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Upcoming Events

McNair Senior Retreat is September 26-28, 2008, at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin. This event is designed to jump start McNair students in preparing their graduate school application materials. In addition, students will receive hands-on assistance with preparing their personal statements and letters of recommendation.

McNair Birthday Breakfast Celebration is set for Tuesday, October 21 on the 4th Floor of Marquette Hall beginning at 9 until 11am. Be sure to wear your McNair shirt. Ronald E. McNair was born on October 21 in Lake City, South Carolina.

17th Annual National McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair is set for Friday, October 31st to Sunday, November 2nd at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin. Workshops, panel discussions and activities will introduce McNair scholars to the nature of graduate study as well as provide helpful tips and suggestions in writing an effective graduate admissions essay.

The Annual McNair Christmas/Graduation Reception will be on Tuesday, December 2. More information is forthcoming.

STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT 18TH ANNUAL MCNAIR SYMPOSIUM

Nineteen undergraduate students participating in this summer's Ronald E. McNair Program presented their research at the 18th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium held on July 23-24.

Poster presentations took place on Wednesday, July 23 in the Alumni Memorial Union and oral presentations on Thursday, July 24 in Cudahy Hall. The event was followed by the annual luncheon.

Speaking at the luncheon was Dr. Davarian Baldwin, MU McNair and MU Alumnus who is an associate professor of history at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. After graduating from Marquette in May '95, Dr. Baldwin received his masters degree and PhD from New York University.

In his address, Dr. Baldwin talked about his days as a McNair student and how his research experience fueled his desire to continue in academia. "We are a part of the McNair Covenant," he told the students. "I once sat where you are, and now I'm up here. Visualize yourself up here, where I am, addressing the next generation of McNair scholars."



MCNAIR SUMMER 2008 RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Nursing Students' Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Pain Management in the Opioid Addicted Patient: An Exploratory Study
By Angela M. Armstrong
Mentor: Dr. Marilyn M. Bratt, Nursing

No Child Left Behind: A Study of the Inconsistencies of the Achievement Gap
By James B. Bell
Mentor: Dr. John A. Kuykendall, Educational and Policy Leadership

Assessment of Quality of Life for Certified Athletic Trainers in Professional Basketball
By Janice K. Blades
Mentor: Dr. Marnie Vanden Noven, Exercise Science

Current Issues in Planning Intervention for Bilingual Children with Autism
By Milijana Buac
Mentor: Dr. Brenda K. Gorman, Speech Pathology and Audiology

Jack Ruby and the Mafia: The Truth Behind the "Conspiracy"
By Anabel R. Carrillo
Mentor: Dr. John C. McAdams, Political Science

Electronic Monitoring of Sex Offenders: An Analysis of its Effects on Recidivism
By Jennifer E. Cossyleon
Mentor: Dr. Mary Ann Farkas, Criminology and Law Studies

A Comparison of Phonological Awareness Intervention Approaches for Bilingual Preschoolers
By Catherine E. Curley
Mentor: Dr. Brenda K. Gorman, Speech Pathology and Audiology

African American Business: Within and Beyond the Ethnic Enclave
By Phillip G. Gayle
Mentor: Dr. Alex Stewart, Management

Anticipatory Socialization of Young Men Entering the Military: The Role of Family, Sports and the Media
By Lauren R. Gilbert
Mentor: Dr. Ramon Hinojosa, Sociology

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*MU McNair alum
Dr. Davarian Baldwin speaking
at the McNair Symposium*



Dr. Davarian Baldwin returned to Marquette to speak at the McNair Symposium Banquet. Dr. Baldwin is an associate professor of history and Africana studies at Boston College. He is a former MU McNair and EOP Alumnus ('95).

