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McNair Alumni Scholars
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“Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one.”

— RONALD MCNAIR
Firdavs Abzhabarov – University of Minnesota
Major: Life Sciences, Psychology, Communication Studies
"Creation, Transfection, and Verification of HDAC4-GFP Lentiviral Construct"
Mentor: Kim Mansky, School of Dentistry

Kamilah Amen – University of Minnesota
Major: Chemistry & Bioproducts Engineering
"Alteration of Oligodendrocyte Functional Mechanics By Neurodegenerative Disease"
Mentor: Patrick Alford, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering

Zack Crowley – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
The Interaction of Economic Inequality and Authoritarianism on Voter Preference During the 2016 Presidential Election
Mentor: Howard Lavine, Department of Political Science

Laura Dédé d'Almeida – University of Minnesota
Major: Global Studies
"Learning and Empowerment: A Social Network Analysis of Fellowship Participants"
Mentor: Christopher Johnstone, Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy & Development

Brandon C. Hyde – University of Minnesota
Major: Statistics
"Evaluating Methods to Identify Introgressed Regions"
Mentor: Yaniv Brandvain, Dept. of Plant & Microbial Biology

Austin Leikvoll – University of Minnesota
Major: Genetics & Cell Biology and Development
"Developing a Muscle Tissue Construct Using 3D Bioprinting"
Mentor: Angela Panoskaltsis-Mortari, Dept. of Pediatrics

Kayne Lussier – University of Minnesota
Major: Early Childhood Education
"Development of IGD1 Assessments for 3-Year-Olds and Review of Literacy Interventions"
Mentor: Scott McConnell, Dept. of Educational Psychology

Nicole A. Lynn – California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Major: Biotechnology
"The Effect of Saturated Fatty Acid on Immune Metabolism in Microglia"
Mentors: Tammy Butterick, Dept. of Food Science & Nutrition; Jill Adler, Dept. of Biological Sciences

Mallory Mintz – Carleton College
Major: Geology
"Tracing Sediment Source Responses to Water Infrastructure Development and Management in Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Montana"
Mentors: Amy Myrbo, Dan Maxbauer, & Mark Shaplen, Department of Earth Sciences

Nahom Mossazghi – University of Minnesota
Major: Neuroscience
"Cranial Prostheses for Chronic, Pan-Cortical Two-Photon Imaging in Behaving Mice"
Mentor: Suhasa Kodandaramaiah, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering

Aarinoa Esther Okelola – University of Minnesota
Major: Elementary Education Foundations
"Discipline Practices and Racial Equity in Schools: Mapping Restorative Justice in Minnesota Schools"
Mentor: Catherine Squires, Dept. of Communication Studies

Mary K. Onchiri – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science & Psychology
"The Effect of Social Conditions on Psychological Distress in Minneapolis Neighborhoods"
Mentor: Richard Lee, Department of Psychology

Susan Phetsamone – University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology & Family Social Science
"Youth: Threats to Communities vs Rising Stars"
Mentor: Teresa Swartz, Department of Sociology

Tyra Reed – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"The Effects of Skin Color on Health: Trends from the General Social Survey"
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Jr., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Santino Reynolds – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"The Connotations of Police Reform in North Minneapolis"
Mentor: Michelle Phelps, Department of Sociology

Catherine Richards – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology & Neuroscience
"Grammatical Gender’s Effect on Inferences of Biological Sex in Spanish Speakers"
Mentor: Maria Sera, Institute of Child Development

Chen Vue – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
"Influence of Parental Involvement on Hmong Children’s Academic Performance"
Mentor: Zha Blong Xiong, Dept. of Family Social Science

Taylor Westfall-McCoy – University of Minnesota
Major: Animal Science & History of Science and Technology
"Cold Plasma for Decontamination of Chicken Breast, Romaine Lettuce, & Stainless Steel Surfaces from Multi-Drug Resistant Salmonella Enterica Serovar Heidelberg"
Mentor: Sagar Goyal, College of Veterinary Medicine

