

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh — Where Excellence and Opportunity Meet.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh McNair Scholars Alumni 2008 — 2016

“True courage comes from enduring...persevering...and believing in oneself”

-RONALD E. MCNAIR

Jeff Berger

Major: Psychology & Japanese (Bachelor's: May 2017)
"The Development of an Algorithm to Assess the Integrity of Cortical layering: A Quantitative Application to Autism Spectrum Disorder"
Mentor: Aaron Karst, Psychology

Jordan Black

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2017)
"Bacteriophage Interactions in the University of Wisconsin Biodigester"
Mentor: Eric Matson, Biology
Outcome: Completed Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

Savanaah Block

Major: English (Bachelor's: December 2016)
"Fostering Critical Thinking: Using Bloom's Taxonomy during Writing Center Sessions with Underperforming Recent High School Graduates in College Bridge Program"
Mentor: Crystal Mueller, English

Carolyn Butzen

Major: Psychology (Bachelor's: December 2017)
"Autism and Digestive Allergies: A correlation Analysis"
Mentor: Fredi Giesler, Social Work

Cassandra Duncan

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2017)
"Can thermal imaging noninvasively detect the copulation date in captive female 13-lined ground squirrels?"
Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology

Monika Greco

Major: Political Science & Philosophy (Bachelor's: May 2017)
"A Critique of Convergent Realism"
Mentor: Evan Williams, Philosophy

Josh Henkel

Major: Psychology & Criminal Justice (Bachelor's: December 2016)
"Victim-Offender Conferencing: A formative evaluation of Restorative Justice Program in Elkhart, IN"
Mentor: Michael Lenza, Criminal Justice

David Morser

2 Year Participant: 2016, 17
Major: Japanese & Professional Physics (Bachelor's: May 2018)
"Homogeneous Estimates of Physical Parameters of Galactic Open Clusters"
Mentor: Nadia Kaltcheva, Physics
Outcome: Master's Candidate at UW Madison for Quantum Physics

Marissa Munoz

Major: Chemistry (Bachelor's: May 2017)
"Synthesis of Non-natural Amino Acids"
Mentor: Brant Kedrowski, Chemistry
Outcome: Master of Science, Pharmaceutical Sciences at UW Madison

Shakura Salahladyn

Major: Business (Bachelor's: December 2017)
"Black American Women Redefine 'The American Dream' through Entrepreneurship"
Mentor: Norlisha Crawford, English

Lynn Valencic

Major: Anthropology (Bachelor's: Dec 2016)
"Mesoamerican Ceramic Figurine Heads"
Mentor: Elisabeth McPhee, Environmental Science

Andre Wallace

Major: Human Services (Bachelor's: December 2016)
"Team Building Within Collegiate Groups"
Mentor: Paul Van Auken, Sociology

