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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Stony Brook's Center for Inclusive Education wins NIH IRACDA Postdoctoral Fellows Grant**
- **October 5 is the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Turner Fellowship Program**
- **Dr. David Ferguson is appointed Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion**

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Our 2012 CIE Doctoral Graduates and their families on hooding day

Welcome back and greetings from the Center for Inclusive Education here at Stony Brook University. It is with 'grand gusto' and sincere excitement that I take this opportunity to tell you about the newest developments happening here in the Center. From new programs, to new grant proposals, new post docs and new students, there's novelty and innovation around every corner of the CIE.

Our biggest news is the addition of an NIH funded post-doctoral fellowship program known as IRACDA to the registry of externally funded programs under the coordination of the Center. The IRACDA NY-CAPS program is a 5 year, \$3.3 million dollar award that will fund a total of 36 postdoctoral fellows seeking to develop themselves as top-notch researchers and innovative teachers, with a focus on serving minority student populations across the New York Metro and Long Island Area in partnership with three collaborating area universities.

Also added to our program repertoire this year is the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate Program. Aimed as supporting incoming graduate

students whose intent is to complete the master's degree and continue on to doctoral degree completion, the LSAMP-BD program has been a recurring project funded here at Stony Brook administered by the Department of Technology and Society. By incorporating the BD program into the umbrella of the CIE, we will be able to integrate BD fellows into the broader graduate student community.

Bold moves are happening for the leadership of the Center as well. Over the summer, the Provost announced that long-standing director of the Center for Inclusive Education, Dr. David Ferguson was appointed as the *first* Associate Provost of Diversity and Inclusion here at Stony Brook. Dr. Ferguson will be spearheading a multitude of initiatives and investigations that will strive to make diversity and inclusion ambitions a top priority at all levels of the institution; from student services to faculty development and institutional mission-building.

We have also added one full time post doctoral fellow, Dr. Angel Gonzalez, and three new graduate student staff members to our team. Dr. Gonzalez recently completed his

Ph.D. program in Psychology here at Stony Brook and will be working on several new initiatives to support our current student community.

Finally, in less than two month's time, the Center will bring together both the campus and national communities of the Turner Fellowship program to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship program. On October 5th we will be hosting a daylong symposium and evening celebration dinner recognizing the achievements and accolades of the Turner community past and present. Alumni from across the nation are expected to join alongside current fellows, campus supporters, and the Turner family at this culminating event that will close our year long efforts celebrating the program.

On the inside pages you will find a complete calendar of our fall events including new activities being launched this year. I *strongly* encourage you to mark your calendars from now, as you won't want to miss any of the exciting programs at events upcoming. And as always, I would like to thank the CIE staff for their continued hard work and dedication to programming and student support that makes the Center such a special place.

Sincerely,
Nina Maung-Gaona
Assistant Dean for Diversity

2012 Fall Calendar of Events

August

8/1-8/4: **GEM** Board of Directors Meeting in San Francisco, CA
 8/3 @ 10 AM: REU Research Symposium
 8/3 @ 12 PM: REU Closing Ceremony
 8/8 @ 1 PM: SULI Graduate Fair at BNL
 8/16 @ 6:00 PM: NYC Turner Alumni Mixer
 8/20 @ 3:30 PM: Turner Fellowship Orientation
 8/20 @ 5:00 PM: CIE Welcome Barbecue
 8/27: First Day of Classes

October

10/3 @ 10 AM: Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Ceremony
 10/5: Turner 25th Anniversary Reunion, Symposium and Celebration
 10/5 @ 6 PM: Annual Turner Welcome Dinner
 10/10 @ 12:30 PM: October Social
 10/11– 10/14: SACNAS National Conference in Seattle, WA
 10/16 @ 12:00 PM: CIE Hispanic Heritage Month Event “Hispanic Diversity Leaders in the US”
 10/23 @ 12:00 PM: CIE *Keeping it Real* Series #2 “Family and Cultural Pressures”
 10/25 @ 12:30 PM: *Research Café Series* with AnneMarie Torres, Ph.D. Candidate in Genetics
 10/25-10/28: Compact for Faculty Diversity Conference in Tampa, FL

December

12/6 @ 12:00 PM: *Research Café Series*, Speaker TBD
 12/11 @ 12:00 PM: December Social
 12/19 @ 5:00 PM: CIE Holiday Party

ACCOUNTABILA-BUDDY

This fall the CIE continues its writing accountability program beginning the week of September 10. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/cie/Activities/pdev.shtml>. Sessions will be held in the new CoLA spaces in the Melville Library North Reading Room, and each group will be coordinated by a student leader. Contact Toni Sperzel at CIE_graduateschool@stonybrook.edu for more information.