Halimo Yusuf – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"The Relationship between Stress and Academic Performance in Community College Students"
Mentor: Lisa Meredith, Department of Psychology

Fralinda Zazay – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"Resilience in Children Experiencing Homelessness: Preschool Attendance and Later Academic Success"
Mentor: Ann Masten, Institute of Child Development
Karen Bonfil-Ruiz – University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology
“Healthcare Legal Partnerships Needs Assessment”
Mentor: Eileen Weber, School of Nursing

Javaris Bradford – University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology
“3 Strikes & Racial Disparities in Incarceration”
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Sokamarint Chak – University of Minnesota
Major: Microbiology & Medical Laboratory Science
“Hydrothermal Carbonization Conversion of Agricultural Residues to Value-Added Products”
Mentor: Ken Valentas, Biotechnology Institute

Danielle B. Cotton – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“Intersections of Racialized Experiences and Psychosocial Development for Black Undergraduates at a Predominately White Institution”
Mentor: Tabitha Grier-Reed, Department of Family Social Science

Corey Culver – University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology
“Police Strength and Crime Rates”
Mentor: Elizabeth Boyle, Department of Sociology

Aracely C. Duerkop – University of Minnesota
Major: Nursing
“Non-pharmacological Interventions for Latinos with Alzheimer’s Disease and their Family Caregivers”
Mentor: Joseph Gaugler, School of Nursing

Victoria Y. Idowu – University of Minnesota
Major: Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
“Ripple Perception in Musicians Compared to Non-Musicians: Effects of Bandwidth and Intensity”
Mentor: Evelyn Davies-Venn, Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

Ana V. Lozano – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“Disrupting the Effects of Parental Math Anxiety: How Parental Expectations and Involvement Matter for Children’s Mathematical Outcomes”
Mentor: Rose Vukovic, Department of Educational Psychology

Saida Mahamud – University of Minnesota
Major: Global Studies
“The Effect of Citizenship Status and Nativity on Minimum Wage Coverage among Black Workers in Minnesota”
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Fadumo Mohamed – University of Minnesota
Major: Elementary Education
“Insights into the Academic Language Learning of Somali Elementary Students”
Mentor: Lori Helman, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Lydia Negussie – University of Minnesota
Major: Sociology of Law
“Performing Masculinity: Examining Men’s Experiences of Gender Based Violence”
Mentor: Gabrielle Ferrales, Department of Sociology

Ryan Nguyen – University of Minnesota
Major: Medical Laboratory Science
“Virulence profiles of non-typhoidal Salmonella strains of avian, bovine and porcine origins”
Mentor: Sinisa Vidovic, Department of Veterinary Science

Dorothy O’Berry – University of Minnesota
Major: Business & Marketing Education
“The Impact of Narrative Pedagogy on Student Learning”
Mentor: Rashné Jehangir, Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy & Development

Jackie Penalozza – University of Minnesota
Major: Mathematical Biology: Physiology
“A Mathematical Model to Simultaneously Calculate Growth and Death Rates of Cells Undergoing Oxidative Stress”
Mentor: Meri Firpo, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism

Vilma Quito Fernandez – University of Minnesota
Major: Business & Marketing Education
“Money Management & Technology: Financial Practices of College Students”
Mentor: Virginia Zuiker, Department of Family Social Science

Chris Vang – University of Minnesota
Major: Youth, Holistic Health & Healing, & Leadership Studies
“Parent Participatory Action Research Curriculum Draft”
Mentors: Michele Allen, Department of Family Medicine & Community Health; Luis Ortega and Shannon Pergament, Somali, Latino and Hmong Partnership for Health and Wellness (SoLaHmo)

Kee Vang – Metropolitan State University
Major: Business Administration
“The Effect of Minority Faculty Representation on McNair Program Success Rate, 2010-2014”
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Ricky Vang – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“The Relationship between Educational Attainment and Financial Management”
Mentors: Cathy Solheim & Veronica Deenanath, Department of Family Social Science

