

## Undergraduate Research Opportunity Conference (UROC)

UROC featured the research and creative works of over 120 undergraduate students on the UNM Campus on April 18, 2019.

Seven MMUF Fellows presented at UROC:

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Celina Pena – “Bridging the Gap: An Analysis of the Academic Journeys of System-Impacted Students”

TJ L’Esperance – “Access to Healthcare for Latinx Immigrants in the Albuquerque Area”

Damien Lopez - “The Grammar, Semantics, and Sociolinguistics of the Event of Suicide”

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

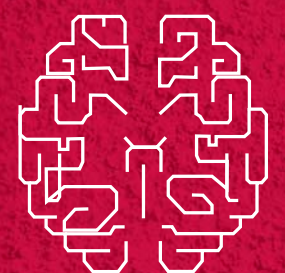
Angeles “Rubi” Castorena – “Parental effects of social and cultural capital on first generation Mexican American college students”

Sam Smith – “June Jordan and Hannah Arendt on Political Knowing”

### UROC180

Isaiah Romo – “Tracing Son Jarocho's Networked Transnational Communities”

Shelby Zubia – “What If?": How Counterfactual Thinking Might Be Used to Campaign for Language Revitalization”



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OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE

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## SENIOR FELLOWS



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## APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY

This year’s deadline for the MMUF application is December 3, 2019.

Eligibility/Criteria:

- Have two more years remaining before graduation
- Be a full-time UNM student in one of the MMUF eligible majors
- Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Be determined to pursue a Ph.D. and an academic career as a professor
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident, and
- Be a member of an underrepresented group

For more information, visit [mmuf.unm.edu/application](http://mmuf.unm.edu/application).



## MEET THE NEW FELLOWS



AIDA REVILLA  
Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts  
Mentor: Myrriah Gómez

ANGELES “RUBI” CASTORENA  
Sociology  
Mentor: Nancy López



CELINA PEÑA  
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## MMUF REGIONAL CONFERENCE

This year’s MMUF Regional Conference will be held on October 24-27 at University of Washington in Seattle & Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. The fellows will attend seminars/workshops and present their research projects.

**Friday, November 25 at University of Washington**  
Workshop on Graduate Application  
Panel Discussion by Graduate Students  
University of Washington Campus Tour  
Meet with University of Washington Faculty and Departements

**Saturday, November 26 at Heritage University**  
Student Oral Presentation Session  
Student Poster Presentation Session  
Student Talking Circle Session  
(All UNM fellows will be presenting at one of these sessions.)



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



May 2019 Graduate  
**Shelby Zubia**  
BA Linguistics and Psychology



December 2018 Graduate  
**Tre Graves**  
BA Political Science

## FELLOWS IN THE NEWS

**Jasmine Montoya** (2016-2018 cohort) will start her graduate program, Master of Arts degree in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA.

**Kalila Bohsali** (2015-2017 cohort) was accepted to a Ph.D. program in American Literature at the University of New Mexico.

**Lizbeth Miscles** (2019-2020 cohort) won the 1st Place of the Hulsman Undergraduate Library Research Awards. This award recognizes excellence in Undergraduate Research that incorporates the use of University Libraries resources and demonstrates sophisticated information literacy skills.

**Celina Peña** (2020-2021 cohort) received Sabrina Single Mother’s Scholarship from the UNM Women’s Resource Cenber.

## FELLOWS IN THE NEWS CONTINUED

Isis Lope attended the 2019 MMUF January Programme in Cape Town, South Africa on January 3 - 13, 2019. The program, hosted at the University of Western Cape, provided an on-site, experiential learning experience.

Isis also spent a semester in Washington D. C. through the Fred Harris U.S. Congressional Internship Program offered by the UNM Political Science Department.



## FELLOW’S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**Isaiah Romo** traveled to Veracruz, Mexico, for his class “African Presence in Mexico” instructed by Dr. Irene Vasquez and Dr. Doris Coleman. While he is there, Isaiah will present at conference, IV Foro Estudiantil de Etnomusicología.

**Celina Peña** participated in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Writing and Research Training Program at UCLA from June 23 to August 3. This six-week program includes a rigorous scholarly writing and research methodology course, individual and group mentoring session, workshops, events, and a final research colloquium.

**Damien Lopez** was enrolled in the Linguistic Institute at the UC Davis from June 24 to July 19. The Institute, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America, brings together approximately 100 faculty and hundreds more students for a month-long program of courses, lectures, workshops, and social events.

**Rubi Castorena** participated in the Research Institute for Scholars of Equity (RISE) Summer Program at the North Carolina Central University. The eight-week program prepares a new generation of scholars committed to addressing issues of social equity.

**Aida Revilla** traveled to Spain with Conexiones Program sponsored by the UNM Honors College.