September

9/5 @ 11 AM: Bridge to the Doctorate Orientation
 9/6 @ 1 PM: Minority Recruitment Planning Meeting
 9/10 @ 12:30 PM: *Research Café Series* with Christina Lam, Ph.D. Candidate in English
 9/13 @ 5:00 PM: *Writing to Win* Workshop
 9/18 @ 12:30 PM: September Social - in honor of Post Doc Appreciation Week & new IRACDA fellows
 9/20 @ 4:00 PM: *Community of Student Mentors Program* Kickoff Event
 9/21– 9/22 PM: AGMUS Research Symposium in San Juan, Puerto Rico
 9/25 @ 12:00 PM: *Keeping it Real Series* #1 “Balancing Grad School and a Social Life”

November

11/1 @ 2:00 PM: Hispanic Heritage Month Closing Ceremony - CIE table
 11/2 @ 12:00 PM: CIE *Topic Based Lunches with Senior Leadership* featuring Dr. David Ferguson
 11/5 @ 12:30 PM: November Social and Annual Photo Day
 11/7-11/10 ABRCMS National Conference in San Jose, CA
 11/8-11/9: Hispanic Languages Conference “The Accursed Circumstance” Virgilio Piñera Centennial Conference
 11/16 @ 12:30 PM: *Research Café Series* with Patricio Gallardo, Ph.D. Candidate in Mathematics
 11/28 @ 12:00 PM: *Keeping it Real Series* #3 “Effectively Managing a Limited Budget While in Graduate School”
 11/29: *ABD Proseminar Series* - Fall edition “Essential Soft Skills for Competitive Job Entry”

The Center for Inclusive Education sends out a monthly e-newsletter that includes detailed information about that upcoming month’s events and activities. To be added to our E-newsletter mailing list, email us at CIE_graduateschool@stonybrook.edu with the subject heading : E-Mail List Addition

For more information about the Center’s new *Keeping it Real* and *ABD Proseminar* series, please continue to page 5 of the newsletter.

CIE WELCOME BARBECUE

Welcome New CIE Students

The Center hosted its annual welcome barbecue and Turner orientation on Monday, August 20th. Over 60 members of the Stony Brook and CIE communities came by the Computer Science Building to welcome our new flock of graduate students to Stony Brook. This year, the Center welcomes nearly 30 new Turner, Bridges, AGEP and GEM fellows to our graduate student community.

The Barbecue provided an opportunity for our students to relax and get to know one another before the official start of the academic year. Several games were played, and many of our students brought their spouses, partners and family to join in the fun.

The welcome barbecue is only one of the many social events that the Center will host this fall. This year, our socials will be held once each month at which time we will recognize important life events of our students such as birthdays, weddings, defenses, publications, etc. Please be on the lookout for emails from the Center staff asking about "Happy News" to be shared at the upcoming socials. Socials are announced each month in the CIE e-newsletter.

To be added to the e-newsletter list please email;
CIE_graduateschool@stonybrook.edu

Recognizing this year's incoming class of Turner Fellows

This year, the Turner Fellowship program has set a new record for the size of its incoming class of fellows. On August 20th we welcomed 19 new Turner Fellows and 6 Turner Dissertation fellows to the Turner community at our annual orientation. The serendipitous total of 25 new fellows is perfectly in line with the spirit of the 25th anniversary! Each of these students will be individually recognized on October 5, 2012 at the annual welcome dinner this

year, being held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Celebration. The dinner will be the Center's opportunity to introduce our newest fellows to the Turner and Stony Brook communities, as well as give them the special opportunity to meet the Turner Family and the SUNY Central leadership in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI). For more information about this year's Turner dinner, please contact the Turner Fellowship office at 631-632-9560 or turnerfellowships@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

Welcome New Turner Fellows!