Alexis Brown**Major:** Marketing (Bachelor's: May 2018)*"How Universities and Other Interested Parties Get & Retain African American Women in PhD Programs?"***Mentor:** Norlisha Crawford, African American Studies**Joshua Hill****Major:** Chemistry (Bachelor's: May 2016)*"Benzofuran Synthesis via 3+2 Cycloadditions"***Mentor:** Brant Kedrowski, Chemistry**Outcome:** PhD Student, ElectroChemistry
University of Wyoming**Aaron Jackson****Major:** Criminal Justice & Sociology (Bachelor's: May 2016)*"The Role of Skin Tone & Wait-to-Hip Ratio in Judgments of Attraction"***Mentor:** James Krueger, Political Science**Outcome:** Master of Public Administration, May 2018
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**Patrick Klepp****Major:** Microbiology (Bachelor's: May 2018)*"Deinococcus Succession in Freshwater Biofilms"***Mentor:** Sabrina Mueller-Spitz, Biology**Wilson Lee****Major:** Human Services Leadership
(Bachelor's: Dec 2015)**Minor:** Business*"Prevalent vs. Exemplified Leadership Styles in Nonprofit Organizations in Oshkosh, Wisconsin"***Mentor:** Alfred Kisubi, Human Services**Hope MacDonald***2 Year Participant: 2015, 16***Major:** Anthropology, **Minor:** Linguistics (Bachelor's: May 2018)*"Motivations for Language Shift: Attitudes Toward the Home Language"***Mentor(s):** Stephanie May de Montigny, Anthropology
Margaret Hostetler, English**Outcome:** Master's Candidate, Anthropology
Northern Illinois University**Glenn Malecki****Major:** Nursing (Bachelor's: May 2017)*"Investigation of the antimicrobial properties of commonly available skin barrier protection compounds for wrestlers"***Mentor:** Colleen McDermott, Biology**Outcome:** Master's Candidate, Healthcare Economics
Xavier University**Eli Martinez****Major:** Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2015)*"Topological analysis of a manganese exporter protein, MntP, in Escherichia coli and its response to Reactive Oxygen Species"***Mentor:** Lauren Waters, Chemistry**Outcome:** Medical Student, Neurobiology & Biology
Medical College of Wisconsin**Katie Proctor****Major:** Anthropology (Bachelor's: May 2016)*"The Otherness Illustrated: News- Media Analysis of the Representation of U.S. Professional Female Athletes"***Mentor:** Pete Brown, Anthropology**Outcome:** Master of Science, Earth Sciences
University of Memphis, May 2019**Samantha Retzloff****Major:** Biology (Bachelor's: May 2016)*"Biodegradation of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products by Bacteria from Freshwater Biofilms"***Mentor:** Sabrina Mueller-Spitz, Biology**Outcome:** Master of Public Health, Epidemiology—
Emory University, May 2018**Laura Sullivan****Major:** Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2016)*"The effect of crowd noise on river otter behavior"***Mentor:** Elisabeth McPhee, Environmental Science**Jonathon Toepfer****Major:** Biology, **Minor:** Chemistry (Bachelor's: May 2016)*"Microcystin Concentrations in Lake Winnebago System"***Mentor:** Greg Kleinheinz, Environmental Engineering**Alyssa Valentyne****Major:** Biology & Spanish, **Minor:** Chemistry (Bachelor's: Dec 2016)*"Bacterial Degradation of Low Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons; naphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, and 2-methylnaphthalene by Mycobacterium"***Mentor:** Sabrina Mueller-Spitz & Kevin Crawford, Biology**Outcome:** Medical Student, Public Health/Medicine
University of Wisconsin—Madison**Chelsea Vosters****Major:** Psychology, **Minor:** Geology*"Photogrammetric Reconstruction of the Late Jurassic Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur"***Mentor:** Joseph Peterson, Geology

Alia Carroll

Major: Supply Chain Management (Bachelor's: Dec 2016)
"The Sustainability of Organic Farming and the Impact on the Food Supply Chain"

Mentor: Steve Dunn, Business

Aspiration: PhD in Environmental Engineering

Laureine George-Pratt

Major: Sociology (Bachelor's: Dec 2014)
"Barriers to Civil Justice: A Sociological Approach"

Mentor: Juyeon Son, Sociology

Tristan Greening

Major: Biology, Chemistry, **Minor:** Neuroscience
(Bachelor's: May 2017)
"Mating Behaviors and the Effects of Mate Choice on Maternal Infanticide Rates in Captive Thirteen-Lined Ground Squirrels"

Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology

Aspiration: MD/PhD in Neuroscience

Thomas Kenote

Major: Environmental Studies (Bachelor's: May 2015)
"The Mamaceqtaw and the Education System"

Mentor: Paul Van Auken, Sociology

Outcome: Master of Science, Natural Resources Management— University of Minnesota, May 2019

**Dove Scholarship Recipient*

Franki Mayer

2 Year Participant: 2014, 15

Major: Microbiology, **Minor:** Chemistry, Spanish
(Bachelor's: Dec 2015)

