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Students Shine at the McNair Scholars Showcase

The McNair Scholars Showcase is a very special event that allows the scholars to present their research to the Associate Vice-Chancellor, mentor's and family members. Approximately 65 friends, family members and mentor's joined the McNair scholars for dinner in the Reeve Ballroom on September 23rd, 2010. The scholars gave 10-15 minute power point presentations on their summer research projects.

Nine McNair Scholars presented the following research projects at the Showcase:

Kathryn Baez: "Access to Socio-Economic Consideration of Dental Care in Wisconsin" Kathryn's mentor was Dr. Arlene Haffa from the Department of Chemistry.

Kendra Casanova: "Genetic Variation in a Wisconsin Native Plant: *Arabidopsis lyrata*". Kendra's mentor was Dr. Lisa Dorn from the Biology/Microbiology Department.

Weston Fredenberg: "The Impact of Diversity Training on Understanding Minorities in American Films". Weston's mentor was Dr. Marguerite Parks from the Education and Human Resources Department.

Nathan Harris: "Solving Eternity II: Edge Matching Puzzles". Nathan's mentor was Dr. Steven Winters from the Mathematics Department.

Troy Landry: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The Perpetuation and Preservation of Patriarchy through Gangsta Rap Music". Troy's mentor was Dr. Norlisha Crawford from the English Department.

Laura Leyh: "The Path of Teen-aged Parenting". Her mentor was Dr. Pete Brown from the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology.



Tisha Samuel: "Women Experiences of Mental Illness in the United States During the 19th Century". Tisha's mentor was Dr. Elizabeth Cannon from the Department of English and LGBTQ Resource Center.

Hope Schuhart: "Social Desirability in Bias Surveys and Online Discussions of Civic Engagement in American Teens and Emerging Adults". Hope's mentor was Dr. Michael Jasinski from the Political Science Department.

Richard Wheatley: "The Grand Scheme of Things, Past Present and yet to come "Community Identity, New Urbanism and the Grand Opera House of Oshkosh, Wisconsin". Richard's mentor was Dr. Stephanie May de Montigny from the Religious Studies & Anthropology Department.

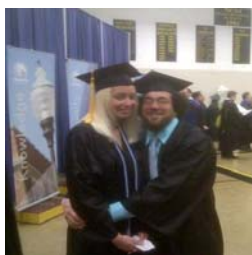
Congratulations to the McNair Scholars who graduated December 2010

Kendra Casanova: Biology/Microbiology

Troy Landry: Criminal Justice

Jose Orona: Biology/Microbiology

Richard Wheatley: Anthropology



McNair Scholars at the
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Commencement Ceremony

December 2010.



McNair Welcomes New Scholars

This past September, 12 new scholars were welcomed into the UWO McNair Scholars Program. Two scholars will be returning to participate in a second McNair summer research project. They will start meeting with their faculty mentors in January to choose a research topic and develop a research proposal for their summer research.

Members of the 2010-2011 Cohort are:

Cheryl Bryant-Mauthe from Oshkosh, WI is a Junior majoring in Social Work. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Paul Van Auken from the Department of Sociology.

Jaime Castillo from Fond du Lac, WI is a Junior majoring in Biology and Spanish. Dr. Teri Shors from the Department of Biology and Microbiology is his faculty mentor.

Gerald Chatman from Oshkosh, WI is a Senior majoring in Human Services. Gerald's faculty mentor is Dr. Alfred Kisubi from the Human Services & Educational Leadership Department.

Jessica DeLawelle from Oshkosh, WI is a junior majoring in Psychology. Dr. Erin Winterrowd from the Department of Psychology is her faculty mentor.

Korin Franklin is from Appleton, WI. Korin's faculty mentor is Dr. Misty McPhee from the Environmental Studies Department. Korin is a Senior majoring in Environmental Studies.

Luis Granados from Winneconne, WI is a Junior majoring in Economics. Dr. Chad Cotti from the Economics Department will be his mentor.

Ru Ance Lor from Madison, WI is a Senior majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Dr. Susan McFadden from the Psychology Department will be her mentor.

Grant O'Connell is from Appleton, WI. Grant's faculty mentor is Dr. Dan Schmidt from the Department of Kinesiology. Grant is a Junior majoring in Kinesiology.

Holly Ozanich is from Oshkosh, WI. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Toivo Kallas from the Department of Biology and Microbiology. Holly is a Senior majoring in Biology.