Pierre Albert, Public Policy M.A.

Patrick Bynum, Technological Systems Management M.S.

Santiago Cassalet, Ecology and Evolution M.A.

Francisco Delgado, English Ph.D.

Maria Paz Dominguez, Hispanic Languages and Literature Ph.D.

Mel Pilar Espallat, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology Ph.D.

Amelia Firor, Medicine M.D.

Elizabeth Hershman, English, Ph.D.

Ursula Izquierdo, Social Welfare M.S.W.

Felicia Jackson, Psychology Ph.D.

Danielle Jenkins, Psychology Ph.D.

Jesse John, Geosciences Ph.D.

Vanessa Lynn, Sociology Ph.D.

Coray McBean, Chemistry Ph.D.

Daphne Meza, Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

Yesenia Miranda, Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

Carrie Mongle, Anthropological Sciences Ph.D.

Carla Neckles, Chemistry, Ph.D.

Diana Orozco, Genetics, Ph.D.

Sergio Pinto-Handler, History Ph.D.

Usmanu Salisu, Chemistry Ph.D.

Alexis Santana, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Ph.D.

Cindy Thomas, Genetics, Ph.D.

Lyl Tomlinson, Neuroscience Ph.D.

Luisa Torres, Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology Ph.D.





**Dr. David Ferguson,
Associate Provost for
Diversity and Inclusion**

Congratulations to Dr. David Ferguson

We would like to extend our most enthusiastic congratulation to CIE director Dr. David Ferguson on his recent appointment to Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion here at Stony Brook University. In his new role, Dr. Ferguson will work closely with Provost Dennis Assanis on matters pertaining to the recruitment, retention and development of underrepresented faculty, staff and students, as well as on ensuring that diver-

sity and inclusion are cross-cutting intellectual threads in all of Stony Brook's academic efforts. Dr. Ferguson will continue to serve in his roles as Chair for the Department of Technology and Society, Director of the Center, and Director of STEM Smart. This new addition to his role in diversity efforts at Stony Brook will serve to enhance the contributions he makes to the Center by working at the institutional level on issues of recruitment,

access, and equity for underrepresented minority students. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Ferguson on this important addition to his leadership responsibilities here at Stony Brook. We are confident that his passion and perspective on diversity and inclusion in higher education will make significant impact on the policies that will take shape at Stony Brook in the years ahead.

Welcome Dr. Angel Gonzalez



**Dr. Angel Gonzalez, NSF AGEP
Postdoctoral Fellow with
Dean Charles Taber at the End of
the Year Party May, 2012**

Dr. Angel Gonzalez (Ph.D., 2012, Stony Brook Psychology) joined the CIE staff this past August as a postdoctoral fellow. Angel was advised by Dr. Bonita London in his Ph.D. He hails from California, having completed his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Cal State Long Beach. His research interests include how the experience of discrimination can impact thinking and emotion; and the concerns that members of his-

torically marginalized groups may have about being rejected by fellow in-group members. During his time at Stony Brook, Angel has been very active within the campus community serving in numerous capacities such as: Vice President of the Graduate Student Organization, Chair of the GSO Social Concerns Committee, and member of the Student Life, Campus Environment and University Senate commit-

tees (to name a few). Angel will be responsible for several of the CIE core programming and activities such as the Research Cafes Series, the new Keeping it Real Series, our Community of Student Mentors, outreach to minority students and scholarly activities in STEM education. Please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to him, we are delighted to have him on our team!

Graduate Student Staff Additions



In addition to our new postdoctoral fellow, the Center welcomed on board this summer three new graduate student assistants to the CIE team: Alvaro Segovia-Heredia, Lunan Jiang, and Sasha Rodriguez. Alvaro and Sasha will be supporting the Center in the planning and execution of the

25th Anniversary Celebration of the Turner Fellowship. Lunan has joined us as our Graduate Assistant for data and record keeping and will provide assistance with maintaining our Access database and data mining for reporting and grant writing purposes. Katherine Foret will also be

continuing her work supporting CIE efforts such as event planning, file keeping and general administrative duties.

