Beliefs on Sexual Orientation to Treatment of Sexual Minorities
Brett Christensen (Dr. Ed de St. Aubin), Psychology

An Empirical Analysis of How Purchase Decision Makers arrive at a Fair Price for Subscription-Based CRM
Toni M. Conley (Dr. Scott Rex), Marketing

Hispanic Views on Authoritative Parent Survey and FUN Parenting Modules
Maritza Contreras (Dr. Marilyn Frenn), Nursing

Distinguishing between Risk Factors for Aggression Perpetration, and Victimization in Dating Relationships
Ericka L. Daniels (Dr. John Grych), Psychology

Mass Incarceration and the Midwestern Latino Community: How Drug Laws Oppress Minorities
Ricardo L. Diaz (Dr. John Su), English

Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis in India: Solving the Problem by Reconstructing the Public Health Infrastructure
Maribel Gamon (Dr. Linda J. Laatsch), Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Family Ties: Exploring Familial Relationships for Individuals with a Felony Conviction
Vanessa Lopez (Dr. Darren Wheelock), Criminology and Law Studies

Emotional Motivators that Influence Teacher Activism: Chicago Public School Strike & School Closings
Darrilelle Mitchell (Dr. Sharon Chubbuck), Educational Policy and Leadership

MU McNair Scholars presented their research at the annual MU McNair Symposium in July. Pictured (l-r) Aaron Bledsoe, Darrielle Mitchell, Amber Powell, Christian Villanueva, Erika Daniels, Brett Christensen, Tamiah McCoy, Andrew Thompson, Rafael Torres, Toni Conley, Ricardo Estrada, Aisha Bano, Yunus Abdullah, Guadalupe Avalos, Brittany Bernal, Nataly Aguirre, Vanessa Lopez, and Maribel Gamon. Not pictured is Maritza Contreras.
MCNAR SUMMER 2012
RESEARCH/CONTINUED

African American Women’s Birth Stories as Told to African American Women Interviewers
Tamiah McCoy (Dr. Lisa Hanson and Dr. Leona Vandes-Vussee), Nursing

Blaming the Victim: A Look at Sexual Assault Adjudication in the Milwaukee County Courthouse
Amber J. Powell (Dr. Heather Hlavka), Criminology and Law Studies

From Tragedy to Policy: Media Framing of Muslims and Islam from September 11, 2001 to March 20, 2003
Andrew I. Thompson (Dr. Risa Brooks and Dr. Grant Silva), Political Science and Economics

How do the Changes in Campaign Finance Law affect the Retirement of Senators?
Rafael Torres Jr. (Dr. Julia Azari), Political Science

Trauma Exposure Reported by Women who have been recently deported from the U.S. to Mexico
Christian Villanueva (Dr. Ruth Ann Belknap and Dr. Robert Topp), Nursing

SCHOLARS ON THE MOVE

Valencia Lynch (2010) is an intern at the Center for Folk-life and Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Valencia completed her Master’s of Arts degree in Latin American, Iberian and Caribbean Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ms. Reivian Berrios-Barrillas (1999) and Dr. Veronica Haywood (2008) are back on the MU campus pursuing their doctorate degrees. Ms. Berrios received her MPT in 2001 and is currently focusing on her dissertation. Dr. Haywood completed her DPT in 2010 and is at the initial stages of her doctoral study. She recently spoke at the EOP Pre-Health talking about the challenges of pursing a health degree.

Guadalupe Avalos, Brittany Bernal, Aaron Bledsoe, Amber Powell, and Andrew Thompson all presented research at the Honors Program Undergraduate Research Poster Session on Thursday, October 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in Raynor Conference Center.

Natanael Ramos (2012) is currently serving as the McNair Graduate Assistant here at MU. He is pursuing his Masters in Civil Engineering at Marquette University.

McNair alums Emmanuel Julius Niyonsaba (2012) and Walter Bond (2009) met with McNair/SSS visiting Les Aspin in August. Niyonsaba is a congressional staff aide with California Congresswoman Diane Feinstein in Washington D.C. and Bond is teaching in the D.C. area.

Virginia Sanchez (2013) received a Teaching Assistantship at Purdue University. She is currently enrolled in the Master’s program in Organizational Communication.

Alexandra (Alie) Reveles (2013) received a teaching assistantship at the Utah State University. She is enrolled at Master’s Program in a combined program in clinical, counseling, and school psychology.

Jazmine Anderson (2013) enrolled at the University of Illinois-Chicago pursuing graduate study in psychology.

Erica Mallett (2012) has been accepted into the Masters of Arts in Cultural and Educational Policy program at Loyola University Chicago.

Benjamin Juarez (2009) is a staff member at the Milwaukee office of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.

Congratulation to Dr. Tatiana Jones-Joseph (2005) for being elected to the Milwaukee Public School Board of Directors last April.
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Preparing Students for Graduate School

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Jazzmyne A. Anderson, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
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Cinthia Lopez, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
Alexandra K. Reveles, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
Virginia Sanchez, Honors Bachelor of Arts, Diederich College of Communication
Maurice Sharpe, Bachelor of Science, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
Khanh H. Tran, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences
C. Alexander Weightman, Bachelor of Arts, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences

Master’s Degrees
Vladimir Bjelic, Master of Science, Oklahoma State University
Valencia Lynch, Master of Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison

MU-McNair Scholars presented their research at the University of Maryland—Baltimore County in September. Pictured are (l-r) Tommy Walls, Ericka Daniels, and Cicely Hunter.

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