

McNair Scholars

Smart News

Announcements

Thank you to EMU Student Government for a grant to assist with the cost of a GRE Prep course for McNair and Honors students!

Congratulations Symposium Presenters!

We are proud of your poise, professionalism and wonderful work!

Thank you to the Scholars, Staff and faculty who contributed to our tee-shirt fundraiser. The sale was a huge success! We raised enough money pay for transportation to The McNair Nation Conference this July.



Graduate School Bound:

- **Courtney Williams:** University of Houston, TX and Pepperdine University.
- **Jennifer Alexander:** University of Syracuse, Rutgers University, and Columbia's Teacher's College.
- **Victor Torres:** Michigan State University and Florida University.
- **Anthony Sparkling:** Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, University of Florida.
- **Jhazmin Taylor:** Syracuse University School of Social Work, Michigan State University and Arizona State University.
- **Kristal Davis:** Second year, EMU MPA Program.
- **Julie Krupa:** Indiana University, Central Florida University, Michigan State University and The University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Reminders:

McNair Event:
April 18th, 2012

McNair Graduation ceremony will be held at Halle library in the Carillon room from 3-5 p.m.

Campus Event:
April 23rd, 2012

Graduation Day!
EMU's Convocation Center at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m.

Fundraising:
April 29th, 2012

McNair's "TRUEMU Supporter" shirt sale ends!



Undergraduate Symposium Presenters:

- Danielle Lawson, “A Morpho-syntactic Analysis of Contraction in English.” Dr. Daniel Seely, Ph.D., mentor.
- Kimaya Shanell Hudgins, “Text Messaging and its Potential Uses in the High School English Classroom.” Dr. Amanda Allen, Ph.D., mentor.
- Julia Krupa, “Innocent Until Proven Guilty: The Representation of Wrongfully Convicted Women.” Dr. Donna Selman, Ph. D., mentor.
- Jhazmin Taylor, “Parent Perception of Child Weight, Parent Feeding Style and Child BMI Among African American Preschoolers.” Dr. Heather Janisse, Ph. D., mentor.
- Carmen Grange “How Language Parameter Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders Minimize Social Interaction.” Dr. Sylvia Jones, Ph.D., mentor.
- Courtney Williams, “American Culture’s Shifting Perspectives on Female Homosexuality from the 1970’s to the Present.” Dr. Pamela Landau, Ph. D., mentor.
- Anthony Sparkling, “Investing in LEED Projects: The Cost of Justification.” Dr. Ben Ilozor, P.h.D., mentor.
- Brittany Galloway, “Glass Ceiling: Female Leadership within the Domain of Athletic Administration.” Dr. Sam Shen, P.h.D., mentor.
- Shanilinin Calderon, “Human Trafficking in the United States: Comparative Perspectives and Public Policies.” Dr. Richard Stahler-Sholk, Ph.D., mentor.
- Chereese Colston, “An Exploration into Reality of Media Perceptions: Depictions of Women Public Relations Practitioners.” Dr. Lolita Cummings-Carson, Ph.D. and Dr. Regina Luttrell Ph.D., mentors.
- Lanita Sledge, “Get Your Education: Family Support for African-American College Students.” Dr. Regina George, Ph.D., mentor.
- Jennifer Alexander, “Putting the Multiracial Experience into Multicultural Education.” Dr. Deborah Harmon, Ph. D., mentor.
- Victor Torres, “A Closer Look at the Racial Disparity Rates in Michigan Schools.” Dr. Sally Burton-Hoyle, Ph.D., mentor.
- Sade Wilson, “African American English: Dialect Mistaken as an Articulation Disorder.” Dr. Ronald Hoodin, Ph.D., mentor.
- Kristal Davis, “Bridging Geographical, Racial and Political Divides? Public Attitudes and the Future of Metropolitan Detroit.” Dr. Joseph Ohren, Ph.D., mentor.
- Isra Daraiseh, “Effects of Arab American Discrimination Post 9/11 in the Contexts of the Workplace and Education.” Dr. David Victor, Ph.D., mentor.

