CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 SENIORS

Samantha Benton
Joe Cheslock
Mai Doan
Ashley Doukas
Sarah Leonard ‘09
Imani Lugalla
Tsion Mamo
Tuyen Nguyen ‘09
Calvin Vaillancourt

IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

This year the McNair Scholars Program will honor its graduating seniors at the 2010 Senior Celebration, which will take place on Tuesday, May 11. Congratulations to all graduates and the best of luck on your future endeavors.

-The McNair Program Staff

SENIOR CELEBRATION SPEAKER:

Jared Sexton

This year’s speaker is Jared Sexton, an Associate Professor in the Program in African American Studies and the Department of Film and Media Studies at the University of California, Irvine. He earned a B.A. in History and Economics from the University of New Hampshire and a Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. He has published articles in journals such as American Quarterly, Radical History Review, Qui Parle, and Social Text, and chapters in various anthologies on contemporary politics and popular culture. He is the author of Amalgamation Schemes: Antiblackness and the Critique of Multiracialism (University of Minnesota Press, 2008) and a co-editor of Critical Sociology 36:1 (2010), a special issue on “Race and the Variations of Discipline.”

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WHAT’S NEXT FOR MCNAIR SENIORS?

Samantha graduates from UNH with a major in Social Work and Spanish. Samantha was accepted to several graduate programs but has chosen to defer admission. She is currently looking for social work positions to gain experience before beginning a graduate program. Her mentor while in the McNair Program was Dr. Mary Banach of the UNH Department of Social Work.

Joe graduates from UNH with a major in Business Admin. Joe has worked as a marketing intern at a company called Bottomline Technologies, located in Portsmouth, and was recently hired as a Project Specialist. He will begin work full-time once he graduates. His mentor while in the McNair Program was Dr. Carl Lindblade, Department of Hospitality Management.

Mai graduates from UNH with a major in Biochemistry. After graduating from UNH, she will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Biological and Biomedical Sciences PhD Program. Her mentor while in the McNair Program was Thomas M. Laue of the UNH Department of Molecular, Cellular and Biomedical Sciences.

Ashley graduates from UNH with a major in Psychology. She will attend the New School for Social Research in New York City for her Master of Arts in Psychology. She hopes to continue on to her PhD in Clinical Psychology. While with the McNair Program, Ashley worked with a mentor from the UNH Department of Psychology, Dr. Michelle Leichtman.

Sarah graduated from UNH with a major in Psychology in 2009. She is currently working full-time for Measured Progress in Dover, and continues to work part-time for security at UNH. Her future plans are to pursue a PhD in Psychology. Her mentor while in the McNair Program was Dr. Carolyn Mebert from the UNH Department of Psychology.

Tuyen graduated from UNH with a major in Physics in December 2009. She will attend Northeastern University in the fall of 2010 to work on a PhD in Physics. She is fully funded for this program. While with the McNair Program, Tuyen worked with Dr. Karsten Pohl of the UNH Department of Physics.

Imani graduates from UNH with a major in Mechanical Engineering. Currently, Imani is currently looking for work. His future plans include obtaining his master’s degree. While with the McNair Program, Imani worked with Dr. John McHugh from the UNH Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Tsion graduates from UNH with a major in Psychology. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Social Work program with a concentration on clinical social work. She wants to use this degree to become a licensed clinical social worker. While with the McNair Program, Tsion worked with Dr. Edward Lemay of the UNH Department of Psychology.

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Calvin graduates from UNH with a double major in Psychology and Outdoor Education. This summer he will be working as an EMT and has employment at Bryant Pond, a summer camp. In the fall, he is looking for an internship in Outdoor Education. His mentor while in the McNair Program was Dr. Brent Bell.
MCNAIR WELCOMES NEW 2010 PEER ADVISERS

Nicholas Wong is a Peruvian born Chinese. He speaks three languages Spanish, Cantonese (Chinese), and English. Most of his life he grew up in North Conway, NH where he was an active participant in his middle school and high school soccer and track team. He also enjoyed outdoor activities including hiking, swimming, and skiing. He has been an active member in the UNH community, participating in the UNH Connect Program, UNH McNair, and the UNH Track Team. As an Undergraduate, he majored in Physical Education. He will be completing his Master’s of Art in Teaching this coming May, and looks forward to being a McNair advisor in summer 2010.

