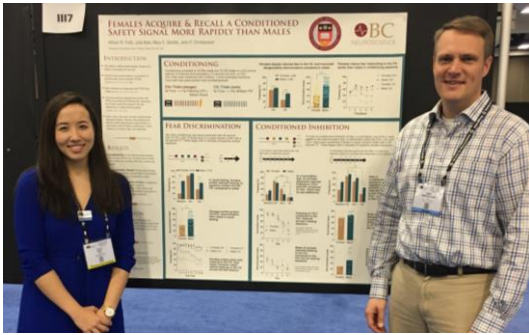


# MCNAIR NEWS

## STUDENT UPDATES

Julia Bals, McNair Scholar, Class of 2017: Presented her research at the Society for Neuroscience Conference in San Diego, California.



Jared Collier, Class of 2017 will join the Peace Corps in China to work as a Secondary Education English Teacher

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Nijah Cunningham, Class of 2007

Accepted to the Society of Fellows for Liberal Arts at Princeton University

### Nicole Joseph, Class of 2009

Received her doctorate in School Psychology from the University of Florida Gainesville in May 2016

### Rui Soares, Class of 2013

Started his first year of Medical School at George Washington University.

### Steven Jefferson, Class of 2014

Received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of doctoral studies at Duke University.

## RESEARCH JOURNEY IN NEW MEXICO

This was my first time ever traveling inside the U.S. and the first time presenting research. During my weekend at University of New Mexico I honed my presentation skills, learned about possible graduate schools and met new friends. Even better was being able to bond with my fellow BC McNair scholar as we talked about our favorite foods and goals. I look forward to attending another McNair research symposium.

Jonathan Barbosa, McNair Scholar, Class of 2018



Attending the McNair Conference at UNM was a fantastic opportunity for me to meet other McNair scholars from around the country and learn from their experiences. There was a huge breadth of knowledge presented, whether it was academic or professional. Not only was it informative, it was also really fun to connect with other students about struggles and accomplishments we all encountered.

Josephine Tang, McNair Scholar, Class of 2018

**The McNair Scholars Program welcomes the newly selected students along with their faculty mentors who will begin research this fall.**

George Boateng  
Mentor: Priya Lal

Kimberly Lozano  
Mentor: Hiroshi Nakazato

Karina Ross  
Mentor: Holly Fontenot

Gianina Chua  
Mentor: Peter Skerry

Nana Araba Mantey  
Mentor: Paul Gray

Karla Ross  
Mentor: Audrey Friedman

Evelyn Cortes  
Mentor: Rocio Calvo

Samuel Mbugua  
Mentor: TBD

Jacqueline Velasquez  
Mentor: Nadia Abuelezam

Tiwalayo Eisape  
Mentor: Robert Muller

Jesse Rascon  
Mentor: Julia Whitcavech-Devoy

Sarah Clavijo  
Mentor: William Atwood

Sadiq Ervin  
Mentor: TBD

Ryan Reichert  
Mentor: Thomas Seyfried



## Summer Research 2016

### Gerardo Acosta

Title: The Role of Cortisol in Steady Swimming in Response to Irregular Stream Flow in Rainbow Trout  
Advisor: Christopher Kenaley Ph.D

### Julia Bals

Title: Sex Differences in Fear Expression and its Neural Correlates  
Advisor: Dr. John P. Christianson

### Jonathan Barbosa

Title: Lesson Study: An Analysis of Past Implementations and Possible Integration into the Public Education System of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Advisor: Dr. Audrey Friedman, PhD

### Jared Collier

Title: Resumptive Pronouns  
Advisor: Michael J. Connolly

### Risa Kuroda

Title: Compassion as a Problem Solving Tool: An Introduction to and Analysis of Five Existing Buddhist-Based, Compassion Cultivation Programs in the United States  
Advisor: John Makransky, PhD

### Isaacson Michel

Title: Comparative Analysis of Policy and Preventive Measures to Zika Virus: Assessment between Brazil and the United States  
Advisor: Summer Hawkins, PhD

### Mi Jin Park

Title: The Academic Experience of Migrant Latino and Latina High School Students in New York City  
Advisor: Dr. Julia Whitcavitch-DeVoy, PhD

### Graciela Pena

Title: What are Family Members' Perceptions of End-of-Life Care in the ICU?  
Advisor: Susan DeSanto-Madeya PhD

### Andres Sanin

Title: Mechanics of Fish Skin: The Lateral Tendon Revisited  
Advisor: Christopher Kenaley, PhD

### Josephine Tang

Title: A Putative RNA Structure from Actinobacteria Allows Regulation in Response to S15  
Advisor: Michelle M. Meyer

### Lisa Vu

Title: Why Are Women-owned Businesses Not Growing? An Analysis of the Role of Financial Capital on Women-owned Businesses  
Advisor: Fr. Gustavo Morello, S.J.

**The McNair Scholars Program will begin to recruit for Freshmen and Sophomores during Spring 2017. Applications are due on Friday March 3, 2017. For questions please contact our office.**