



Intellectual Entrepreneurship

Educating "Citizen-Scholars"

Spring 2015 Newsletter

"The first few months of 2015 have been a productive time for our Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) initiative and students. Allow me to share some recent news. Thanks to DDCE (Jessica Sinn and Leslie Blair) and Moody College of Communication intern Vanessa Chorush for their work on several of these stories."

- Richard Cherwitz



Meet the IE Leadership Team



Thanks to DDCE for posting this story introducing our IE staff. What an honor and privilege it is to work with these talented people!

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/03/30/meet-the-leaders-of-the-ie-program/>

IE Intern's Autism Research Spotlited



IE Pre Grad intern Kassandra Martinez' work on autism (begun during her IE internship) is spotlighted on the UT home page. What a wonderful example of how IE students are citizen scholars, using their education and cultural background to make a difference.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/03/11/spotlight-on-student-research-ie-student-shares-insight-into-research-on-autism-and-parental-stress/>

IE Intern Published Article and Receives Distinguished Award



Communication Studies senior, McNair Scholar and IE Citizen Scholars President Ignacio Cruz' article, "Reimagining the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Through the Lens of Intellectual Entrepreneurship," was just published in *Planning for Higher Education* (Volume 43, Number 2, January-March 2015).

Ignacio's qualitative study documents how the successful collaboration between, and integration of the Division of Diversity & Community Engagement's IE Pre Grad Mentorship and McNair programs "is a model other universities may wish to emulate."

http://www.ut-ie.com/articles/ignacio_cruz.pdf

Ignacio was also the recipient of the 2014-2015 Texas Exes President's Leadership Award!

<http://alcalde.texasexes.org/2015/02/head-of-the-class/>

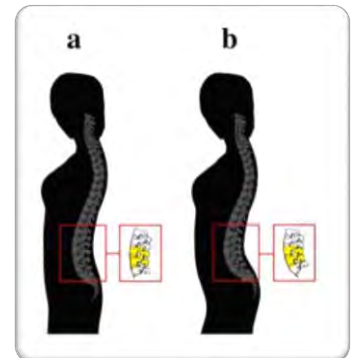
IE Mentor Gains Media Attention for Groundbreaking Research

Kudos to one of IE's most prolific graduate student mentors David Lewis (Psychology) whose groundbreaking research about the evolutionary reasons for men's preference of certain female body types has gained national media attention.

We are proud to report that over 70% of David's IE interns since 2009 are first-generation, economically disadvantaged, or underrepresented minority students-and 65% are now enrolled in graduate programs or already have received an advanced degree.

David notes: "Thanks to everyone who has been part of the IE program and my research -- two very closely integrated parts of my life. Mareike Janiak and Sarah Akunebu -- both of whom were recent IE interns with me -- just submitted a new article for publication with me. I'm very excited about the new discoveries we've made, and hope to see the article in press soon."

<https://news.utexas.edu/2015/03/19/men%E2%80%99s-preference-for-certain-body-types-has-evolutionary-roots>



IE Students Spearhead Innovative Research Projects

Conducting original research is an enormous part of the IE Pre Grad Mentorship experience. Check out the 2015 IE Student Research Report for a sample of the wide array of research projects undertaken by our interns.

<http://www.ut-ie.com/articles/ie-spring2015.pdf>



IE Interns Attend Notable Academic Conferences

Many IE students use social media to reflect on their experiences at academic conferences. Check out some pictures from these events!



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.852161158148782.1073741841.105692732795632&type=3>



Student Research Profiles Spotlighted

Ten IE students' research profiles have been featured by UT's School of Undergraduate Studies: Among them are Spring IE Kuhn Scholar Loyce Gayo and 2015 IE Citizen Scholars President Ignacio Cruz.

<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/our/student-profiles/ignacio-cruz>

<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/our/student-profiles/loyce-gayo>

IE Student Receives 'Orange Circle' Award

Former IE Pre Grad intern Timi Komonibo received the Orange Circle Award for fashion-forward philanthropy! She continues to be an IE citizen scholar, leveraging her knowledge for social good.

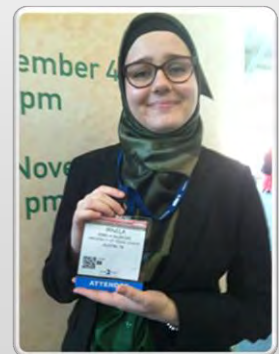


<http://newhouse.syr.edu/news-events/news/grad-student-earns-orange-circle-award-fashion-forward-philanthropy>

You may recall this story published in November about Timi's TEDx Talk on "How I Found My Heart in a Walk-In Closet"

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2014/11/04/ie-alumna-presents-tedx-talk-on-how-i-found-my-heart-in-a-walk-in-closet/>

IE Student Receives Media Attention for Scholarly Research



IE Kuhn Scholar Imela Bajrovic has been featured in several articles. In addition, she discusses her IE experience in several recent Op-Eds. Later this month she will be spotlighted in Longhorn Pharmacy Focus, the news magazine of UT's College of Pharmacy.