Jayson Watkins – University of Minnesota
Major: Sport Management & Psychology
“Parent Understanding of and Involvement in Organized, Out-of-School Youth Activities”
Mentor: Douglas Hartmann, Department of Sociology

Sim (Net) Youk – University of Minnesota
Major: Biology, Society, & Environment
“The Association Between U.S. Patients’ Household Income & Medication Experiences”
Mentor: Jon C. Schommer, Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems
Sahaam Abdi - University of Minnesota
Major: Linguistics
“Individual Differences in the Acquisition of the /s/ and Contrast: A Study of Adults’ Perception of Child Speech”
Mentor: Benjamin Munsion, Ph.D., Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences

Noussaiba Ayou - University of Minnesota
Major: Biology, Society and Environment
“Intimate Partner Violence and Weight Gain in Young Women”
Mentor: Susan Mason, Ph.D., School of Public Health

Karimantou Bah - University of Minnesota
Major: Biochemistry
“Microglia Response to Fatty Acid Binding Protein-UCP2 Axis in Facilitating Neuroinflammation”
Mentor: Tammy Butterick, Ph.D. Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition

Wendy Chu - Macalester College
Major: Psychology
“Exploring the Construct Validity of Letters of Recommendation in Graduate Admissions: The Hidden “Unknowns” Within”
Mentor: Nathan Kuncel, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

Kayla Cory - University of Minnesota
Major: Kinesiology
“Effects of Yoga on Blood Pressure, Stress and Physical Activity in Overweight, African-American Women”
Mentor: Daheia J. Barr-Anderson, Ph.D., School of Kinesiology

Bailey Galloway - St. Catherine University
Major: American Sign Language Interpreting
“American Sign Language: Monitoring Student Progress”
Mentor: Susan Rose, Ph.D., Dept. of Educational Psychology

Raúl Guzmán-Ayala - Carleton College
Major: Latin American Studies with a Certificate of Advanced Study in Spanish
“Achieving Goals: Role of Support and Structure for Latina/o Student Post-High School Goals”
Mentor: Michael C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., Dept. of Educational Psychology

Eileen Lee - University of Minnesota
Major: Health and Wellness/ICP
“A Mixed Methods Assessment of family Influence on Weight-Related Behaviors among African-Americans”
Mentor: Daheia J. Barr-Anderson, Ph.D., School of Kinesiology

Lamin Manjang - University of Minnesota
Major: Health and Wellness/ICP
“These are hard questions: An Investigation of 6th Graders’ Developmental Abilities to Answer Survey Items”
Mentor: Barbara McMorris, Ph.D., School of Nursing: Division of Pediatrics and Adolescent Health

Hamza Mussé - University of Minnesota
Major: Political Science
“Growth in Black-Owned Businesses: Perceptions Versus Statistics”
Mentor: Samuel J. Myers, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Sonia Paredes-Guaman - University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“Breaking Barriers in Ghana: Impact of Reproductive Health Curriculum and Cultural Activity Sessions on Adolescent Girls”
Mentor: Rose Vukovic, Ph.D., Dept. of Educational Psychology

Shanel Perez - University of Minnesota
Major: Business and Marketing Education & Human Resource Development
“Rethinking Cultural Competence”
Mentor: Jarrett Gupton, Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development

Bryan Polkey - University of Minnesota
Major: Nursing
“Medical-Legal Advocacy Screening Questionnaire: Evaluating Efficacy”
Eileen Weber, Ph.D., School of Nursing

Azira Rivera - University of Minnesota
Major: Mathematics
“Characterizing Indel Mutations in Arabidopsis thaliana as a Model for Compensatory Evolution”
Mentor: Yaniv Brandvain Ph.D., Department of Plant Biology

Dave Sukharan - University of Minnesota
Major: Microbiology
“Research Centers Struggling to Communicate: Social Media as a New Pathway”
Mentor: Sarah Axtell, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science

Jonathon Swan - University of Minnesota
Major: Nutrition
“Beneficial Effects of Selenium on the Human Gut Microbiome”
Mentor: Joanne Slavin, Ph.D., Department of Food Science and Nutrition