"Gene Inactivation in Synechococcus sp. PC 7002"

Mentors: Toivo Kallas, Biology
Eric Matson, Biology

Shariah Salahaladyn

Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Social Justice
(Bachelor's: May 2015)

"African American Males in College: Following their Educational Journey at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh"

Mentor: Sylvia Carey-Butler, AVC of Inclusive Excellence

Outcome: Master of Science in Education, Higher Education—University of Pennsylvania, May 2016

Alvaro Sosa

Major: Mathematics (Bachelor's: May 2015)

"Parametric Algorithm for a Stochastic Process of Black Carpenter Ants"

Mentor: Christopher Edwards, Mathematics

Aspiration: PhD in Heirichal RDBMS extract transform load procedures to assist in optimizing Neural Network math methodology

Megan Wilson

Major: Psychology, **Minor:** Microbiology
(Bachelor's: May 2016)

"Antiviral Properties of Common Over-the-Counter Products"

Mentor: Teri Shors, Biology

Brooke Wollner

Major: Psychology, **Minor:** Social Justice
(Bachelor's: May 2018)

"Peace, Justice, & Understanding in Northern Ireland"

Mentor: Marguerite Helmers, English

Outcome: PhD Candidate, Educational Psychology
University of Wisconsin—Madison

**Master of Science—Education Psychology, February 2019*

Kathleen Dreymler

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2013)

"Effects of Acclimatization on Metabolic Rates in Black-capped Chickadee"

Mentor: Sheldon Cooper, Biology

Rabar Hawramy

Major: Biology/Healthcare, **Minor:** Chemistry (Bachelor's: May 2016)

"Antiviral & Antibacterial Properties of Phoenix dactylifera"

Mentor: Teri Shors, Biology

Jessica Hron

Major: Communications, **Minor:** Social Justice (Bachelor's: May 2014)

"Baby it's Your World Ain't It?: A Rhetorical Criticism of Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality"

Mentor: Geneva Murray, Women's Studies

Outcome: Master of Arts, Multicultural Teaching & Learning—University of Minnesota, June 2016

Stevan Mazibrada

Major: Political Science (Bachelor's: May 2016)

"The Limitations of Participatory Democracy: The Case Study of the Swiss Confederation"

Mentor: Michael Jasinski, Political Science

Outcome: Medical Student, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Tiffany Pilliow

Major: Nursing (Bachelor's: Dec 2013)

"Cyber-Professionalism: The Posting of Unprofessional Content Online by Nursing Students"

Mentor: Suzanne Marnocha, Nursing

*Published in the *Nurse Educator Journal*

Marissa Theys

Major: Political Science (Bachelor's: May 2014)

"Identity Fusion: An Examination of Unions and Political Behaviors"

Mentor: James Krueger, Political Science

Outcome: Master of Arts, Political Science—University of Minnesota, Feb 2018

Lupearly Wright

Two Year Participant 2013, 14

Major: Religious Studies (Bachelor's: Dec 2015)

"Magic & The Historical Jesus"

"An Examination of Community in Online Wiccan Communities"

Mentor: Kathleen Corley, Religious Studies

Michael Baltutis, Religious Studies

Outcome: Master's Candidate, Sustainable & Resilient Food Systems—University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Rilee Zeinert

Major: Chemistry (Bachelor's: May 2014)

"Characterizing MntP: A Manganese Export Protein"

Mentor: Lauren Waters, Chemistry

Outcome: PhD Candidate, Molecular & Cell Biology University of Massachusetts—Amherst

Ryan Bures

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2013)

"Subdued Intermediate Filament Expression in the 13-Lined Ground Squirrel after Optic Nerve Damage"

Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology

Outcome: Medical Student,
University of Wisconsin—Madison

Whittany Byrd

Major: Human Services Leadership
(Bachelor's: May 2013)

"Drugs & Alcohol Abuse Effects on Families of Consumer of Charitable Services in a small U.S. Upper Midwestern City"