<http://www.ut-ie.com/articles/aas-oped-bajrovic.pdf>

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Program-helps-students-gain-clarity-about-majors-6020103.php>

IE Hosts 4th Annual Research Contest

Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) Citizen Scholars hosted its 4th annual research contest.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/04/24/ie-citizen-scholars-hosts-fourth-annual-research-contest/>

Former IE Intern Wins 'Best Podium Presentation' Award

Former IE Pre Grad intern and current IE mentor Benita Bamgbade, a Ph.D. student in Pharmacy, was named winner of a Best Podium Presentation Award at the annual meeting of the American Pharmacists Association in San Diego, Ca.

http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/news/spot_bamgbade15.html

Former IE Intern's Play to be Performed at Austin Festival

IE Pre Grad intern and former IE Citizen Scholars President Jelisa Jay Robinson's play, "The Stories of Us," will be performed at the Austin Latino New Play Festival (ALNPF) on May 14-16.

Jelisa describes how this play would not have been written had it not been for her IE experience: "IE has really been apart of my growth as a writer. In my internship during my sophomore year, I began writing this play. It was my IE mentor Abra Chusid who supported my work as a playwright and showed me MFA programs. It was Spanish language graduate IE mentor, Rene Carrasco, who showed me bilingual plays and Latin American Theatre. IE not only helped me professionally but artistically."



IE Donors go 40For40

We are enormously grateful to the 24 people who generously supported IE as part of UT's 40For40 Campaign in April. Their donations, which ranged from \$5 to \$1,000, are very much appreciated by students who participate in IE and DDCE programs.



IE Kuhn Scholar Gives Presentation at Annual Conference

Kudos to IE Kuhn Scholar Loyce Gayo for her presentation, "African Socialism and the Social Struggle in Social Capital," at the recent Annual African Conference. Loyce's presentation goes from 41m to 50m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLkgy5gYUcIVH7IeM12u-hR7QGpZuoVTN8&v=TX9tGDczC1s#t=2498>

IE Intern Receives Fulbright U.S. Student Award

IE Kuhn Scholar and Gateway Scholar Ja'Michael Darnell has been selected for a 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Award.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program of the United States. Learn more about Ja'Michael and his IE journey.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/academiccenter/2013/12/18/jamichael-darnell-a-young-man-with-great-ambition/>

IE Partners with McNair Scholars

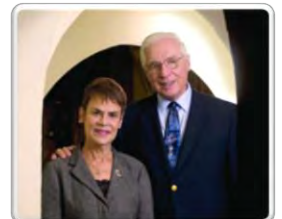
IE's successful partnership with the St. Edward's University McNair Scholars program, now in its eleventh year, is spotlighted on page 6 in the most recent issue of the St. Ed's McNair newsletter.



<http://www.ut-ie.com/articles/14-15-mcnair.pdf>

2015 Kuhn Scholars Recognized

We were pleased to announce our spring 2015 IE Kuhn Scholars. Thanks to DDCE and the Austin American-Statesman for recognizing these students



<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/02/12/ie-announces-spring-2015-kuhn-scholars/>

<http://www.ut-ie.com/articles/kuhn-scholar-2015.pdf>

IE Interns Inducted into the Friar Society

We are proud of 2014-2015 IE Pre Grad interns Asia Howard and Chelsea Jones who have been accepted into the Friar Society Spring 2015 class in recognition of their outstanding contributions to The University of Texas at Austin. They join other recent IE students who are part of this prestigious organization- including most recently Jelisa Robison, Jordan Metoyer, David McDonald and Michael 'Ugeo' Williams.

IE Interns to Attend Top Graduate Programs



This is one of our favorite times of the year - when graduating UT students who participated in the IE Pre-Grad Internship inform us about where they have been accepted to and will enroll in graduate/professional school in the fall, and how IE contributed to this outcome.

While information is still coming in (and a full report will follow), we are pleased to report that our students thus far have been accepted to the following institutions in over two dozen academic fields of study: UT, Penn, Yale, Georgetown, Michigan, Duke, Harvard, Princeton, UC-San Diego, Brown, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, North Carolina, George Washington, SMU, Colorado, Boston University, University of Chicago, UT-Dallas, Wisconsin, Johns Hopkins, UC-Santa Barbara, University of Southern California, Purdue, Illinois, Houston, Cornell, UCLA, Cal-Berkeley, NYU, Brandeis, Howard, Cambridge, Maryland, and Tufts.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/04/29/ie->

IE Featured on TedXTalk

Professor Amy Young praises IE director Rick Cherwitz (2:50) and the IE initiative (4:29) in her TEDxTalk on public intellectuals.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/04/22/ut-alumna-touts-ie-program-for-demonstrating-the-value-of-scholarly-work/>

IE Collaborates on New Prelaw Seminar

IE and its curriculum will be a key component of this summer's DiscoverLaw.org Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program.



Open to rising sophomores and juniors at the University of Texas at Austin and Huston-Tillotson University, the five-week residential program will help students learn more about the legal profession and what is needed to earn a law degree.

Thanks to IE Pre Grad Mentor director Tommy Darwin for spearheading this project.

IE Student Takes on Global Water Crisis

UT Engineering student uses IE to travel to Mexico and take on the global water crisis.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/news/2015/04/29/ie-student-takes-on-global-water-crisis/>



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