Please join us in welcoming our three new student staff and congratulating Katherine Foret on continued work here in the Center.

This Fall: Topic Based Lunch with Dr. David Ferguson

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our own Dr. David Ferguson will be the fifth speaker in the ongoing series **Topic Based Lunches with Senior Leadership** here in the CIE. His talk is scheduled for Friday, November 2 at 12 noon. Dr. Ferguson was appointed this summer as Stony Brook's first Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion. He has been the Director of the Center for Inclusive Education since its inception in 2002, and has served as Principal Investigator on numerous high visibility NSF, NIH and state-funded education training grants.

Dr. Ferguson will talk about the many roles that he has played here at Stony Brook including his leadership as Chair of the Department of Technology and Society, his directorship of the Center for Inclusive Education and the undergraduate STEM Smart programs, as well as his newly appointed role as Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion. If we are lucky, he will share some stories about his time as a Ph.D. student at UC Berkeley, his roots in Missouri and more than likely, he will talk about another one of his favorite topics—MATHEMATICS!

The *Topic Based Lunch* series is an exclusive opportunity for CIE students to engage in in-depth conversation with various senior leaders at Stony Brook to learn more about their career paths and the opportunities that exist to transform higher education in myriad ways. Please join us for this very special event. For more information, contact the Center at CIE_graduateschool@stonybrook.edu.

NEW ABD Proseminar Series at the CIE

Beginning on November 29th, the Center for Inclusive Education will host a semesterly seminar series specifically targeted to graduate students who are “all but dissertation.” The series will focus on a variety of professional development and planning challenges ABD students face, such as managing the dissertation writ-

ing and job search processes, mastering the art of networking, building your presentation and public speaking skills, and other non-academic aspects of becoming a successful scholar.

The impetus for the ABD Proseminar series came from conversations we had this summer with the large number of students who

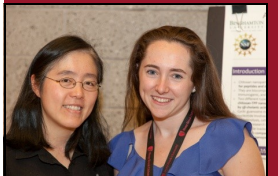
have advanced to candidacy and are now in the process of both completing their doctoral degrees and preparing for their future careers.

By popular demand, the first Proseminar will focus on essential soft skills needed for successful job entry. More information will be forthcoming in October.

NEW *Keeping it Real* aims to Keep you Sane

The Center will begin hosting a new monthly discussion group series this fall entitled “Keeping it Real.” Once per month, CIE students will be invited to participate in an hour-long conversation about a different, non-academic topic related to finding balance and contentment in graduate study. Lunch will be provided. Our first Keeping it Real sit down will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at 12:30pm in the Graduate School Conference Room. The topic of the inaugural KIR is “Balancing Grad School and a Social Life” with the goal to provide tips on how to find opportunities and venues to socialize and network. Students interested in attending should contact Angel Gonzalez in the CIE at CIE_graduateschool@stonybrook.edu.

REU Site: Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment



2012 marked the second summer of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Site: Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment under the leadership of Principal Investigator Dr. Gary Halada, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering. This summer we welcomed ten undergraduate students from various institutions, many from institutions within the SUNY system!

Students spent their days working in labs under the supervision of their research advisors. They also took part in professional development courses, including a Graduate School Preparedness course taught by CIE Graduate Assistant and English Department Ph.D. Candidate, Katherine Foret; a Research Methods course taught by Christopher Young and Kathryn Dorst, both Ph.D. Candidates in the Department of Materials

Science and Engineering; and weekly lectures by faculty members discussing their research. They learned about the ethical implications of scientific discovery in a one-day symposium on the ethical, legal and societal impact (ELSI) of nanotechnology. Finally, students prepared posters on their research and presented them to faculty, students, and guests and the closing symposium.

It was a busy and challenging summer for our interns, but they rose to the occasion admirably, demonstrating their work ethic, love of science, and friendly good nature, even under pressure. We wish them the best of luck as they complete their undergraduate education and hope to welcome some of them back as graduate students in the future!