Julie Vang - University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“Do They Think Alike? Immigrant First-Generation Students’ Decision and Parents’ Preferences for College Major and Career”
Mentors: Cathy Solheim, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science & Veronica Deenanath, Department of Family Social Science

Gaozouapa Vue - University of Minnesota
Major: Youth Studies
“Livelihood Complexities in Kenya from the Perspectives on Youth Orphans”
Mentors: Christopher Johnstone, Ph.D. International Initiatives and Relations & Nancy Pellowski Wiger, Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development

Hany Wahila - University of Minnesota
Major: Political Science
“A RADical Departure? The Redevelopment of Glendale Townhomes”
Mentor: Ryan P. Allen, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Aaryn Wilson - University of Minnesota
Major: Plant Science
“Evaluation of a New Test to measure Soil Health”
Mentor: Carl Rosen, Ph.D., Department of Soil, Water and Climate
Arafat Akinlabi - Carleton College
Major: Chemistry
"Hydrothermal Synthesis of the Spinel Compound CuCo2S4"
Mentor: R. Lee Penn, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry

Nicholas Baird - University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"Measurement Matters: Effects of Measurement Error on One-Sample t-Tests"
Mentor: David Weiss, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

Luc Desroches - University of Minnesota, Duluth
Major: Mechanical Engineering
"Experimental Determination of Poisson’s Ratio for Asphalt Binder"
Mentors: Mihai Marasteanu, Ph.D. & Joa Liang Le, Ph.D., Department of Civil Engineering

Mariah Geiger - Macalester College
Major: International Studies
"Closing the Research Circle: Giving Back Results to the Community"
Mentor: Jean L. Forster, Ph.D., Department of Epidemiology

Amanda Geldert - University of Minnesota
Major: Child Psychology
"Family Reminiscence Across Generations"
Mentor: Steve Yussen, Ph.D., Institute of Child Development

Amber Jones - University of Minnesota
Major: African American & African Studies
"W. Gertrude Brown: A Case of Black Women’s Activism in Minnesota, 1920-1940"
Mentor: Yuichiro Onishi, Ph.D., Department of African American Studies

Jason Jones - University of Minnesota
Major: Biochemistry
"One Fungus, many hosts? Symbiosis between Daldinia loculata and its many plant hosts"
Mentor: Georgiana May, Ph.D., Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior

Lawrence Karongo - University of Minnesota
Major: Applied Economics
"The Production Black Ph.Ds. in Economics at Harvard University, 1905-1955"
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Jade Mathre - University of Minnesota
Major: Genetics, Cell Biology and Development & Plant Biology
"Geminivirus Delivery of CRISPR/Cas9 for Plant Genome Engineering"
Mentor: Dan Voytas, Ph.D., Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Development

Mulki Naley - University of Minnesota
Major: Business & Marketing Education
"School choice: Factors Influencing Somali Immigrant Parents’ Choices for their Children"
Mentor: Karen Seashore, Ph.D., Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development

Evita Sanchez - University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
"Acculturative Stress, Self-esteem, and Emotional Well-being among Latina Adolescents"
Mentor: Carolyn Garcia, Ph.D., School of Nursing

Ambrosia Smith - University of Minnesota
Major: Biology, Society & Environment
"Neural Mechanisms of Drug Abuse in Females"
Mentor: Paul Mermelstein, Ph.D. & Luis Martinez, Ph.D., Department of Neuroscience

Mara Stommes - University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science & Communication Studies
"Mobile Health Technologies: A Critical Review of Literature"
Tai Mendenhall, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science

Redeat Tibebu - University of Minnesota
Major: Horticulture
"The Role of Reactive Oxygen Species following Ultraviolet-B Irradiation"
Mentor: Gary Gardner, Ph.D., Department of Horticulture Science

Joe Vang - University of Minnesota
Major: Biology, Society & Environment
"Evaluation of Patient Oriented Drug to Drug Interactions Information Systems"
Mentor: Terrance Adam, Ph.D., Department of Pharmaceutical Care and Health