Caprisha Curry

is a transfer student and a sophomore studying Communications and Spanish. Caprisha has been selected as Wise dormitory's McNair Resident Advisor for the 2012-2013 school year.

"I enjoy meeting new people and helping people as well. Being an RA will benefit me in those aspects as well as helping residents find comfort in their residence hall and school."

Caprisha's advice for future Scholars: "Hard work always pays off; so, get serious, ask questions, network, use the resources that are provided and get to know your cohort. McNair Scholars and staff are a wonderful little family."



Courtney Williams

is a senior Scholar, studying Psychology and Women and Gender Studies. Courtney has recently been accepted to the University of Huston-Clear Lake, Master's in Clinical Psychology Program, but will attend Pepperdine University's Clinical Psychology Program in Los Angeles, California.

Courtney recaps, "My experience as a McNair Scholar has allowed me to take on challenges I never considered before. I find myself ready to take on the world without reservation. I have done things in the last two years that I never imagined I would be doing. Because of this, I am excited about my future and what it holds for me."

"My relationship with McNair has been overwhelmingly positive. I spent more time in the McNair office than I spent in my apartment. The people in the office have become a surrogate family for me."

Jacinda Bunting

is a senior studying Psychology and Biology. Jacinda published her first research article in the McNair Research Journal, Volume 2. Since publishing her work, Jacinda has won several awards for presentations and poster-board contests.

Jacinda completed her "teaching related experience," a requirement for all McNair Scholars, by teaching a McNair Seminar on Research Design. Jacinda explained how illustrating research through visual aids is important. She also taught Scholars about research biases and how visual aids can misrepresent one's research if not done properly.



EMU Graduate Scholar Walter Reggans



“My academic journey began immediately after high school, like many students. Also, like many young students, I did not complete my undergraduate degree. My interest at that point in my life was Chemistry and Mathematics. Consequently, I studied to become a chemical engineer for two years. In the intervening years I became a commercial electrician. Yet electrical work became irregular for me after the Dot Com bust of 2000. The unreliable work outlook combined my with my internal drive to continue learning led me to consider my future and make a choice. In the winter of 2007, I decided to quit my job and return to school.

“EMU proved to be a place of moving from the familiar to the unfamiliar. The familiar was my initial major declaration of construction management. People who were aware of my entrepreneurial bent suggested studying construction management, to become an electrical contractor. However, my interest diverged to economics because I was concerned about job layoffs. I wondered if the falling wage spiral was going to continue.

“Questions about not only the US economy but also foreign economies stoked a fire inside of me that expanded to include the power of data-driven decision making. Even classes I didn’t want to take and tried to avoid, like Introduction to Computer Informational Systems and Geography, influenced my growing interest in Economics.

“I continued to pursue Construction Management until I applied and was accepted as a McNair Scholar. My motivation for applying was to get a mentor to help answer some of my questions. As a result of deciding to pursue a Ph.D., I began to conduct research into subjects I wanted to study at length. I chose Economics because I was already reading articles about Prudential Macroeconomics. Immediately I enrolled in more economic classes. My wife supported the decision.

“My final degree reflects all my interests up to now: I earned a BBA in Economics with a minor in Construction Management. Similarly, my graduate studies in Applied Economics and Information Systems reflects my interest in Analytics, Predictive Analytics, or Business Intelligence. The field is the combination of computer and data analyzing skills.

“McNair was the difference between studying Economics or not. I appreciate the demystifying of the Ph.D. process as well as meeting and getting to know the other McNair Scholars. My association with them exposed me to topics that I never would have been interested in. Ultimately McNair whetted my appetite for knowledge.

“My advice to new McNair Scholars is: Say ‘yes’ and ask a lot of questions. As McNair Scholar, become as involved as much as your schedule permits. Being a McNair Scholar opens more doors than you are aware of. Use this opportunity well!”