Tanya Nading received her Bachelor of Science in Journalism and her Master of Science in Science and Technology Journalism from Texas A&M University in May 2003 and 2005, respectively. She first began working with the McNair Program as a Writing Instructor in the Summer of 2009, and is now a Peer Advisor with the program. She also works at the UNH Connor’s Writing Center and Online Writing Lab as a writing consultant. Born in Nebraska, Tanya was raised in Texas and lived there for 13 years before moving to New Hampshire in 2008. She is currently finishing a Master of Fine Arts in Writing program at the University of New Hampshire and expects to finish in December 2010. In her spare time she enjoys reading, watching movies, and writing fiction.

MCNAIR INVADES FACEBOOK

Did you know that the McNair Graduate Opportunity Program has a personal facebook page? Check out our newly updated photographs, keep in touch with friends, and maybe make a few new ones. Stay connected by becoming a fan today. To become a McNair fan, type “McNair Scholars Program at UNH” into facebook’s search box. Once you’re on the fan page just click the “like” button at the top of the page. Stay tuned for more facebook fan page updates, but in the meantime, read all about past McNair Scholar, Sarah Gormady. If you want to become a friend of McNair search for “McNair New Hampshire.”
## MCNAIR STUDENTS PRESENT AT 2010 URC

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If you’re looking for a new place to spend a few hot, sunny summer days, check out Mendum’s Pond, located in Barrington, NH. The University of New Hampshire owns approximately 187.6 acres of forestland, including two beaver ponds, all located just nine miles from Durham. The perfect summer recreation center, Mendum’s Pond is a nice place to swim, canoe, or hike. The pond is located on the Little River, a tributary of the Lamprey River and part of the larger Piscataqua River watershed. The Area is perfect for boating and picnicking. Canoes and paddle boats are available for rent, and swimming is permitted, however, there are no lifeguards on duty.

Directions: From Durham, take Route 4 West to the Lee traffic circle. Travel 2.5 miles west of the Lee Traffic Circle on Route 4 and take a right just past the power lines (you’ll see a small sign for UNH Rec area). Travel on this road for approximately 0.5 miles, you’ll see a chain link fence gate on the left, this is the main road into Mendum’s Pond.

The area will be open the following dates and hours: **June 20 through August 22 (Tuesday-Sunday) 11:00am-7:00pm; closed Mondays.** The park will reopen **August 29 through September 27 (weekends only) 12:00pm-6:00pm.** The cost is $5/day for adults.

Additional information about use of the area are available at the Service Desk in the Hamel Recreation Center or by calling (603) 862-2056. Alcohol and pets are prohibited.

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**SNAPSHOTS OF SUMMER 2009**

*Dec and Antonio Henley*  
*Lindsay Fong and Ahn Tu Duong*  
*Team Building at the Browne Center*  
*McNair 2009 Cohort, Liberty Bell, Philadelphia*  
*McNair 2009 Cohort, Penn State*  
*Ashley Doukas*
MCNAIR STUDY ABROAD PILOT PROGRAM: LONDON BOUND

Summer 2010 will mark the first study abroad program for UNH McNair Scholars. Program administrators will take five students overseas to London, England for six weeks. While abroad the group will live and study at the University of East London, one of the United Kingdom’s most diverse institutions, and will travel to Cambridge, England. The program aims to expose McNair Scholars to the benefits of international study.

This program will allow McNair Fellows to investigate an appropriate undergraduate research question connected to her/his major and issues of access to higher education in the United Kingdom. Students will also have the opportunity to interact with and learn from educational and political leaders in the U.K.

Students and McNair staff will travel to the University of East London at the end of June and will immediately attend the FACE Conference. FACE includes a UK-wide network of practitioners and policy-makers involved in the expansion of learning for all.

While abroad, McNair scholars will conduct undergraduate research, investigating some aspect of higher education access. The students will be enrolled in two courses: Introduction to College Teaching, focusing on similarities and differences in college instruction in the U.S. and the U.K., and Introduction to McNair Research.

The study abroad program will challenge students to think critically about the dynamics of and solutions to the perplexing problems of higher education access and completion. The program is designed to immerse students in the international context in a culture somewhat dissimilar from their own.

Every other Wednesday, beginning July 14, there will be a 5pm dinner telecast to the UNH campus. While in London, McNair students will participate in independent study and tours; seminars on research methods I and II, data/library resources, and varying topics to widen study participation.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 - Senior Celebration, Elliott Alumni Center, Rm 1925, 5:30pm
Thursday, May 20th, 2010 - Last Day of Spring Semester
Monday, May 31st, 2010 - Official Summer Session Begins

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