ORIENTATION



Intern

- 1 Christina Agneta
- 2 Sheri Bossong
- 3 Sarah Carl
- 4 Andres Camargo
- 5 Connor Gorman
- 6 Marissa MacAneny
- 7 Michael Pellegrino
- 8 Christian Ruiz
- 9 Mackenzie Ward
- 10 Seemab Yousuf

Institution

- Stony Brook University
Stony Brook University
University of Nevada-Reno
Suffolk County Comm College
University at Buffalo
Binghamton University
Binghamton University
City College of New York
University at Buffalo
Stony Brook University

Major

- Chemical and Molecular Engineering
Engineering Science
Chemical Engineering
Computer Engineering
Physics
Integrative Neurosciences
Mechanical Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Science

Mentor

- Dr. Balaji Sitharaman
Dr. Alexander Orlov
Dr. Gary Halada
Dr. Gary Halada
Dr. Thomas Cubaud
Dr. Yitzi Meng
Dr. Chad Korach
Dr. Helmut Strey
Dr. Milutin Stanacevic
Dr. Chad Korach

REU Research Symposium and Closing Ceremony



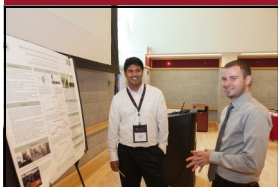
On August 3 the CIE held its REU Research Symposium, capping off another successful summer for our undergraduate interns in the Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment program. Students presented posters detailing their research and demonstrating the impressive amount of experience and knowledge they gained. In just ten weeks students got up to speed with the work being done in their labs, participated meaningfully in conducting experiments, and presented their findings in polished posters at

the symposium to faculty members, graduate students, family and friends.

The research presentations were followed by a program of speeches which stressed the importance of their work and their continued striving for innovation and excellence. Speakers included Assistant Dean for Diversity Nina Maung-Gaona; the Principal Investigator for the REU and Professor of Materials Science, Dr. Gary Halada; and the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Charles Taber. We were also fortunate to be joined by Provost Dennis Assanis, who congratulated interns and handed out certificates of recognition. The ceremony concluded with Mackenzie Ward, now a sophomore at the University at Buffalo, delivering a

witty and moving reflection on the experience on behalf of all the interns.

This culminating event of the summer reinforced the importance of the REU program and the impact it has on the lives of up-and-coming scientists. The experience our interns had this summer will no doubt help them achieve great things in the future. We look forward to following the careers of these promising young scholars!



Provost Dennis Assanis, Kathryn Piazzola and Dean Charles Taber at the REU Closing Ceremony.

Over the next two years, the LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate program will add twelve doctoral degree seeking minority graduate students to the CIE and Stony Brook Community

Center for Inclusive Education and SUNY LSAMP win

NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Grant!

We are happy to announce that the CIE, in collaboration with SUNY LSAMP in the Department of Technology and Society, have been awarded a State University of New York Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to Doctorate grant, funded by the National Science Foundation. The two-year, \$1 million dollar award will be utilized to foster the academic development of underrepresented minority graduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and provide support as these students

transition into doctoral programs.

We will award 12 Bridge to Doctorate fellowships over the next two years. The CIE will work closely with BD fellows as they complete their first two years of graduate study. The long term goal of the program is for these students to complete their doctoral studies and enter academic, scientific and technology professions.

Each Bridge to Doctorate fellow will receive a \$30,000 annual stipend for two years, as well as receive academic support in the way of writing and exam workshops and tutoring.

Bridge to Doctorate fellows are expected to participate in community building activities and events and attend conferences to stimulate their academic and professional development. The CIE will work closely with the Graduate School and specific departments in order to provide support for Bridge to Doctorate students as they move forward into doctoral programs.

The Bridge to Doctorate program has been very successful here at Stony Brook in past years and we hope to continue to build on that success in the coming years.

Retention Lunches

This summer, Assistant Dean for Diversity Nina Maung-Gaona held six retention lunches for continuing CIE students. The purpose of these lunches was to provide a large number of CIE students the opportunity to meet with Nina in an informal group setting to discuss their successes and challenges over the past year in their academic programs. Lunches were held at different locations across the Stony Brook area. This new activity proved to be highly successful with extremely positive feedback from the CIE student participants. Many of the new programs and activities you will see in the upcoming months from the Center stem from the conversations and common concerns shared amongst our students.



