MEET THE NEW FELLOWS

ROZEE BENAVIDES
Major: Anthropology and Spanish
Research Interests: Evolutionary Anthropology, Human Rights
Mentor: Lindsay Smith

THOMAS “TRE” GRAVES
Major: Political Science & Environmental Science
Research Interests: Political Ecology, Green Political Theory
Mentor: Jami Nelson-Nuñez

HOTVLUKE HARJO
Major: Women’s Studies & Arts Studio
Research Interests: Indigeneity, Queer Theory, Disability
Mentor: Amy Brandzel

TIMOTEIO “TJ” L’ESPERANCE
Major: Political Science
Research Interests: Border Politics
Mentor: Michael Rocca

SHELBY ZUBIA
Major: Linguistics & Psychology
Research Interests: Language Preservation
Mentor: Dawn Nordquist
**NINA RABY** presented her research, “Experiencing Death in Petronius’ Satyricon,” at the 113th Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Kitchener, Ontario on April 5-8.

**JASMINE MONTOYA** attended "Queer, Trans, and People of Color Conference" at Princeton University on April 6-8.

Several fellows also presented their posters in the Shared Knowledge Conference held April 6 in the UNM SUB ballroom.

**HALLIE BROWN**
“The Illiterate Other”

**SHELBY PEREA**
“One of the Boys: How female journalists take a credible stance on air”

**JASON MERRIAM**
“Thinking as Symbolic Action”

**MMUF REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT USC**

Seven UNM MMUF fellows participated in the 2016 Regional Conference at the University of Southern California on October 21 and 22.
NINA RABY
Nina completed the German Language Immersion Program “Sommerschule von New Mexico” in Taos, New Mexico on June 20 – July 21, 2016. The Deutsche Sommerschule von New Mexico is an academic program of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures of The University of New Mexico. Taos Ski Valley has the charm of an Alpine village. This secluded and beautiful site allows students to focus on participating fully in a German-speaking environment. While attending the Deutsche Sommerschule, faculty and students live and work in hotels in the Taos Ski Valley.

HALLIE BROWN
Each January, MMUF hosts a ten-day experiential learning program for fellows in Cape Town, South Africa. The intent of the January Program is to broaden American and South African participants’ understandings of the South African socioeconomic, racial, cultural, historical and environmental landscape through critical inquiry, reflection and debate, while connecting their insights to the mission of the MMUF program as a whole.

SHELBY PEREA
Shelby was selected to speak at the Communication & Journalism Convocation. The convocation was held at Woodward Hall on May 12.

She continues working for Albuquerque Business First which provides comprehensive coverage of local business in New Mexico as Digital Producer.
ROZEE BENAVIDES
Rozee will be attending the Isla Mujeres Ethnographic Field School in Mexico from June 3 to August 6 this summer. The field school session is structured to maximize the student's training and field experiences as well as opportunities to enjoy the natural and man-made wonders of Isla Mujeres. The participants receive practical experience in ethnographic methods, research design, analysis and ethics through formal training and field research.

AMBER LOPEZ
Amber participated in the 109th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association on August 4-6 at Waikoloa Beach in Hawaii. The conference theme was Uncharted Terrain: The Challenge of Re-Imagining Traveling to the Past.

HALLIE BROWN
Hallie Brown’s essay, A Reaction to Africa: The Intersection of Injustice, Knowledge, and Privilege, has been published in Spring 2017 Best Student Essays. Hallie also received Outstanding Community Builder and Randy Boeglin Residence Hall Outstanding Leadership Award from UNM Residence Life.

CONGRATS!
Six fellows have graduated from UNM.
- Shayanah Chiaramonte
- Kalila Bohsali
- Melissa Krukar
- Amber Lopez
- Shelby Perea
- Nina Raby

Nina Raby is enrolling in the Ph.D. Classics program at the University of Virginia.

Kalila Bohsali will continue studying English Literature as a Master’s student at UNM.
Keiko Beers, a Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, has been a great asset for the UNM MMUF program. She coordinated the bi-weekly seminar series, helped the fellows prepare for conference presentations, and participated in the regional conference at USC. Keiko became a crucial member of the MMUF family. She received a UNM-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship for this coming academic year and will be stepping down as the MMUF Graduate Project Assistant position. Good Luck, Keiko!

Laura Hirrel will be working for the MMUF program in 2017-2018 academic year. Laura is also a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Linguistics. Her research aims to expand understanding of how co-speech gestures contribute to meaning in language use. She is a recipient of 2016 Bilinski Foundation Fellowship, and worked at the Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) as an Assistant Coordinator of Writing & Language Center. Welcome Laura!

The Social Science Research Council supports MMUF fellows after their undergraduate education academically, professionally, and financially through the Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program. The program holds the Mellon Mays Graduate Student Summer Conference every year and they chose UNM as the host institution this year. Most of the conference events will be held in the UNM Student Union Building from June 21 to June 23.

UNM and Heritage University are hosting the Western Regional Conference at the Sandia Resort/UNM on October 27-28. About 90 students and 20 professionals usually attend the regional conference. The participating institutions include Cal Tech, the Claremont colleges, Heritage University, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, UC-Riverside, University of Southern California, Whittier College, & UNM. They will spend all day Saturday on the UNM campus, where the fellows will present their research.
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KALILAH BOHSALI
Major: English Literature & French
Research Interests: Modern & Contemporary American Poetry & Poetics
Mentor: Matthew Hofer

MELISSA KRUKAR
Major: Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts
Research Interests: Cultural Systems of Education & Educational Policy
Mentor: Amaris Ketcham

NINA RABY
Major: Classics
Research Interests: Linguistic, philosophical and literary connections between early Christianity & the classical world
Mentors: Lorenzo F. Garcia Jr. & Osman Umurhan

SHAYANAH CHIARAMONTE
Major: Sociology & Psychology
Research Interests: Inequality & the challenges facing marginalized populations
Mentor: Aubrey L. Jackson

AMBER LOPEZ
Major: Linguistics & Philosophy
Research Interests: Psycholinguistic research on lexical access of phonemes
Mentor: Jill P. Morford

2016-2018 FELLOWS

HALLIE BROWN
Major: Sociology & International Studies
Research Interests: Human Rights, Cultural Adaptation, and Globalization
Mentors: Sarita Cargas & Marygold Walsh-Dilley

JASON MERRIAM
Major: Classical Studies
Research Interests: Concept of Anxiety in Greek Tragedians
Mentor: Iain Thomson

JASMINE MONTYA
Major: Women’s Studies
Research Interests: Gender Constitution within an intersectional framework
Mentor: Amy L. Brandzel

SHELBY PEREA
Major: Communication & Psychology
Research Interests: Mass Media Communication and Gender
Mentor: Ruth Trinidad Galvan

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