# **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE (UROC)**

UROC featured the research and creative works of over 180 undergraduate students on the UNM Campus on April 19.

MMUF fellows who presented at UROC included:

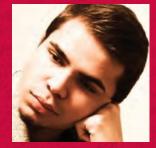
- Shelby Zubia, Poster Presentation, "Language Acquisition in Native American Pueblos"
- Jason Merriam, Poster Presentation, "Judith Butler's Somatic Metaphysics"
- Rozee Benavides. Poster Presentation. "It's not a program until it's a problem: How studying social practice can shed light on health culture and type 2 diabetes in Isla Mujeres"



- Tre Graves, Poster Presentation, "The Green Political Theory of Edward Abbey and Wendell Berry"
- Hallie Brown, UROC 180, "The Colonial Impulse of Evangelical LiteracyEducation" - Received the Second Prize (\$250)



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# **MMUF APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

The deadline of MMUF application for 2019-2021 cohort is December 3, 2018.

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MMUF eligibility criteria:

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

For more information visit mmuf.unm.edu/application.

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#### MMUF REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER

This year's MMUF Regional Conference will be held on November 2 and 3 at UCLA campus. The fellows will attend seminars/workshop and present their research projects.

MMUF Western Regional Conference Schedule:

#### Friday, November 2

Workshop on graduate application
Panel discussion by graduate students
UCLA campus tour
Meet with UCLA faculty and departments

#### Saturday, November 3

Student oral presentation sessions
Student poster presentation session
Talking Circle session

\*All of our students will be presenting at one of these sessions.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**



Three MMUF Fellows graduated this past spring. \*Pictured from left to right.

#### Jason Merriam

**BA American Studies and Philosophy** 

#### **Rozee Benavides**

BA Anthropology and Spanish

#### Hallie Brown

BA International Studies, BA Sociology

## **GOOD LUCK LAURA HIRREL**

Laura Hirrel, the MMUF graduate project assistant in AY 2017-2018, successfully completed her Ph.D. in Linguistics. Laura will be working as a tenure-track faculty at the Linguistics Department in the California State University, Northridge starting this fall.



## **OFF TO GAMBIA**

Hallie Brown has been accepted to join the Peace Corps in the Gambia and is scheduled to leave on assignment this October. Hallie will serve as a Community Health Facilitator for 27 months. You can follow Hallie on social media @PeaceCorpsTheGambia.

# **SUMMER RESEARCH**

Isaiah Romo attended the Intensive Summer Language & Culture Program in K'iche' at the

Mayan Language Institute in Antigua, Guatemala this summer.

The institute provides an intensive six-week language immersion program, and the participants study with both US faculty and native speakers. Isaiah will spend one week in Antigua and five weeks in Nahuala.



Lizbeth Miscle was accepted into the Arquetopia Summer 2018 Special International Academic Residency. She spent June and July in Puebla, Mexico (http://www.arquetopia.org/index.php/puebla.html)

Damien Lopez participated in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate fellowship Writing and Research Training Program at University of California,

Los Angeles for six weeks. The program offers an intensive scholarly writing and research methodology course, and multiple mentoring sessions to discuss graduate school, careers in the professoriate, and professionalism.