Center for Inclusive Education Wins Prestigious NIH Grant

“We are developing a comprehensive and inclusive program to train and mentor the next generation of research scientists and educators,” says Jorge L. Benach, PhD, Distinguished University Professor and Chair, Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, and Director, Center for Infectious Diseases

You may recall that in the Spring 2012 newsletter we discussed the Center’s submission of a proposal in consideration for the National Institutes of Health’s Institutional Research and Career Development Award (IRACDA). This summer, we were thrilled to find out that Stony Brook’s proposal, titled NY-CAPS (New York Consortium for the Advancement of Postdoctoral Scholars) was selected to be funded and in August 2012, Stony Brook received a five year, \$3.3 million dollar award devoted to the development of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical researchers as they prepare for university careers in research and teaching. We look forward to welcoming our first cohort of IRACDA NY-CAPS fellows this fall!

Under the leadership of Dr. Jorge Benach, Distinguished Professor and Chair of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology and Principal In-

vestigator of IRACDA, and Dr. David Ferguson, Distinguished Service Professor and Chair of the Department of Technology and Society, IRACDA NY CAPS will be administered by the CIE in a campus wide collaboration with the Graduate School, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and several graduate programs in the biomedical and biological sciences,

The intent of the IRACDA postdoctoral program is to motivate the next generation of underrepresented scientists and to promote collaborative enterprises among partner institutions. Over the next five years, we will fund 36 postdoctoral fellowships. Each fellow will train under a faculty mentor for three years, which will provide to them an intensive and inclusive mentored research program.

Alongside their intensive research and mentoring experience, NY-CAPS fellows will be responsible for strengthening their skills and abilities as

teachers to better prepare them to be academics in the modern age. Fellows will be required to develop their own course and curriculum which, in their final year of appointment, they will be responsible for administering via an undergraduate course taught at one of the project’s partner institutions—CUNY Brooklyn College, SUNY Old Westbury and SUNY Suffolk County Community College. This teaching experience not only helps familiarize them with the classroom but also affects and inspires the undergraduate students to consider their own career plans and encourage their advancement into graduate education and academic careers.

This is truly a unique project, and the addition of diversity focused post doctoral fellows to the Center for Inclusive Education community will only strengthen the impact and inroads we stand to make in supporting diversity at the institutional and national levels.



Fall 2011, the planning stages of the IRACDA proposal

Find out more about IRACDA NY-CAPS

The fellowship begins this academic year and will continue until 2017. NY-CAPS postdoctoral fellows receive a competitive

salary and comprehensive health benefits alongside their three-year appointment.

To apply, visit the

IRACDA NY-CAPS Postdoctoral Program Web site at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/cie/iracda/onlineApplication.shtml>.

Once a Turner Always a Turner



The Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Turner program and the CIE staff have been fervently making preparations for October 5th's 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship program. The celebration will serve as a reunion and recognition of the significant impact that the Turner Program and its graduates have had towards diversifying the academic and research professions over the past quarter-century.

The Turner Fellowship Program is Stony Brook University's branch of the SUNY wide Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program. Established in 1987 by the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus and administered by the SUNY Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the fellowship is aimed at addressing inequalities in graduate education by providing support to outstanding candidates from historically underrepresented backgrounds to encourage their successful completion of Doctoral,

Professional and Masters Degrees at SUNY Campuses.

With the 25th anniversary celebration just around the corner, we are actively accepting registrations and proposals for the event, whose aim is to celebrate success of the Turner Program. Over its history, we have given over 500 talented minority students the opportunity to achieve their academic dreams of completing an advanced degrees without compromising their goals through the provision funding, programming, mentorship, and career development support by the Turner program and the Center for Inclusive Education.

This anniversary event will serve as the culmination of a year long series of events aimed at recognizing the accomplishments of our alumni. It presents an opportunity for us to pay respect to the work Turner alumni engage in to foster this same sense of community, service, and academic excellence we strive for

in the CIE in their own careers.