MCNAIR RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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The Perceptions and Misconceptions of Forgiveness

By Dianne R. Jackson
Mentor: Dr. Sharon Chubbuck,
Educational and Policy Leadership

U.S. Foreign Policy in El Salvador: The Neocolonial Implications and the Liberation Theological Response

By Benjamin I. Juarez
Mentor: Dr. Michael Duffey, Theology

The Transmission of Gender Role Ideology across Generations

By Kyiet T. Lewis
Mentor: Dr. Debra L. Oswald,
Psychology

Location of Protein Kinase C-Alpha when the Smooth Muscle is Activated and Relaxed

By Yu Lor
Mentor: Dr. Thomas J. Eddinger,
Biological Sciences

The Impact of Black Portrayals in Urban Hood Films on the Black Community

By Dasmond R. McMillan
Mentor: Dr. Lawrence C. Soley,
Journalism

Demographic Transitions & Infant Mortality: An Analysis of Socioeconomic Status within 19th Century Milwaukee County

By Daphne R. McPherson
Mentor: Dr. Norman C. Sullivan,
Anthropology

The Role of Body Composition in the Differences In Pair Perception among Men and Women

By Manuel A. Sanchez
Mentor: Dr. Marie Hoeger-Bement,
Physical Therapy

The Language of Liminality: Reading Race and Sexuality in Audre Lord's *Zami*

By Breone Sanders
Mentor: Dr. John Su, English

A Means to Black Liberation

By Vincent J. Stevenson II
Mentor: Dr. Michael Monahan,
Philosophy

Removing the Color (Blinders): Seeing Race as a Transformative Concept

By Desiree F. Valentine
Mentor: Dr. Michael Monahan,
Philosophy

"I am certain that Dr. Ronald E. McNair would be proud of each Scholar and grateful to all the mentors and staff of the Marquette University McNair Scholars Program."

*Sande Robinson, Director,
Educational Opportunity
Program, Marquette University*



Dr. Marilyn Bratt, Associate Professor in the College of Nursing and her student Angela Armstrong at the McNair Poster Session.

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The McNair Scholars Programs is an Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette University. Funding for the program is provided through a grant from the United States Department of Education.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR ATTENDS PHILOSOPHY INSTITUTE

McNair Scholar Desiree Valentine participated in the 2008 Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, held at Pennsylvania State University in State Park, PA. The seven-day institute brought together undergraduates from across the country to examine and reflect on non-traditional, feminist, and critical race theories in philosophy.

Desiree's research this summer was entitled "Removing the Color (Blinders): Seeing Race as a Transformative Concept." Because of her selection to attend the institute, she presented her research a week before the McNair Symposium.



MCNAIR ALUMNI UPDATE

May/August Graduates Bachelor Degrees

Aleah Burks-Patterson
Nora Callan
Amber Erickson
Islam M. Elayan
Bianca Haney (Aug)
Jessica Jones
Stephanie Lowery (Aug)
Ryan McCabe
Jocelyn Miller
Amal K. Muna
Courtney M. Ofofu
Madison F. Pascua
Evelyn Rodriguez
Melanie M. Yau

Masters Degree

Elizabeth Padilla
Adriana Rodriguez

Aleah Burks-Patterson is enrolled in masters program in art, entertainment and media management at Columbia College in Chicago.

Ryan McCabe is at the University of Delaware pursuing graduate study in political science/international affairs.

Courtney Ofofu is attending University of Illinois College of Law on scholarship.

Evelyn Rodriguez has received a fellowship from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, D.C.

Diep Tran is attending American University this fall, in a masters program in biology.

Mylou Yang Moua was recently published in the *Journal of Adolescent Research*. Co authored with Susie D. Lamborn, her article, entitled **Normative Family Interactions: Hmong American Adolescents' Perceptions of Their Parents** is featured in the July 2008 issue.

MU McNair Scholars presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Salisbury University last April. They are (l-r) Madison Pascua, Veronica Haywood, Amber Erickson, Walter Bond, Courtney Ofofu, Aleah Burks-Patterson, Amal Muna, Jason Mitchell-Robinson, Daphne McPherson, Ryan McCabe, Jermaine Buckner, Theo Braden, Jocelyn Miller and Reema Ahmad.