Kaylin Reeb from Fond du Lac, WI is a Senior majoring in Social Work. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Carol Hand from the Social Work Department.

Theodore Robbins from Waupaca, WI is a Junior majoring in Psychology. Theodore's faculty mentor is Dr. David Lischner from the Psychology Department.

Aaron Robinson from Winneconne, WI is a Junior majoring in Biology and Health Care Science. Aaron's faculty mentor is Dr. Dana Vaughan from the Department of Biology and Microbiology

Returning McNair Scholars:

Kathryn Baez from Oshkosh, WI is a Junior majoring in Nursing and Spanish. Her mentor is Dr. Arlene Haffa from the Chemistry Department.

Tisha Samuel is from Oshkosh, WI. Dr. Keilah Worth from the Department of Psychology will be her faculty mentor. Tisha is a Senior majoring in psychology.



Richard Wheatley

Richard is from Neenah, WI. His name was inadvertently left off the list from the McNair Cohort of 2009-2010. He participated in a 2010 summer research project: "The Grand Scheme of Things Past, Present, and Yet to Come: "Community Identity, New Urbanism and the Grand Opera House of Oshkosh, Wisconsin". His faculty mentor was Dr. Stephanie May de Montigny from the Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology.

Highlights from our Washington, D.C. Trip



The UWO McNair Scholars hit the ground running on August 22nd, 2010 in Washington D.C. The cultural trip was the first that the McNair Scholars Program integrated into the already busy summer schedule of research and seminars. It was also the first visit to the Nation's Capitol for most of the McNair students.

From the moment they arrived, the group was on the go. During the five days that the scholars were in D.C., they visited many tourist attractions — from the Holocaust Museum and the Library of Congress to the Smithsonian museums and the grave-site of Ronald E. McNair himself. A few student scholars took the opportunity to also visit graduate schools in the area.

The trip was also featured in the Oshkosh Today, read the article at:

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/6548/student-scholars-explore-nation%e2%80%99s-capital/>

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Alumnus Spotlight

Amanda Krohn



After my riveting summer of statistics coursework, participating in a summer institute for my fellowship, and navigating my new Big 10 campus in Ann Arbor, I am finally halfway through my first semester here at the University of Michigan! I am fortunate to have a fellowship which pays my tuition and allows me to spend my time studying, because the level of coursework here is intense! Since I am going straight for my PhD after my Bachelor's, I am taking master-level coursework in psychiatric nursing before moving on to doctoral coursework next semester. My experience with grad school so far has been challenging at times, but I am in a great, supportive environment to learn and succeed.

Grad school isn't all work though, since I spend my weekends with 109,900 of my fellow fans cheering on the Wolverines at the Big House! There are a lot of McNair Students that I have met here at Michigan from all over the country who have great stories of how McNair has allowed them to meet great people, perform research, and gain financial and academic support just like most of us have! Continue to take advantage of all that McNair has to offer you, at UW-Oshkosh and beyond.

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Alumni News: Degree Watch

Congratulations to the UWO McNair Alumni who are in the process of earning advanced degrees:

Vanessa Ante: (graduated May 2010) University of Tennessee PhD Nursing Program in Microbial Pathogenesis

Amanda Krohn: (graduated December 2008) University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in PhD Nursing Program

Damion Burgin: (graduated May 2010) University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Master's Degree program in Public Administration.

Seth Block: (graduated December 2009) University of Wisconsin Madison Master's to Ph.D program in Environment & Resources.

Amanda Scripture: (graduated May 2010) Northern Illinois University Masters degree program in Public Administration.

Leviathan Whitfield: (graduated December 2009) University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Master's degree program in Urban Studies.

LaNee Xiong: (graduated May 2010) University of Minnesota Master's degree program in Human Services.

Gerald Kaquatosh: (graduated May 2010) George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Native American Political Leadership Program.

Pa Nhia Lee (graduated May 2009) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Masters degree program in Sociology.

Janene Lang (graduated May 2009) Masters degree program at College of Oriental Medicine.

Vai Lor (graduated May 2009) University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Masters degree program in Biology/Microbiology

Aaron Mustoe (graduated May 2009) University of Nebraska at Omaha, MA/PhD program in Psychobiology.

Olivia Navarro (graduated December 2008) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Masters degree program in Educational Psychology.

Ryan Schuh (graduated May 2009) Northern Illinois University, Masters degree program in Kinesiology & Exercise Science.