The celebration will be comprised of several distinguished alumni presentations in a variety of formats including workshops, research symposia and art and music exhibitions along with guest speakers, a networking fair, and a diversity exhibition. The celebration will be capped off with an evening gala that will serve as both a commencement of the 25th anniversary celebration and the welcoming for our 2012 Turner Fellows. We delight in the opportunity to share the history of the Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program. Please visit www.grad.stonybrook.edu/turner/turner25 to register for this wonderful opportunity, to connect with Turner alumni from institutions all across the country and to commemorate 25 years of growth and success.

Welcoming Back our Alumni Community

Since its foundation in 1987, Turner Fellowship has graduated 398 alumni, over 200 of whom now affix their names with the title of *Doctor*. An additional 198 of them affect

change through their Masters and other professional degrees. Our alumni are changing lives through their ongoing work and contributions to society, culture and knowl-

edge. We have engaged in extensive outreach to bring together the largest possible community of alumni to join us on October 5 in commemorating the Turner Program.

Keep up to date with announcements regarding the Turner 25th on our Facebook Fan Page, <https://www.facebook.com/Turner25Celebration>

Turner Alumni Mixer in NYC



On August 16 The Turner fellowship program, in collaboration with the offices of Alumni Relations and Advancement hosted a pre-25th anniversary mixer in New York City for New York metro area Turner alumni. The mixer was held at Public House and was attended by nine of our alumni from across various fields of study. Each of the attending alumni had the opportunity to talk about their career paths and past experiences as Turner Fellows at Stony Brook University. The event gave our fellows the opportunity

to network with other Turner family members from different cohorts and academic programs. The Turner office would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Russell Malbrough from the Office of Alumni Relations for hosting this wonderful evening, Mr. Brian Woods for his continued support in our efforts and Vice President Dexter Bailey for funding this special event. We look forward to seeing more of our alumni fellows on October 5!



The Turner Team and Alumni Relations celebrate with Turner Alumni at Public House in Manhattan: L to R: Russell Malbrough (Alumni Relations), Dr. K. Candis Best (03), Kristal Kallenberg (05), Dr. Ana Zevallos (07), Dr. Dave Sahadeo (07), Nina Maung-Gaona, Dr. Damon Love (09), Athena LaTocha (07), Martin Benavides (10), and Toni Sperzel .

Topic-Based Lunch: VP Dexter Bailey

On April 27th the CIE welcomed Mr. Dexter A. Bailey for our ongoing series “Topic-Based Lunches with Senior Leadership.” This series provides our students with a unique opportunity to meet campus leaders in a relaxed setting and hear their personal journeys. Not only does this series foster a sense of community and school spirit, but it allows students to learn about the career paths of those in leadership positions.

Dexter Bailey serves as

Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the Stony Brook Foundation. His talk, “University Service among the Top One Percent,” stressed the importance of creating a campus cultural identity that will resonate with alumni and help to create an alumni community that desires to give back. He also discussed his experiences as a young professional of color in his field of work, and how he came to choose this career path. His enthusiasm and dedication to the university

Dexter Bailey, VP for Advancement and Executive Director of the Stony Brook Foundation



inspired those who attended. VP Bailey will be working with the Center for Inclusive Education in the upcoming months on developing our own mission for giving.

“Not only was [VP Bailey’s] story inspirational, but also a reminder that where we come from is not nearly as important as where we end up and the positive impact we make along the way.”-

Cindy Leiton, Ph.D. Candidate Pharmacology



INCREASE Faculty Visit

On Tuesday, June 5 the Center for Inclusive Education hosted a congregation of faculty from across the country who were participating in the Brookhaven National Laboratory INCREASE collaboration. INCREASE, The Interdisciplinary Consortium for Research and Educational Access in Science and Engineering, is an organization striving to promote research engagement in minority serving institutions through collaborations with

national laboratory user facilities. The INCREASE faculty participants joined us in the Center for an exclusive look at the graduate programs and collaborative opportunities that exist at Stony Brook for faculty and students interested in pursuing study here in communion with research at Brookhaven National Laboratory. A joint meeting was held with graduate program leaders from across our STEM programs. Following the meeting, INCREASE faculty were brought on a tour of

campus by CIE staff and students. It is our hope that the result of this meeting will be pipeline development to increase the number of INCREASE students who choose to pursue graduate study at Stony Brook.



