

# McNair Scholars Program Newsletter

## MCNAIR ALUMNI UPDATES

### MCNAIR SCHOLARS' Graduate Program Acceptances

**Lisa Edouard**

Boston University, Loyola Chicago and Boston College, Higher Education Program

**John Gabelus**

Boston College Theology Program

**James Kale II**

Donovan Program at Boston College

**Stephanie Thermora**

International Studies at Clark University and Global Development Policy at Boston University

**Luis Torres**

Boston College Higher Education Program

**Sara Wong**

Teachers College at Columbia University, Higher Education at Loyola Chicago, Boston College and University of Pennsylvania

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Risa Kuroda (right), McNair Junior who is a finalist for the Aquino Scholarship! Her Graduate Student Mentor Amani Kancey joins her in celebration.



“Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one”

–Ronald E. McNair

**Dr. Jonathan Aguilar**

**Class of 2008**

Jonathan graduated from the University of Texas Dental School in 2014. After working in various places he is relocating to East Texas to work with low income patients.



**Dewan Woods**

**Class of 2014**

Dewan won 1<sup>st</sup> place for best talk at the National Society of Black Physicists in Washington D.C. He visited the White House. In June he will travel to the University of Glasgow in the UK to present his work.

**Kayla Prieto Hodge**

**Class of 2014**

Received a one year NSF grant to support her doctoral Study at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**Martin Gamboa**

**Class of 2015**

Martin is currently working as a Fulbright Scholar in Poland. He is teaching an undergraduate course to students working to be translators. His main goal is to have students feel comfortable about talking. In his free time he gives lectures at the Embassy on topics such as sociology, culture and politics. Martin is also researching the Polish University System in comparison to the United States. Martin has been accepted to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of Southern California with an amazing scholarship.



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## McNair Scholars and Research Titles

**Lisa Edouard**- Attributing Academic Struggle to a Lack of Privilege

**John Gabelus**- Spirituality and Medicine: A Comparison of Alternative Healing Methods

**Medina Geyer**- Optimizing leukemic cell isolation directly from whole blood using EasySep™

**Kadeajah Goslin**- Adolescents' Beliefs and Behaviors: A Positive Youth Development framework for Understanding the Strengths and Assets of Youth of Color

**Stephanie Thermora**- Refugee Assimilation: The effect of cultural and socioeconomic expectations on Iraqi and Somali refugees in America

**Luis Torres**- *Raza*: An Exploration of Race and Ethnicity in Dominican Literature

**Kathy Wong**- Seeing Soul to Soul: Interfaith Dialogue for Community Development

**Sara Wong**- The Model Minority: A Pilot Analysis of First Generation Asian American Student Experience at Boston College



McNair Scholar James Kale II receives a certificate of recognition from the National Association of African American Studies for presenting his research at the 2016 National Conference in February 2016.

*James Kale II*

## PROGRAM EVENTS

Learning to Learn Senior Reception  
Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm Walsh Function Room

Graduate Mentor Program Closing  
Sunday April 17, 2016

McNair Exploratory Program Closing  
Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

We are looking forward to our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual McNair Summer Research Program June 5<sup>th</sup>-July 29<sup>th</sup>

McNair Summer Research Symposium July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 10:00am

