

Director's Summer Newsletter

McNair Scholars Program ~ The College of St. Scholastica ~ Duluth, MN

Director's Personal Message: *Welcome to summer research here at CSS!* Summer is the best time to do research! Really! Faculty are engaged in something they really like to do, they want to work with bright scholars, and they want to share their love for exploring and experimenting. Having such focused attention is a luxury. I hope you take full advantage of this. Those remaining in Duluth plan several graduate school visits out of state & cultural event luncheons here at home. Best of luck to scholars venturing off campus: Leif Anderson (China); Mary Udermann (U South Alabama); Elizabeth Maganzini (UMD); Shirley Tillman (UMD); Katie Sundstrom (Michigan State U); and Lindsay Leveille (Rutgers). *Kathleen*

Thinking outside northern Minnesota

Graduate Schools You May Not Have Considered.....

University of Wyoming (Laramie) (www.uwyo.edu) is the smallest US Research 1 facility, but houses some mighty interesting research. UW is a **national leader** in environment & natural resources studies (energy, agriculture & water-related fields), fuel cell technology, astronomical imaging, & parts of the International Space Station Program.

You may get a PhD in: anthropology; botany; chemistry; geology; geophysics; physics; math; psychology; statistics; zoology & physiology; economics; atmospheric science; engineering (petroleum/civil/electrical/mechanical; ecology; molecular & cellular life sciences; neuroscience; & reproductive biology. Other doctoral programs include: soil sciences, entomology, rangeland ecology & veterinary sciences.

You may get an MFA in creative writing; an MA in geography; or a MSW in social work.

Extra special note: UW is located a short distance from the Snowy Mountain Range & Medicine Bow National Forest, both replete with summer & winter outdoor sports/activities.

The reputation of the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN) is world renowned for exceptional health care. Did you know there is also a **Mayo Clinic Graduate School** that provides a full fellowship for each PhD student regardless of the field of study? Last summer, a CSS McNair scholar completed research in immunology (\$4000 stipend) & this summer will begin his doctoral work (**with a full fellowship**) in immunology.

PhD in: molecular neuroscience; molecular pharmacology & experimental therapeutics; tumor biology program; virology & gene therapy; biochemistry & molecular biology; biomedical engineering; & immunology.

If you apply for a Mayo PhD program, we can **arrange a graduate school visit this summer** or, for sophomores, maybe a visit with the director of the Summer Undergraduate Research (SURF) program.

Yummy cultural events right here in Duluth! In May, June, and July we will have lunch at five off-campus sites, so bring your sense of adventure and try some new cuisine. You never know what you may encounter in graduate school.

May 22	Greenview Dining Room	June 5	St. Scholastica Monastery	July 10	Le Bistro
May 29	Zen House	June 12	Greenview Dining Room	July 17	Thai Kathong
		June 19	Kitchi Gammi Club	July 24	Greenview Dining Room
		June 29	Greenview Dining Room		

Graduate School Visit June 28/29 ~ McNair scholars will go to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (<http://www.graduateschool.uwm.edu>) to visit faculty in one of the 22 PhD programs: anthropology; biological sciences; chemistry; CIS; English; geography; math; psychology; political science; physics and social work.

The UWM McNair Program Director, Doug Harder, will arrange interviews with faculty for our scholars, conduct a tour of the campus & discuss

applying to UWM. [Take your completed application.](#)

UWM is in the heart of Milwaukee with such notable cultural offerings as: Harley Davidson Motorcycles; Miller Brewing; Milwaukee Art Museum; Horticultural Dome; Eisner American Museum of Advertising & Design; Bradley Sculpture Garden; and many parks and beaches. Lots to do in Milwaukee!

Great News! Jill Lorge (cohort 5) got an MA in NSG in December, 2006. Lisa Johansen (cohort 8) received an MA in Journalism in December, 2006. Teddy Thompson (cohort 8) just received a Fulbright Scholarship to study for one year in Iceland (2007-2008). This is one of several international adventures for Teddy (McNair research in Tanzania, study at Oxford, teaching in Japan, and extensive travel in SE Asia). Another scholar, Janelle Pulczynski (cohort 1) received a Fulbright to study in Armenia during her early graduate school career. Carol Latour (cohort 9) completed her MLS and will enroll in a PhD program at U Arizona this fall.

Women's Studies Doctoral Programs Proliferate on US Campuses....

Six new PhD programs in women's studies were developed in the US - 3 in the last year - including the UM-Minneapolis (gwss.umn.edu). UM also houses the [Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sports](#), the [Center on Women and Public Policy](#) and the [Center for Advanced Feminist Studies](#). PhD candidates often weave their interests in anthropology, mathematics, philosophy, international relations or geography with their feminist studies, so you do not need an undergraduate degree in women's studies to consider this program. If you would like to meet the faculty at the UM PhD program, we can arrange a graduate school visit this summer.

Check out these other examples of women's studies programs:

- Emory University (Atlanta, GA) <http://womensstudies.emory.edu/graduate>
- U of Iowa (Iowa City) www.grad.uiowa.edu
- U of Washington (Seattle) <http://depts.washington.edu/webwomen>
- Indiana U (Bloomington) www.indiana.edu/~gender/html
- Ohio State U (Columbus) <http://womens-studies.osu.edu/students/graduate>
- U of Maryland at College Park <http://www.womensstudies.umd.edu>
- San Diego State, first official women's studies department in the US (San Diego, CA) <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/wsweb>