Kathryne, Toni and Cindy Leiton gave a campus tour to our visiting faculty.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2012 GRADUATES!

End of Year Celebration



And Doctoral Hooding Brunch

Another Record-Breaking Graduation Cohort! Congratulations to all of our Spring and Summer 2012 graduates! Best of luck in all your future endeavors!!



Mel Pilar Espailat, MS, Biochemistry & Cell Biology

Daniel Moen, Ph.D., Ecology & Evolution

Natalie St. Fleur, Ph.D., Chemistry

Onika Murray, Ph.D., Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology

Claudy Grimadeau, M.S., Physiology & Biophysics

Michael Osnard, M.S., Physiology & Biophysics

Julio Carrion, Ph.D., Oral Biology & Pathology

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TURNER ALUMNI

Sergio Argueta, M.S.W. 2006



Sergio Argueta addresses students and faculty.

*“Long Island
STRONG:
Struggling to
Reunite our
New
Generation”*

There was hardly a dry eye in the CIE when Sergio Argueta returned to Stony Brook University on May 15 to give a moving presentation, “Long Island STRONG: Struggling to Reunite our New Generation,” as part of the Turner Alumni Speaker Series commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program.

Sergio’s personal history is inspiring, to say the least: a former gang member and troubled teen who experienced devastating personal losses as his peers became victims of gang violence or ended up in jail, he eventually came to the realization that the only thing that

could pull him out of the cycle of violence was an education. He enrolled in Nassau Community College and earned his Bachelor’s from Hofstra. He received his M.S.W. from Stony Brook University in 2006. By that time Sergio was already an active community leader working against gang violence on Long Island and across the country, and striving to empower and provide opportunities for at-risk youth in his community. The organization he founded, S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, continues to play an influential role in the lives of young people on Long Island.

Meanwhile, Sergio has continued on his educational path: he is currently enrolled in Touro Law School in addition to serving as the Direc-

tor of the Bachelor’s in Social Work Program at Adelphi University – the youngest person to ever hold this position.

Sergio’s lecture, while bracing in its unflinching look at gang violence and the often very young victims, was nevertheless both hopeful and inspiring. Sergio is in no way jaded by his many years of struggling against violence, but is rather filled with energy and optimism that with hard work we can make positive changes in our communities. He stressed the importance of education, of mentorship, and of providing positive role models for those who grow up without them. He challenged us all to be informed and empowered and to work to empower others in turn.

We are immensely proud of the important work that Sergio does for our community, and the fact that he credited us with having a part in his success touched us deeply. There is no doubt that Sergio Argueta embodies the spirit of the Turner Fellowship.



SPEAKER SERIES

Phillip Ortiz, Ph.D. 1992

On Wednesday, March 14 the CIE welcomed back Dr. Phillip Ortiz as part of our Turner Alumni Speaker Series, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship. Dr. Ortiz graduated with a Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from Stony Brook University in 1992. He is currently an Associate Professor at Empire State College, where he also serves as Area Coordinator and Mentor for the Natural Sciences Center for Distance Learning.

Dr. Ortiz discussed the importance of giving back to the people and institutions who have nurtured and helped you to achieve success in a talk entitled, “Paying it Forward: SUNY, Science, and Education.” The deep personal and

life-long connection that Dr. Ortiz has had with the SUNY system was evident throughout his presentation, as he discussed not only his own abiding connection with SUNY, but also his many family members who have found success by attending SUNY institutions.

His connection continues today as he gives back to the SUNY system by helping to make distance learning a viable and rigorous educational opportunity for students in the SUNY system. In addition to his work as a faculty member at Empire State College, Dr. Ortiz has been active on numerous committees and governing bodies, exercising an important voice not only at the college or even merely the system level, but taking a role in

Dr. Ortiz speaks of his dedication to the mission of SUNY.

the national conversation on several

important issues: diversity in high education, distance learning, among others. The discussion of the benefits and potential drawbacks of distance learning after Dr. Ortiz’s talk was spirited.

Although Dr. Ortiz earned his Ph.D. from Stony Brook 20 years ago, his close ties with faculty on campus and the influence his work has had was evident in the fact that the CIE was standing room only for his talk and his many friends were eager to welcome him home.



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