Mentor: Alfred Kisubi, Human Services Leadership

Brandi Deptula

Two Year Participant 2012, 13

Major: Biology, **Minor:** Geography, Microbiology
(Bachelor's: May 2014)

"Glycohydrolase Enzyme Expression and Activity from the Bacterial Isolate JT5-1, a Gut Inhabitant of an Evolutionary Higher Termite"

Mentor: Eric Matson, Biology

Joseph Draven

Major: Biology, Chemistry (Bachelor's: Dec 2016)

"Testing Structural Change in Meat using Transglutaminases"

Mentor: Lauren Waters, Chemistry
Teri Shors, Biology

Papa Fall

Major: Human Services Leadership
(Bachelor's: Aug 2013)

"African Students' Experience of Academic Life in U.S. Public Universities: An Intercultural Challenge"

Mentor: Alfred Kisubi, Human Services Leadership

Outcome: Master of Social Work,
University of Wisconsin—Madison, June 2015

Chelsy Herring

Major: Geography, **Minor:** Environmental Studies
(Bachelor's: May 2013)

"Rapid Climate Change Events Within Playa Wetlands"

Mentor: Mark Brown, Geography

Donavon Johnson

Major: Human Services Leadership

Minor: Social Justice, African American Studies

"The Common Components that Contribute to the Success of African American Students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh"

Mentor: Norlisha Crawford, English

Jeremy Kroll

Major: Religious Studies (Bachelor's: August 2012)

"Finding a Good Death: Reconciling the Crises of the End of Life"

Mentor: Michael Baltutis, Religious Studies

Suave Kyles

Major: Nursing **Minor:** Psychology

"Undergraduate Nursing Students Perceptions on Trans-cultural Nursing & Diversity"

Mentor: Paula McNiell, Nursing

Outcome: Master of Business Administration—Cardinal Stritch University, May 2019

Adrian Landreth

Two Year Participant 2012, 13

Major: Chemistry (Bachelor's: Dec 2014)

"Organic Synthesis of 2-n-Nonyl-4-hydroxyquinoline-N-oxide"

Mentor: Linfeng Xie & Brant Kedrowski, Chemistry

Outcome: Master of Science—Chemical Biology,
University of Michigan, May 2016

Lang Lee Lee

Major: Psychology (Bachelor's: Dec 2013)

"Cultural Differences between Hmong and White Americans' Love Styles"

Mentor: Chong Man Chow, Psychology

Michael Mason

Major: Nursing (Bachelor's: May 2013)

"Maintaining Patient Safety: Improved Communication in Clinical Education Settings"

Mentor: Suzanne Marnocha, Nursing

Published research in Journal of Nursing Education and Practice

Fauzia Osman

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2014)
"Cross-Cultural Comparison of Medicinal Plans Containing
Antibacterial Compounds"
Mentor: Sabrina Mueller-Spitz, Biology
Outcome: Master of Public Health,
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, May 2018

Fabiola Rizo (Navarro)

Two Year Participant 2012, 13
Major: Education (Bachelor's: Dec 2013) "Research Title"
Mentor: Anca Miron, Psychology
Donald Hones, Education
Outcome: Master of Science in Education, School Coun-
seling—University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, May 2017

Benjamin Sajdak

Major: Biology, **Minor:** Neuroscience
(Bachelor's: May 2013)
*"Chondroitin Sulfate Proteoglycans Deposition following
Optic Nerve Crush in Thirteen-Lined Ground Squirrels"*
Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology
Outcome: PhD, Visual Neuroscience—
Medical College of Wisconsin, November 2018
**Current Post Doctoral Research Associate*

Sitha Thor

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2013)
"Examining Green Medicine in the Virology Laboratory"
Mentor: Teri Shors, Biology
Outcome: Master's Candidate, Biology—
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Taylor Waring