Jaleesa Wright - University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
"Exposure to Incarceration-Related Events in a Sample of Children with Jailed Parents"
Mentor: Rebecca Schlafer, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics

Crystal Yang - University of Minnesota
Major: Individualized Studies
"Lao Initiative for Eating Healthy: Making the Connections between Sodium Intake and Hypertension in the Lao Community"
Mentor: Cathy Solheim, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science
Natisha Alicea – University of Minnesota
Major: Child Psychology
“Parenting Education and Support for Imprisoned Mothers”
Mentor: Rebecca Shlafer, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics

Yonatan Kebede – University of Minnesota
Major: Biochemistry
“Molecular Analysis of Centrosome in Mammalian Cells: Cep 15”
Mentor: Ryoko Kuriyama, Ph.D., Department of Genetics

Jade Beauclair – University of Minnesota
Major: Youth Studies
“Laboratory for Justice: A Contextual Analysis of Legal Experimentation and Pedagogy at Howard University Law School, 1929-1954”
Mentor: Robert Poch, Ph.D., Department of Postsecondary Teaching and Learning

Anna Ma – University of Minnesota
Major: Child Psychology
“Essential Fine Motor Skills of Clinical Laboratory Science Professionals”
Mentor: Peggy M. Martin, Ph.D., Occupational Therapy

Jennie Chu – Carleton College
Major: Geology
“Evidence for Heat-Treatment of Stone Tools: Magnetic Mineralogy of Heated Chert”
Mentor: Joshua Feinberg, Ph.D., Department of Earth Sciences

Coriandre Moore – University of Minnesota
Major: Psychology
“Scandal: Checks, Constituents, and Consequences”
Mentor: Marti Hope Gonzales, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

Lekie Dwanyen – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“The Maternal Experiences of HIV-Positive Women”
Mentor: Shonda M. Craft, Ph.D., Department of Family Social Science

Song Her – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“Underrepresentation of Ethnic Minority Groups in Advance Counseling and Psychology”
Mentor: Samuel Myers, Ph.D., Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Alyssa Holmes – University of Minnesota, Crookston
Major: Equine/Animal Science
“Yield and Preference of Annual Grasses Under Horse Grazing”
Mentor: Krishona Martinson, Ph.D., Department of Animal Sciences

Kadir Hussein – University of Minnesota
Major: Chemistry
“Considering a Bacterial Model for Ecological Nanoparticle Toxicity”
Mentor: Christy Haynes, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry

Naima Farah – University of Minnesota
Major: Family Social Science
“If I Get Them, How Will I Financially Support Them: Challenges for Kinship Caregivers”
Mentor: Priscilla Gibson, Ph.D., School of Social Work

Phitsavath Nantharath – University of Minnesota
Major: Chemical Engineering/Chemistry/Mathematics
“Synthesis and Optimization of Isopropyl Xanthic Anhydride: Reactions of Potassium Isopropyl Xanthate with Ethyl Chloroformate”
Mentor: George Barany, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry

Ann Ma – University of Minnesota
Major: Child Psychology
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Nima Odowa – University of Minnesota
Major: Biology
“Antiviral Properties of Natural Extracts Against Feline Calici Virus, a Surrogate to Norovirus”
Mentor: Sagar M. Goyal, Ph.D., Department of Veterinary Population Medicine

Nima Odowa – University of Minnesota
Major: Biology/Society and Environment
“Understanding the Role of Bone Morphogenic Proteins in MAPK Phosphatase-1 (MKP-1) Regulation During Osteoclastogenesis”
Mentor: Kim Mansky, Ph.D., Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences

Russel Peterson – Carleton College
Major: History, Latin American Studies
“Weaponized Art: Shining Path and Their Influences on Independent Peruvian Theater”
Mentor: Luis A. Ramos-García, Ph.D., Spanish and Portuguese Studies

Mai Yang – University of Minnesota
Major: Child Psychology
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Mentor: Ann S. Masten, Ph.D., Institute of Child Development
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