Two Year Participant 2012, 13
Major: English Literature (Bachelor's: May 2014)
"Octavio Paz: A Space that Evaporates"
*"Understanding the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and
Nagasaki"*
Mentor: Marguerite Helmers, English
Outcome: Master of Fine Arts – Creative Writing/Poetry
Eastern Washington University, June 2019

Kristie Wirth

Major: Psychology, **Minor:** French
(Bachelor's: May 2014)
*"The Influence of Personality Traits and Depressive Sym-
ptoms on Music Enjoyment and Preference"*
Mentor: Quin Chrobak, Psychology

Holly Capelle (O'Zanich)

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Aug 2012)
"Site-Directed Mutagenesis of the Petd Gene in Synechococcus PCC 7002"
Mentor: Toivo Kallas, Biology
**Captured National Award, named Field Athlete of the Year, June 2011*

Jaime Castillo

Two Year Participant 2011, 12
Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2013)
"Antiviral mechanisms in punica granatum Extract"
Mentor: Teri Shors, Biology
Outcome: Doctorate of Nursing Candidate, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
**Master of Science in Nursing, May 2018*

Gerald Chatman

Major: Human Services Leadership (Bachelor's: Dec 2011)
"Black Student Attrition on a Predominantly White Campus"
Mentor: Alfred Kisubi, Human Services Leadership
Outcome: Master of Arts, Adult & Continuing Education—Ball State University, August 2013

Jessica De Larwelle

Major: Psychology (Bachelor's: May 2012)
"College Students' Just World Beliefs and Perceptions of Bullied Victims"
Mentor: Erin Winterrowd, Psychology
Outcome: PhD Student, Social Welfare—Washington State University
**Master of Social Work—UW Milwaukee, May 2014*

Korin Doering (Franklin)

Major: Environmental Studies, **Minor:** Business (Bachelor's: December 2011)
"The effects of the captive environment on total Testosterone Levels in Wild Caught Meadow Voles"
Mentor: Misty McPhee, Environmental Studies
Outcome: Master of Science, Water Resource Management — University of Wisconsin—Madison, August 2016

Luis Granados

Major: Economics (Bachelor's: May 2012)
"The Relationship between Undergraduate Enrollment Rates and Macroeconomic Conditions: An Analysis of Differences Across Race & Gender"
Mentor: Chad Cotti, Economics
Outcome: Master of Arts, Economics — SUNY Binghamton, Dec 2013

Derrick Lashua

Major: Geography (Bachelor's: May 2012)
"Sudanese Refugee Perspectives on the Emergence of South Sudan"
Mentor: Angela Subulwa, Geography
Outcome: PhD Candidate—Sociology, UW Milwaukee
**Master of Arts, Sociology—UW Milwaukee, May 2014*

Grant O'Connell

Two Year Participant 2011, 12
Major: Kinesiology (Bachelor's: Aug 2012)
"Glial Response following Optic Nerve Crush in the 13-lined Ground Squirrel: A Pilot Study"
"The Effect of Natural Surface Training on Hip Strength and Running Economy in High School Endurance Runners"
Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology
Dan Schmidt, Kinesiology
Outcome: PhD, Biomedical Sciences — West Virginia University, December 2016
**Tenure track Professor, Case Western Reserve University*

Ted Robbins

Two Year Participant 2011, 12
Major: Psychology (Bachelor's: May 2016)
"Generating Empathy for a Stigmatized Group (Native Americans) that can be Linked to the Allocation of Funds"
Mentor: David Lishner, Psychology
Outcome: Master of Arts, Sociology—SUNY Buffalo, May 2014

Aaron Robinson

Major: Biology, **Minor:** Chemistry/Neuroscience (Bachelor's: June 2012)
"YY1 Expression in Ground Squirrel Retina"
Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology
Outcome: MD, Emergency Medicine—University of Wisconsin—Madison, May 2017
**Master of Public Health—University of Minnesota, May 2016*

Darin White

Three Year Participant 2011-13
Major: Religious Studies
"The Significance of the Story of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam"
Mentor: Kathleen Corley, Religious Studies
Michael Baltutis, Religious Studies

Deseray Aguirre

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2011)

"The Effect of Physical and Chemical Parameters on the Amount of Escherichia coli Found in Surface Water"

Mentor: Gregory Kleinheinz, Engineering Technology

Outcome: MD Candidate, Osteopathic Medicine—

A.T. Still University

**Master of Science in Nursing—Marquette University, Dec 2015*

Kathryn Fingal (Baez)

Two Year Participant 2010, 11

Major: Biology (Healthcare emphasis), **Minor:** Business Administration (Bachelor's: Dec 2013)

"Access to and Socio-economic Considerations of Dental Care in Wisconsin"

Mentor: Arlene Haffa, Chemistry

Outcome: Master of Public Administration—University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, June 2016

Troy Landry

Major: Criminal Justice (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)

"If it Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It: The Perpetuation and Preservation of Patriarchy through Gangsta Rap Music"

Mentor: Norlisha Crawford, English

Laura Leyh

Major: Anthropology (Bachelor's: May 2011)

"The Path of Teen-aged Parenting"

Mentor: Pete Brown, Religious Studies & Anthropology

Tisha Samuel

Two Year Participant 2010, 11

Major: Psychology & French, **Minor:** Social Justice (Bachelor's: May 2013)

"Effects of Race on Perceived Job Qualifications"

"Women's Experiences of Mental Illness in the United States During the 19th Century" (2010)

Mentors: Liz Cannon, English/LGBTQ Resource Center
Keilah Worth, Psychology

Hope Schuhart

Major: Political Science (Bachelor's: May 2011)

"Human Rights as Presidential Success: The Truman Era"

Mentor: David Siemers, Political Science

Rick Wheatley

Major: Anthropology (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)

"The Grand Scheme of Things: Community Identity, New Urbanism and the Grand Opera House"

Mentor: Stephanie May de Montigny, Anthropology

Kathryn Bender

Major: Studio Art (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)
"Implications Modern and Post-Modern Philosophy Have on American Culture"
Mentor: Arthur Pontynen, Art History

Seth Block

Major: Supply Chain Management (Bachelor's: Dec 2009)
"A Study in Sustainability; A Benchmark for a Region"
Mentor: Steven Dunn, Business
Outcome: Master of Science, Environment & Resources (Sustainability Management) - University of Wisconsin Madison, August 2014

Kendra Casanova

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)
"Assessing Genetic Variation Within and Among Three Ethnic Groups"
Mentor: Lisa Dorn, Biology

Weston Fredenberg

Two Year Participant 2009, 10
Major: Microbiology (Bachelor's: Dec 2011)
"Role of SufA and IscA Proteins in Regulation of Iron Homeostasis in Cyanobacteria"
Mentor: Toivo Kallas, Biology

Gerald Kaquatosh

Major: Economics (Bachelor's: May 2010)
"Do Recessions Influence Major League Baseball Attendance?"
Mentor: Marianne Johnson, Economics

Philip Kouzes

Major: Physics (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)
"An Automated Drift-Scan Telescope for Research and Instruction"
Mentor: Michael Briley, Physics

Korey Lewis

Major: Psychology (Bachelor's: Dec 2009)
"Emotion Regulation: Using Salient Partner Characteristics to Maintain or Reduce Anger"
Mentor: Anca Miron, Psychology

Joseph Noreik

Major: Religious Studies & International Relations (Bachelor's: May 2010)
"Filipino Migrant Nurses to the Midwest Region of the United States"
Mentor: Vivian Foss, English

Jose Orona

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: Dec 2010)
"Transcriptional Regulation of SUMO-1 and Ubc9 in Ground Squirrel Retina"
Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology

Dayana Sanchez

Major: Economics & Spanish (Bachelor's: May 2010)
"Trade and Poverty in the Developing World"
Mentor: Kevin McGee, Economics

May Thao

Major: Nursing (Bachelor's: May 2010)
"Hmong Elders and their Perspectives on Western Medicine and Healthcare"
Mentor: Suzanne Marnocha, Nursing
Outcome: Master of Business Administration—University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Dec 2016

LaNee Xiong

Major: Human Resources Management (Bachelor's: May 2010)
"Hmong Refugee Retention Program and its Effectiveness in Higher Education: Insights from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh"
Mentor: Margaret Knox, Geography
Outcome: Master of Arts, Human Resources & Industrial Relations—University of Minnesota, May 2012

Vanessa Ante

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2010)

"Ability of Squirrels to Preserve Visual Pigmentation after Hibernation"

Mentor: Dana Merriman, Biology

Outcome: PhD—Microbiology & Molecular Virology,
University of Pittsburgh, December 2015

**Post Doctoral Research Associate, Texas A&M University*

**First Former Scholar, that we are aware of, to have earned a PhD*

Damion Burgin

Major: Criminal Justice (Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Racial Disparities in Wisconsin's Prisons"

Mentor: Donald Faggiani, Human Services Leadership

Outcome: Master of Public Administration,
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, May 2014

Krystal Judah (De Leon)

Major: Sociology (Bachelor's: Dec 2008)

"White Privilege and a Rural Midwest College Campus"

Mentor: Marguerite Parks, Educational Leadership

Outcome: Juris Doctor—Law

Northern Illinois University, December 2018

Janene Lang

Major: Philosophy & Environmental Studies
(Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Public Values and Ownership in Natural Resource Management Planning"

Mentor: David Barnhill, Environmental Studies

PaNhia Lee

Major: International Relations (Grad. May 2009)

"Cross-Cultural Dating and the Hmong Community"

Mentor: Margaret Knox, Geography

Outcome: Master of Arts—Sociology,

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, May 2011

Vai Lor

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Gene Expression Differences of Plants in Different Competitive Environments"

Mentor: Lisa Dorn, Biology

Outcome: PhD—Plant Biological Sciences,
University of Minnesota, July 2016

**Post Doc Research Associate, UW Madison – Agronomy*

Amanda Scripture (Moore)

Major: Social Work (Bachelor's: May 2010)

"Determining Differences in Child Care Providers: Comparative Analysis of Self Pay Daycares and TANF Paid Daycares"

Mentor: Carol Hand, Social Work

Outcome: Master of Public Administration—
Northern Illinois University, May 2012

Aaryn Mustoe

Major: Psychology/Neuroscience (Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Energetic Cost of Immune Activity in Black-Capped Chickadees"

Mentor: Sheldon Cooper, Biology

Outcome: PhD—Psychology: Neuroscience & Behavior,
University of Nebraska – Omaha, August 2016

**Post Doc Research Associate, University of Nebraska – Omaha & Faculty Teaching, Creighton University*

Olivia Navarro

Major: Education (Bachelor's: Dec 2008)

"Latino Parent Involvement in Schools"

Mentor: Donald Hones, Education

Outcome: Master of Science—Educational Psychology,
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, May 2011

Amanda Schuh (Krohn)

Major: Nursing (Bachelor's: December 2009)

"Military Wives' Adaptations and Coping of Deployment during Wartime"

Mentor: Suzanne Marnocha, Nursing

Outcome: PhD—Nursing,

University of Michigan, August 2016

**Master of Science in Nursing, May 2012*

**Current Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*

Ryan Schuh

Major: Biology (Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Isolation of a Light and Redox Sensitive Protein from a Photoheterotrophic Marine Microbe using HPLC"

Mentor: Arlene Haffa, Chemistry

Outcome: Master of Science—Exercise Physiology,
Northern Illinois University, December 2014

Leviathan Whitfield

Major: Education (Bachelor's: May 2009)

"Educating the Next Generation of Teachers"

Mentor: Suzanne Fondrie, Education

Outcome: PhD Student—Urban Education,
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee