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## CIE Scholar Expenditures At-a-Glance

**Total direct stipend/salary assistance = $1,624,267**

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STIPENDS

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<td>NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development, Maxising Excellence in Research for Graduate Education</td>
<td>$39,866</td>
<td>Summer and academic year research support</td>
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<td>NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Nanotechnology for Health, Energy &amp; the Environment</td>
<td>$32,000</td>
<td>Eight summer interns at $4,000 each</td>
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### GRADUATE STIPENDS

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<td>Support of IMSD-MERGE Scholars during summer participation in Heads Up program</td>
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<td>NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, Bridge to the Doctorate</td>
<td>$222,750</td>
<td>Six stipends total: $165,000; Six tuition and fees total: $57,750</td>
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<td>$830,451</td>
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<td>NSF Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professorate - Transformation, Frontiers of Research &amp; Academic Models of Excellence</td>
<td>$82,800</td>
<td>Two SBU AGEP-T FRAME Fellows; does not include Brookhaven National Laboratory’s stipends</td>
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<td>NIH Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award, New York Consortium for the Advancement of Postdoctoral Scholars</td>
<td>$396,000</td>
<td>Nine salaries total</td>
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### Other direct financial support = $124,583.54

### CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

Interconnectedness to a diverse and vast research network is a key access point for advancement in graduate study and professional career paths. Conferences provide an access point to such networks - offering opportunities for underrepresented scholars to broaden their academic exposure within their disciplines. The CIE makes available to scholars opportunities to compete for conference travel funding. The CIE funds between 30 and 50 scholars per year to present research at scientific conferences and/or attend a scientific conference as a first-time attendee. Total support for 2014-2015 was $65,598.

AGEP-T FRAME: $11,017 (13) • IRACDA NY-CAPS: $22,533 (8) • LSAMP-BD: $6,100 (7) • Turner Fellowship: $25,948 (24)

### RESEARCH GRANTS

Research progress can only be maintained when scholars have the ability to sustain their research efforts in a funded and supportive environment throughout the calendar year. To this end, CIE programs (originated by SUNY AGEP and the Turner Fellowship) have committed to sustaining scholars’ research. CIE programs awarded a total of $58,985.54 in research grant support over the 2014-2015 year.
Core Programming: Academic Enrichment, Professional Development and Mentoring & Community Building

The Center for Inclusive Education designs and administers innovative programming and activities to promote the success of our undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral scholars. These efforts focus on providing our scholars with academic and professional preparation, access to mentoring and advising and the support of a vibrant community of researchers and academics to ensure that they successfully complete their education and training to ultimately become productive members of the academic and scientific workforce.
**SUMMER DISSERTATION WRITER’S BOOT CAMP**

This pilot program, hosted in June, July and August, sought to help students preparing dissertations, articles for publication or course writing assignments stay on track as members of a scheduled, structured writing accountability group that met every Friday. An opening session was held with 13 scholars in attendance. Guest speakers Dr. Maria Rodolica, Dr. Javier Monzón and Dr. Taylor Shoberle, presented tips and tricks for maximizing the output of writing sessions. For the other sessions hosted during the summer, the average weekly attendance was six scholars per session. Based upon the positive feedback of the summer boot camp program, the CIE offered the “Keep Calm and Write On” Writing Boot Camp over the 2015 winter intersession. Held on Friday mornings in January (9, 16, 23), scholars were given the opportunity to work on their writing projects in the CIE space. A formal opening session was not held and writing assistance was offered on an as-requested basis. On average, three scholars attended the three weekly sessions.

**WRITING TO WIN WORKSHOP**

The CIE held the fall Writing to Win workshop on September 9. AGEP-T FRAME Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Cindy Leiton, presented tips to help graduate students prepare a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) application. Dr. Leiton also worked directly with eight Stony Brook students who applied for the 2015 NSF GRFP. Total workshop participants: 61

2015 NSF-GRFP (CIE) recipients:
- Elizabeth Marie Berrigan, PhD student in Physics and Astronomy; Turner Fellow; AGEP-T Scholar
- Jesse Aaron Brizzi, PhD student in Computer Science; Turner Fellow; AGEP-T Scholar
- Wilka T Carvalho, MS student in Computer Science, USC; CSTEP/LSAMP Scholar; IMSD-MERGE mSI Leader
- Ashleigh Lussenden, PhD student in Neuroscience; Turner Fellow; AGEP-T Scholar
- Spencer Saraf, PhD student in Marine & Atmospheric Sciences; 2014 Doctoral Diversity Fellowship in STEM awardee; AGEP-T Scholar

2015 NSF-GRFP (CIE) honorable mentions:
- Nicole Alexis Bender, PhD student in Ecology & Evolution; Turner Fellow; AGEP-T Scholar

**GRANTSMANSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES**

This fall, the CIE and the Office for the Integration of Research, Education and Professional Development (IREP) hosted a three-session Grantsmanship Workshop Series on strategies, tactics and writing tips to prepare individual research grant proposals. Grant writing consultant Beth Schachter offered participants valuable insight into the creative, scientific and organizational aspects of preparing a highly competitive research grant application. Participants were also given the opportunity to draft a preliminary scientific plan for their own proposal as well as develop an action plan for completing the project. After the series, a select group of attendees received one-on-one consulting with Ms. Schachter on a proposal in progress.

Participation for the series:
- Grantsmanship Workshop on September 22 = 35
- Grantsmanship Workshop on September 29 = 33
- Grantsmanship Workshop on October 6 = 33
BIOMATH LEARNING CENTER: MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

On February 12, the CIE, in collaboration with Undergraduate Biology and the Academic Success and Tutoring Center, launched the IMSD-MERGE Biomath Learning Center: Modified Supplemental Instruction (mSI) program. Modeled after the effective interventions of the CIE Peer-Led Study Network, the mSI program is designed for freshman and sophomore biomedical science majors to receive peer tutoring in calculus prerequisite courses to support their aptitude in these courses so that they can continue on with their degree programs successfully and on-track.

Forty Calculus A (MAT125) students registered to participate in the mSI program which consisted of two weekly sessions (Thursday and Friday) conducted by four Student Supplemental Instructor (SSI) Leaders - Wilka Carvalho (senior, physics major), Michael Lam (sophomore, biology major), Robert Maloney (junior, mathematics major), and Kevon Pekchi (senior, biology major). SSI Leaders received formal training from the Academic Success and Tutoring Center and followed the curriculum set forth by the MAT125 instructors. The outcomes of this first iteration of the mSI program are promising - participants who attended all sessions scored on average 30 percent higher in the course than non-participants.

Professional Development

TOPIC BASED LUNCHES WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Topic Based Lunches (TBL) with Senior Leadership series is structured to give CIE Scholars a glimpse into the professional pathway of senior Stony Brook University leaders. By doing so, we believe critical discussions about the direction of the University, as well as issues pertaining to diversity and graduate education, will emerge. This will ultimately foster a strong sense of school spirit and provide valuable professional development advice to scholars.

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD
“Thoughts on Effective Leadership”
Fall TBL - December 2, 2014
Total attendance: 30

Frances L. Brisbane, PhD, Dean & Professor of the School of Social Welfare
“Value of Relationships in Developing and Sustaining Effective Leadership”
Spring TBL- March 26, 2015
Total attendance: 21

COLLEGE TEACHING SEMINAR SERIES

The College Teaching Seminar Series featured a variety of teaching and learning workshops for the CIE postdoctoral community. The series was held on Tuesday afternoons throughout the academic year. Coordinated by the office of Teaching, Learning and Technology, topics ranged from writing a teaching philosophy, to evidence-based instructional practices, to creating powerful presentations to engage students. Attendees were given the opportunity to explore topics and integrate the information into the development of their own pedagogy. The series concluded with a Micro-Teaching session on May 12 where scholars presented a short lesson incorporating the skills they learned throughout the course to a group of their peers for feedback. Two to five postdocs were present at each session.

Included within the College Teaching Seminar series were three workshops led by the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. The first workshop, titled “Improvisation for Scientists”, began laying the foundation towards developing science communication skills. Through a series of improvisation exercises, participants learned how to speak more spontaneously, responsively and directly with their audience. As a follow-up to the first workshop, the “Distilling Your Message” workshop focused on learning how to speak clearly and vividly about work and why it matters - in terms non-scientists can understand. The three-part series concluded with a “Media Interviews: Extreme Distilling” workshop, which focused on learning how to prepare for a media interview. This included shaping clear and crisp answers, fielding difficult questions and reinforcing the fundamental message. Participants were interviewed on video by a professional journalist and the interviews were reviewed and critiqued during the session. After the workshop, participants were able to download their interviews for their personal or professional use.
CIE SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series creates an opportunity for CIE Scholars to learn the personal journeys of distinguished figures from various fields and disciplines as a means to foster their own professional development. CIE Scholars have the opportunity to connect with individuals who can offer insight into navigating graduate school, finding rewarding employment opportunities and expanding professional networks.

Margaret Price, PhD: On April 14, the Center for Inclusive Education, the Graduate School and the School of Health Technology & Management presented an interactive workshop addressing key concepts about working with students with mental disabilities. Guest speaker, Dr. Margaret Price, shared information on “Transient Spaces & the Traces They Leave: Practicing Access in Higher Education” and answered questions from the audience.
Total attendance: 19

Neil deGrasse Tyson, PhD: The CIE co-sponsored the “GSO 35th Anniversary” event and was given the unique opportunity to host a Q&A session with Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson on April 27.
Total attendance: 40

MENTAL DISABILITY AND ACADEMIC LIFE

An interactive workshop addressing key concepts about working with students with mental disabilities

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
10:00 am
Center for Inclusive Education
The Graduate School
2401 Computer Science Building

Please come prepared with scenarios and questions to share
RSVP: http://ow.ly/Kavs2

Margaret Price, PhD: an associate professor of English at Bennett College, where she teaches rhetoric, composition and women and gender.
Her areas of specialization include disability studies, qualitative research methodologies and digital accessibility. Dr. Price holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. in English from the University of Michigan Press, 100 E. Weber Road, Champaign, IL 61820. She is the University of Michigan Press, 100 E. Weber Road, Champaign, IL 61820. She is the

NYC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FACULTY DIVERSITY SEARCH INFORMATION SESSION

On January 13, Cathy Cramer, Executive Director of Interschool/Faculty Diversity Search, provided a Faculty Diversity Search Information Session to interested CIE Scholars. To date, Cramer and her team have placed six CIE Scholars and alumni in faculty and leadership positions in the K-12 independent schools of New York City. Cramer invited participants to attend the New York Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) Job Fair on Saturday, February 21 at the Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in New York City.

FACULTY CAREER WEEK

The second annual Faculty Career Week was held the last week in April. Panel presentations and Q&A sessions provided an opportunity for attendees to explore Chalk Talks, Interviewing Skills and Negotiations.

“Chalk Talks” - April 28, Presenter: Dr. Antoinette “Toni” Stroter, Director of Research, Evaluation & Assessment and Assistant Professor at Liberty University
Total participants: 16

“Interviewing Skills” - April 30, Moderator: Dr. Charles Taber, Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education & Dean of the Graduate School, Panelists: Terrence Buck, Principal Human Resources Representative at Brookhaven National Laboratory; Dr. Marianne Moore, IRACDA NY-CAPS Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Ecology and Evolution; Dr. Arthur Samuel, Department Chairperson and Professor in the Cognitive Science Department of Psychology; and Dr. Stella Tsirka, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Professor in the Department of Pharmacological Sciences
Total participants: 42

“Negotiations” - May 1, Moderator: Dr. Dave Ferguson, Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Chair for the Department of Technology and Society, Distinguished Service Professor, Panelists: Dr. Julia Bear, Assistant Professor in the School of Business; Dr. Robert (Bob) Haltiwanger, Department Chairperson and Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology; Dr. Eduardo Mendieta, Department Chairperson and Professor in the Department of Philosophy
Total participants: 28
PRACTICAL PROFESSIONAL SKILLS SERIES

The Center for Inclusive Education and the Office for the Integration of Research, Education and Professional Development (IREP) have joined together to present a four-part Practical Professional Skills Series to Stony Brook graduate students and postdocs. The interactive series is designed to promote dialogue around key issues affecting today’s professionals.

“Navigating Complex Organizations” - workshop presented by Dennis Lazarus, Deputy Country Director for the United Nations Development Programme, on October 9
Total participants: 54

“Giving and Receiving Constructive Feedback” - workshop presented by Mary Eisenstein, Communications Coach & Training Expert for Melmar Enterprises, and Nina Maung-Gaona on December 8
Total participants: 32

“Time & Energy Management: Achieving Peak Performance” - workshop presented by Marianna Savoca and Dr. Alfreda James, from the SBU Career Center, on March 3
Total participants: 32

“Strategic Professional Growth: Planning Your Path to a Satisfying Career” - workshop presented by Dr. Nancy Goroff and Dr. Kathleen Flint Ehm on May 7
Total participants: 39

Mentoring & Community Building

MONTHLY RESEARCH CAFÉS

The Research Café series promotes cross-discipline knowledge among the CIE community by providing a showcase for the exemplary research being conducted by our top scholars. It is our intent to facilitate communication and collaboration between departments and research areas that may ultimately foster groundbreaking research. Average attendance: 22; total attendance: 200; unique CIE Scholar attendance: 40

Fall 2014 Research Cafés = 4
- September 10: Diana Orozco Guimet, Genetics - ‘The Adenovirus L4-22K Protein has Distinct Functions in Post-transcriptional Regulation of Gene Expression and Encapsidation of the Viral Genome’
- October 3: Miles Hentrup, Philosophy - ‘Hegel and Skepticism’
- November 19: Jennifer Martinez, Molecular and Cellular Biology - ‘Bridging the GAP: Investigating the Interaction Between Gap Junction Proteins and Cell Signaling in the Ocular Lens’
- December 10: Alexis Santana, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology - ‘The Interplay of RTA and NF-κB Signaling During Gammaherpesvirus Infection’

Spring 2015 Research Cafés = 5
- February 4: Emmanuel Asare, Genetics - ‘A Poliovirus Cold Case: A Mutation in the Vicinity of a Capsid Interacting Site of Poliovirus 2CATPase Results in a Defect in Viral Encapsidation’
- March 11: Jennifer DeLeon, Molecular and Cellular Biology - ‘PI3K p110B Maintains Bioenergetic Homeostasis by Regulating Endocytic Turnover of the Glucose Transporter GLUT1’
- April 15: James Herrera, Anthropological Sciences - ‘The History and Mystery of Life on Madagascar’
- May 13: Vanessa Lynn, Sociology - ‘Collective memories of the War on Drugs in NYC: Toward a discourse of responsibility and victimhood’
CULTURAL HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

Hispanic Heritage Month (October)
2014 marked the 25th anniversary of Stony Brook University’s Hispanic Heritage Month. In honor of this milestone, the CIE co-sponsored the HHM Dance Series with the Department of Pharmacology, that included instructions and demonstrations of flamenco, tango, bomba y plena, campo dances, salsa, palos, merengue and bachata. We wish to extend our congratulations to two CIE scholars, Luisa Torres (Pharmacology; Flamenco Dancer) and Sophia Basaldua (Cultural Analysis & Theory; Argentine Tango Dancer) who coordinated and performed in two of the three dance series events. Average attendance at the CIE-sponsored dance events was 25.

- HHM Opening Ceremony – Wednesday, October 1
- Celebrate HHM with the CIE – Wednesday, October 22
- HHM Closing Ceremonies Dinner – Friday, October 24
- HHM Closing Ceremony – Wednesday, October 29

Black History Month (February)
In honor of Black History Month, eight CIE scholars joined CIE staff to attend the Black in America tour featuring Soledad O’Brien in the Staller Center on February 16. The tour focused on the most recent installment of O’Brien’s multi-part CNN documentary series, Black in America, titled “Black & Blue”. O’Brien and a panel of presenters addressed the recent and growing national issues of race and police brutality across the country. In response, the CIE hosted a lunchtime discussion on February 20. Open only to CIE scholars, the conversation was an opportunity for the eight attendees to share their thoughts, experiences and feelings about the presentation within a community of supportive and compassionate peers.

Women’s History Month (March)
In honor of Women’s History Month, the spring Topic Based Lunches with Senior Leadership series held on March 26 and the CIE Social held on March 31, honored the leadership and achievements of two Stony Brook employees. The TBL speaker, Dr. Francis L. Brisbane, is the longest sitting dean of social work in the country and was recognized by the Stony Brook president in 2007 as being the “Conscience of the University”. Her wealth of experience, extensive volunteer efforts and professional accomplishments have positioned Dr. Brisbane as a senior leader at the institutional, local and national levels. At the CIE Social, the community gathered to celebrate Program Manager, Toni Sperzel, and her newly appointed permanency at Stony Brook University.

Total TBL attendance: 21; Total CIE Social attendance: 42

SAFE SPACES WORKSHOP
The CIE hosted an Office of Student Affairs LGBTQ* Services Space Foundations Workshop on October 29. The workshop is an introductory course designed to provide information to the campus community regarding LGBTQ* services on and off campus.

KEEPING IT REAL
Facilitated by CIE Postdoctoral Associate Dr. Angel Gonzalez, the Keeping it Real series promotes informal small group discussions about many of the issues that, although not directly related to academics, nevertheless impact the day-to-day lives of graduate students. This series fosters social support and provides insight into different ways to deal with these issues.

Average attendance: 5; Total attendance: 20; Unique individuals: 15

Fall 2014 Discussions = 2
- “Social Life While in Graduate School” - September 17 – Total CIE Scholars: 8
- “Family and Cultural Pressure” - November 24 – Total CIE Scholars: 2

Spring 2015 Discussions = 2
- “Achieving Enlightenment: Fostering a Spiritual and Academic Life” - February 18 – Total CIE Scholars: 7
- “Living on a Graduate Student Budget” - April 8 – Total CIE Scholars: 3

SUMMER LUNCHES WITH CONTINUING STUDENTS
Summer Lunches offer scholars an opportunity to meet with the CIE director and program managers to more deeply get to know about our advanced scholars’ experiences and the ways in which the CIE can better support them during their degree pursuit. Fifteen CIE scholars participated in the three summer lunches held throughout June (6) and July (9). The conversations greatly inspired the programmatic planning for the upcoming academic year.

FIRST YEAR MIXER
IMSD-MERGE Scholars and Turner Fellows joined together to celebrate their first year in their respective programs. The mixer was held at a local restaurant, Bliss, on February 11. One scholar shared that she “enjoyed the opportunity to relax outside of school while getting to know what other people are doing in their programs.” Total attendance: 14
COMMUNITY OF STUDENT MENTORS

In her letter written for the fall edition of the CIE Newsletter, Director Nina Maung-Gaona declared 2015 to be the “Year of Mentoring”. To this end, the CIE submitted grant and award nominations to bolster current mentoring efforts and to recognize all that has been accomplished over the past 13+ years (see page 16 for more information). The Community of Student Mentors program has been a key component of the application/description process – largely due to the significant and measurable outcomes of the peer-to-peer mentoring initiative. CSM Mentors and Mentees are provided with thorough in-person trainings (September 23 & 26) on developing mentoring relationships and given extensive resources for guiding their mentoring practices, including the National Academy of Sciences “Advisor, Teacher, Role Model, Friend,” handbook for mentoring (NAS, 1997). Following each monthly meeting, both mentors and mentees are required to complete a meeting log sheet summarizing from both participant perspectives the meeting - what was discussed, what if any challenges or concerns arose, and what actions/steps were considered and planned for overcoming any obstacles or challenges. The meeting log sheet is then reviewed by the CSM program coordinator. At the start of each semester, the CIE hosts an annual CSM kickoff event at the AMF Smithtown Lanes to help mentors and mentees get acquainted in a casual setting; there were 17 participants on September 20 and 12 participants on February 7. In 2014-2015, 24 mentor/mentee matches were made. Total participation: 48

2014 CSM Mentors
Alexis Santana  Molecular Genetics & Microbiology
Allison Nesbit  Interdepartmental Anthropology
Amber Bonds  Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology
Ariel Negron  Neuroscience
Ashleigh Lussenden  Neuroscience
Cam Monestime  Neuroscience
Christian Ruiz  Genetics
Cindy Leiton  Pharmacology
Crystal Lewis  Chemistry
Daphne Meza  Biomedical Engineering
Dex-Ann Brown  Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology
Elizabeth Atkinson  Ecology & Evolution
Felicia Jackson  Clinical Psychology
Jasmine Valentin  SOMAS
Jeannette Marine  Chemistry
Jennifer DeLeon  Molecular & Cellular Biology
Jesse John  Geosciences
Jinelle Wint  Molecular & Cellular Biology
Lyl Tomlinson  Neuroscience
Melissa Sims  Geosciences
Patricia Enmore  Neuroscience
R. Emilio Fernandez  Technology, Policy & Innovation
Usmanu Salisu  Chemistry
Vanessa Lynn  Sociology

CIE SOCIALS

In keeping with the philosophy that building community is key to establishing an environment conducive to mentoring, the CIE incorporates social gathering activities into its monthly programming. These monthly socials are strategically positioned to strengthen the connections between scholars which will ideally lend themselves to the solidification of organic mentoring relationships. Maintaining a vibrant and active community among the CIE Scholars is of utmost importance to our ability to have impact in all areas of programming. CIE Scholars - Average attendance: 20; Total attendance: 121

• August 22 (Welcome Lunch) – Total attendance: 44
• November 4 (Annual Photo Day) – Total attendance: 38
• December Graduation Celebration (December 17, Hilton Garden Inn) – Total attendance: 60
• January 21 (Celebrate All Things New) – Total attendance: 16
• February 27 (Celebrate Black History Month) – Total attendance: 14
• March 31 (Celebrate Women’s History Month) – Total attendance: 42
• April 22 (Spring Fever) – Total attendance: 16
• May Graduation Celebration (May 21, Hilton Garden Inn) – Total attendance: 67
• June 10 (Hello/Goodbye) – Total attendance: 22 (plus six REU interns)
GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES
At the end of each semester, the CIE celebrates the graduation of those scholars who successfully completed their dissertations and degree requirements. Celebrations were hosted on December 17, 2014 and May 21, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn. New this year, the CIE awarded two scholars and two Stony Brook faculty members at the May Graduation Celebration. The 2015 Faculty & Scholar Awards for Excellence honored four individuals in recognition of their mentoring, leadership, service and commitment to the Center for Inclusive Education. These outstanding members of the community have made significant impact on the quality of diversity and/or mentoring and were presented with an honorary plaque at the event.

December Graduate Recognition Ceremony & Celebration (4 PhD; 1 MS = 5) Total attendance: 60
May Graduation Celebration & Awards Ceremony (7 PhD; 1 MD; 1 MM; 3 MA; 2 MS = 14) Total attendance: 67

2015 Scholar Award for Excellence
- Dr. Cindy Leiton, AGEP-T FRAME Postdoctoral Fellow
- Dr. Jennifer Martinez, AGEP-T FRAME Scholar

2015 Faculty Award for Excellence
- Dr. Eduardo Mendieta, Department of Philosophy
- Dr. Stella Tsirka, Department of Pharmacological Sciences
Turner Fellow, Jordi Alonso, was interviewed in April for WOMR radio (Provincetown, MA).

AGEP-T FRAME and LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Emmanuel Asare, participated as a mentor in the 6th Annual Monroe College Male Empowerment Seminar on April 23.

CIE alumnus (AGEP and Turner Fellow) Jean Christian Brutus received a Most Promising Engineer award during the BEYA STEM Conference held in Washington on February 6. Brutus graduated from Stony Brook in December 2014 with a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering and is currently a mechanical engineer at US Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC).

Kayode Ekwunife-Orakwue helped to create a Rubric as part of his volunteer service with The North East Comprehensive Center on Innovations in Learning. The Rubric, a K-12 Virtual Learning Program, was published and will be adopted by NYSED, the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Turner Fellow, Lori Gallegos De Castillo, received a Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Only 30 were awarded nationwide.

R. Emilio Fernandez, PhD candidate in Technology, Policy and Innovation, AGEP-T FRAME and Turner Fellow, was granted Honorable Mention. Emma Velez, PhD student in Philosophy, Turner Fellow, was granted Honorable Mention for the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.

Turner Fellow, Jacinth Greywoode, graduated with his MA in Music and will be transitioning into the PhD program in music composition. He also won the Duino Prize for Composition from the International Music Festival of the Adriatic, which entails a scholarship and a performance of the work in Italy.

Dr. James Herrera, former Turner Fellow, was selected for a postdoctoral position at the American Museum of Natural History.

Undergraduate IMSD-MERGE Scholar, Maryam Ige, along with the SBU iGEM Team, presented at the 2014 International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition in Boston, MA and was awarded a bronze medal. Ige also received the Undergraduate Recognition Award for Academic Excellence at the 33rd annual Stony Brook ceremony on April 13.

Undergraduate IMSD-MERGE Scholars, Maryam Ige, Sarah Georges and Denise Laspina presented their research at the 2014 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in San Antonio, TX. In addition to her accepted presentation, Ige was also the recipient of a travel award to support her participation in the conference.

The Chemistry of Materials Journal accepted an article written by Crystal Lewis, AGEP-T FRAME and Turner Fellow: ‘Correlating Size and Composition-Dependent Effects with Magnetic, Mössbauer, and PDF Measurements in a Family of Catalytically Active Ferrite Nanoparticles’.

Former Turner Fellow, Dr. Christopher Martinez, was featured in the Alum Spotlight section of the Winter 2015 edition of SBU Magazine online. Martinez has been awarded dual fellowships with the American Museum of Natural History.
Scholar Awards & Achievements

Ariel Negron, AGEP-T FRAME Scholar and Turner Fellow, gave an oral presentation at Endocrine Society meeting in San Diego, CA in March.

Spencer Saraf was selected for the 2014 Doctoral Diversity Fellowship in STEM presented by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Melissa Sims, LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate and Turner Fellow, introduced the Secretary of Energy, Ernest Moniz, at the dedication of the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II) at Brookhaven National Laboratory on February 6.

AGEP-T FRAME Fellow, Lyl Tomlinson discussed how improvisation training helped him communicate his science and led him to win the National FameLab Competition in 2014 for an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education. Tomlinson received a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. His project, The Effects of Voluntary Exercise on Oligodendroglia and Myelin in Developing and Cuprizone-Treated Mice, has been funded for the next three years.

In January, Turner Fellow, Dewayne Wrencher, participated in his first ever Pop Up Art Gallery in Patchogue, NY. He was also a featured artist in two spring events hosted by the Fine Arts department.

Two scholars were selected and three scholars were nominated for Stony Brook University's Inaugural “40 under 40” Awards.

Pictured left to right:
- Arthur James Goff III, PhD – AGEP & Turner Alumnus, Genetics – Awardee
- Mireya Mayor, PhD – Turner Alumna, Interdepartmental Anthropology – Awardee
- Julio Carrion, DMD, PhD – AGEP Alumnus, Oral Biology & Pathology – Nominee
- Joel R. Jimenez, MSW – Turner Alumnus, School of Social Welfare – Nominee
- Briana Locicero, BA – Current Turner Fellow, School of Medicine – Nominee

Three CIE Scholars advanced to the final round of the NASA sponsored international science communication competition, FameLab, which came to the Wang Center at Stony Brook on April 16-17. The Center for Inclusive Education proudly co-sponsored this US regional heat.

Pictured left to right:
- Lyl Tomlinson, PhD candidate in Neuroscience, AGEP-T FRAME Fellow
- Dr. Taylor Schoberle, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, IRACDA NY-CAPS Scholar – ‘Infection by injection: How plague bacteria can silence our innate immune system by injecting bacterial proteins directly into our innate immune cells’
- Dr. Jasmine Valentin, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, AGEP-T FRAME Scholar & Turner Fellow – ‘Stable isotope analysis: A tool for studying diet’
- Jesse John, PhD candidate in Geosciences, AGEP-T FRAME & Turner Fellow - ‘Nano-Alcatraz’

Jesse John was chosen as a wildcard and will have a chance to compete in the national finals to be held next spring at the National Geographic Headquarters in Washington, DC.
Diversity-Focused Graduate Recruitment

GRADUATE SCHOOL PREVIEW DAY
The CIE hosted the first annual multifaceted recruitment event, Graduate School Preview Day, to provide a unique opportunity for attendees to learn exactly what it means to pursue a PhD at Stony Brook. Over 50 students from various undergraduate institutions attended the event which was held on November 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The day began with an optional walking tour of campus. After a brief Meet/Greet, attendees were invited to kickoff the program with Welcome Remarks by Charles S. Taber, PhD, Vice Provost for Graduate & Professional Education and Dean of the Graduate School, and Nina Maung-Gaona, Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion and Director, Center for Inclusive Education. Stony Brook graduate students and postdocs shared information about their current research as well as personal stories about their experiences during a panel discussion. The Networking Lunch that followed boasted over 30 representatives from 20 graduate programs to meet and mingle with the attendees. After lunch, attendees were presented with information on pursuing graduate education from six distinguished admissions faculty members. Since funding plays an important role in PhD pursuits, Toni Sperzel, CIE Program Manager, Turner Fellowship and GEM Fellowship programs, offered comprehensive descriptions of the CIE funding opportunities and available resources for funding graduate study from external funding organizations. The day concluded with lab tours in Materials Science, the Laufer Center, Psychology, Preventive Medicine, Biomedical Engineering and Chemistry. Attendees were able to choose the lab tour that best matched their interests.

PUERTO RICO RECRUITMENT TRIP
In March, a team of representatives from Stony Brook engaged in a three-day university recruitment tour of Puerto Rico - visiting three institutions to speak with undergraduate students about graduate school opportunities, with doctoral students about postdoctoral training opportunities, and with faculty about possible grant collaborations. During the three campus visits to the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) Rio Piedras, the UPR Medical Sciences Campus and Universidad Metropolitana (UMET), the team met with 160 undergraduate students, 50 doctoral students and 20 faculty and administrators. Team members toured each of the campuses and were given the opportunity to visit several research facilities, including UPR’s new Molecular Sciences Research Building. The team also met with several campus deans and leaders in STEM disciplines and participated in a research symposium. Student and faculty interactions took place through a series of formal talks and small group discussions about research activities, funding opportunities and the application and admissions processes at Stony Brook.

CONSORTIUM FOR GRADUATE DEGREES FOR MINORITIES IN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING (GEM)
Date: August 13-15, 2014
Conference Location: San Diego, CA
CIE Staff: Toni Sperzel

NY METRO AREA GEM GRAD LAB AT NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Date: October 4, 2014
Conference Location: Newark, NJ
CIE Staff: Toni Sperzel
Recruitment Intake Forms: 10

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS MEETING AT COOPER UNION
Date: October 10, 2014
Conference Location: New York, NY
CIE Staff: Kathryne Piazzola
Recruitment Intake Forms: 10
Diversity-Focused Graduate Recruitment

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FAIR AT JOHN JAY
Date: October 15, 2014
Conference Location: New York, NY
CIE Representatives: Dr. Neta Dean and Jason Quinones
Recruitment Intake Forms: 39

SOCETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS & NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE (SACNAS)
Date: October 15-19, 2014
Conference Location: Los Angeles, CA
CIE Staff: Dr. Angel Gonzalez and Kathryne Piazzola
Recruitment Intake Forms: 32

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB)
Date: October 30 – November 2, 2014
Conference Location: Atlanta, GA
CIE Staff: Kathryne Piazzola and Karian Wright
Recruitment Intake Forms: 15

ANNUAL BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE FOR MINORITY STUDENTS (ABRCMS)
Date: November 12-15, 2014
Conference Location: San Antonio, TX
CIE Staff: Dr.Angel Gonzalez and Kathryne Piazzola
Recruitment Intake Forms: 49

ENGINEERING RESEARCHERS NATIONAL (ERN)
Date: February 2015
Conference Location: Washington, DC
CIE Staff: Dr. Angel Gonzalez and Kathryne Piazzola
CIE Representatives: Drs. Amy C. Marschilok & Kenneth Takeuchi
Recruitment Intake Forms: 39

GARDEN STATE LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (GS LSAMP) GRADUATE PRIMER
Date: April 3, 2015
Conference Location: Rutgers University, NJ
CIE Staff: Dr. Angel Gonzalez and Kathryne Piazzola
Dr. Gonzalez served as a morning panelist, discussing opportunities at Stony Brook University as well as externally funded programs (such as LSAMP-BD, AGEP-T FRAME and IMSD-MERGE) for underrepresented STEM graduate students pursuing their PhD. Dr. Gonzalez and Piazzola also participated in a lunchtime breakout session to speak with prospective Stony Brook PhD students about their research interests and potential application to Stony Brook.

SBU GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Date: April 8, 2015
CIE Staff: Sheri L. Clark, Toni Sperzel & Karian Wright

FIRST ANNUAL SUNY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE (SURC)
Date: April 10, 2015
Conference Location: The College at Brockport, SUNY
CIE Staff: Sheri L. Clark
Recruitment Intake Forms: 39
Managed recruitment table during the SUNY Graduate School Fair in collaboration with Nancy Goroff.

Conferences

2015 CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TEACHING AND LEARNING (CIRTL) NETWORK FORUM
Dates: April 12-14, 2015
Conference Location: College Station, TX
Attendees: Julianna Pryor and Toni Sperzel

2015 INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH & ACADEMIC CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS (IRACDA)
Dates: June 14-16, 2015
Conference Location: San Diego, CA
Attendees: Nina Maung-Gaona and Karian Wright

2015 CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES (SPSSI) - A ROAD LESS TRAVELED: FORGING LINKS BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL POLICY
Dates: June 20-21, 2015
Conference Location: Washington, DC
Attendees: Sheri L. Clark
As part of this conference, Dr. Clark participated in Legislative Engagement Day. She and 50 other psychologists and graduate students visited the offices of our Senators and Representatives to educate them about the value of psychological science in informing public policy.
Presentations, Panels & Workshops

CIE staff are regularly invited to give presentations, workshops, posters and participate on panels at various academic and professional conferences across the county.

**Date:** November 12-13, 2014
**Conference Location:** Albany, NY


**2015 7th Annual Conference of Understanding Interventions That Broaden Participation in Research Careers**
**Date:** May 15-17, 2015
**Conference Location:** San Diego, CA

Paper (presentation) Title: AGEP-T frontiers of research and academic models of excellence (FRAME): Bridging research and practice to promote academic engagement of underrepresented minorities in STEM fields. Authors: Sheri L. Clark, Bonita E. London, Nina Maung-Gaona and Christina Dyar

Status of Publication: In Progress

Poster Title: AGEP-T frontiers of research and academic models of excellence (FRAME): Bridging research and practice to promote academic engagement of underrepresented minorities in STEM fields. Authors: Sheri L. Clark, Bonita E. London, Nina Maung-Gaona and Christina Dyar

**2015 Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS)**
**Date:** May 21-24, 2015
**Conference Location:** New York, NY

Paper (presentation) Title: Perceptions of a threatening and fixed STEM environment undermine women's career confidence. Authors: Christina Dyar, Bonita E. London, Nina Maung-Gaona and Sheri L. Clark

Status of Publication: Abstract published in conference proceedings

**2015 Association of Program Administrators of CSTEP and STEP, Inc. Annual Meeting and Conference (APACS)**
**Date:** June 10-12, 2015
**Conference Location:** Albany, NY

Paper (presentation) Title: Developing assessment materials: A brief guide to designing and implementing programmatic assessments. Authors: Bonita E. London

Status of Publication: Abstract published in conference proceedings

Grant Submissions

**IRACDA PLUS, NIH National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) Supplement Project Award, 2015 - $10,000**
Nomination of the IRACDA NY-CAPS program

*Submission Status: Awarded June 2015*

**SBU Presidential Mini-Grant for Departmental Diversity Initiatives, 2015 - $6,000**
“Mentoring African Male PhD Scholars in STEM: Lessons Learned from 15 years of Community Support through the Center of Inclusive Education”

*Submission Status: Awarded May 2015*

**Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, State University of New York, Explorations in Diversity and Academic Excellence, 2015-2016 - $10,000 + $2,800 SBU cost share = $12,800**
“CSM UP: An Initiative to Broaden Participation in the Center for Inclusive Education Peer Mentoring Program”

*Submission Status: Pending Notification*

**Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, Organization Award, 2015 - $10,000**
Nomination of the Center for Inclusive Education

*Submission Status: Pending Notification*
Grant Support & External Collaborations

Proposal Development Assistance

• NSF 12-564 Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Broadening Participation Research in STEM Education project: Assisting with writing and development of proposal, data collection and evaluation activities for the department of psychology’s “Fostering (STEM) Identity through the Transition (FIT) to College among Underrepresented Students”. Awarded February 2015 in the amount of $350,000. CIE Director, Nina Maung-Gaona, will serve as Co-PI on this project.

• US Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN): Writing and development of retention and diversity content for proposals submitted by the departments of Materials Science and Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Psychology, and Ecology and Evolution.

• National Science Foundation National Research Traineeship (NRT): Project development and writing support for the Institute for Advanced Computational Science’s proposal, Data-enabled Research and Education for Advanced Multidisciplinary Science (DREAMS).

• National Science Foundation National Research Traineeship (NRT) Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE): Diversity and recruitment content and letter of support for the office of the Integration of Research, Education and Professional Development (IREP) proposal, Creating a Faculty Community to Support Embedded Writing Instruction.

• National Institutes of Health Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC): Writing support for the diversity recruitment and retention plan for proposal submitted by the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology.

• State University of New York (SUNY). Writing support for diversity recruitment and retention content for the Application for Certificate Program in Networking and Wireless Communications by the Stony Brook Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Proposal Letters of Support


• National Institutes of Health, Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC): Letter of support for proposal submitted by Stony Brook Department of Preventive Medicine.

• National Institutes of Health, National Institute for General Medical Sciences Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program: Letter of support for proposal submitted by the University of Turabo.

• National Institutes of Health, National Institute for General Medical Sciences Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program: Letter of support for proposal submitted by Brooklyn College.

• State University of New York (SUNY): Letter of support for Application for Advanced Certificate in Clinical Molecular Biology submitted by the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

• Collegiate Science, Technology & Engineering (CSTEP): Letter of support for renewal application submitted by Stony Brook University.

• American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program: Letter of support for proposal submitted by the Department of Pharmacological Sciences.

• Empire State Stem Cell Board, SBU Stem Cell Training Program: Letter of support for proposal submitted by the Departments of Neurobiology and Behavior and Pharmacological Sciences.

• Institute for Broadening Participation (IBP): Letter of support to serve as content advisor on the “Pathways to Mentoring” program being developed by the institute.

• National Science Foundation Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research Competition (IBSS): Letter of support to assist the Department of Psychology on their research proposal, “Communication in the Global University: A Longitudinal Study of Language Adaptation at Multiple Timescales in Native- and Non-Native Speakers”.

• National Institutes of Health Institutional National Research Service Award: Letter of support for the Department of Pharmacological Sciences applications for supplementary funding in their existing T-32 grant.

Other Letters of Recommendation

The Center for Inclusive Education team prepared letters of recommendation for nine CIE Scholars and six Stony Brook University faculty and staff in support of their application and consideration for various opportunities and awards.
Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate-Transformation, Frontiers of Research & Academic Models of Excellence

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Paulo Castillo, PhD
Dr. Paulo Castillo completed his PhD in Electrical Engineering at The City College of New York and began his AGEP-T funded postdoctoral research under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Sedlacek, III, within the Environmental and Climate Sciences Department, on Aerosol Chemistry and Microphysics at Brookhaven National Laboratory. His research is focused on understanding how the brain copes with oxygen deprivation and which cells may be targeted to circumvent such an event which can occur upon stroke, traumatic brain injury and other types of trauma.

Cindy V. Leiton, PhD
Dr. Cindy V. Leiton completed her PhD in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology at Stony Brook University and began her AGEP-T funded postdoctoral research under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Floyd in the Department of Anesthesiology. Her research is focused on understanding how the brain copes with oxygen deprivation and which cells may be targeted to circumvent such an event which can occur upon stroke, traumatic brain injury and other types of trauma.

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NSF RESEARCH STUDY

The AGEP-T FRAME research project investigates the psychosocial processes that promote the academic and career engagement of STEM graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Utilizing repeated measures within a longitudinal survey research design, the project explores the factors that contribute to how members of underrepresented minority groups develop and maintain a high, stable STEM self-efficacy and identity. Longitudinal data collected to date supports the project’s theoretical models: Graduate students’ perceptions of the inclusiveness of their academic departments predict STEM self-efficacy and belonging over time, and ultimately their intentions to persist vs. withdraw from their STEM fields. Manuscripts are currently being prepared for publication in peer reviewed journals.

The objectives in Year 2 of the research project were to: 1) continue collecting data from existing cohorts of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows; 2) recruit a new incoming cohort of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows (with a particular focus in increasing the sample of URM scholars participating in the research project; 3) analyze the longitudinal data collected to date; 4) prepare and submit empirical manuscripts for review and publication; and 5) disseminate theoretical models and research findings at local and national conferences.
**AGEP-T FRAME CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS**

The AGEP-T FRAME Conference Travel Program provides limited financial support for scholars to attend and/or present research at national or international conferences. Current scholars can apply for a maximum of $1,200 annually which may be divided to cover expenses for up to two conferences. Eight out of 13 conference attendees gave a poster presentation.

**Total funds awarded: $11,017.**

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**AGEP-T FRAME SEED GRANTS**

AGEP-T FRAME Research Grant funding is a competitive program used to cover research-related expenses. The granting of funds is based on both academic rigor and the involved research. Current scholars can apply for a maximum of $3,000 in the following categories: Research Grants, Technical Skill Development and Research & Network Collaboration.

**Total seed grants awarded: $11,995.**

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National GEM Consortium

GEM FELLOWS

Ammar Morgan completed the five year BE/MS combined degree program in Mechanical Engineering at Stony Brook and will be participating in two industry internships with Brookhaven National Laboratory. As an undergraduate, Morgan was a Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) intern at BNL where he worked on the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider project and designs for upgrades to the sPhenix project. He was a CSTEP scholar and advisory board member, and served as president of the Muslim Student Association. Morgan is the fourth GEM Fellow to be sponsored at Stony Brook University and is joined in being funded this year via GEM by Daphne Meza, PhD student in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Meza received the GEM Fellowship in 2012, but was able to defer her funding until 2014 as the result of her selection as a LSAMP-BD Fellow as well.

RECRUITMENT

On October 18, CIE staff member Toni Sperzel traveled with three Stony Brook undergraduate and master’s scholars to the annual New York Metro area GEM GRAD Lab (Getting Ready for Advanced Degrees). This one-day seminar offered workshops and panels on deciding if graduate school is right for you, preparing a competitive application, finding funding and making the most of your graduate studies. In 2015, the CIE will host the first GEM GRAD Lab to be held at Stony Brook University. We look forward to coordinating what will be a spectacular event for underrepresented undergraduate students in STEM disciplines who want to learn more about graduate school. The National GEM Consortium is a unique and powerful connection to a national network of universities and employers. This partnership promotes the participation of underrepresented groups in post-graduate science and engineering education and the technical workforce.

BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

The Center for Inclusive Education coordinated a compilation of collaborations between Brookhaven National Laboratory and the CIE community to be highlighted in a publication. Scholars were asked to provide information about how their work intersects with BNL - be it through classes, research or advisors.
Initiative for Maximizing Student Development, Maximizing Excellence in Research for Graduate Education

IMSD-MERGE kicked-off in 2014 as the first cohort was welcomed to the CIE. The program will help to increase the number of underrepresented individuals completing undergraduate and doctoral degrees in the biomedical sciences, further supporting SBU’s efforts in expanding and diversifying its undergraduate and graduate programs. IMSD-MERGE is the fifth highly visible and competitive award received by the CIE.

IMSD-MERGE COHORTS

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Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award, New York Consortium for the Advancement of Postdoctoral Scholars

NEW POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Sarah Alaei, PhD (Cohort 3)
Dr. Sarah Alaei completed her PhD at Columbia University where she studied the role of acetylation as a regulator of gap junction protein stability and function. Dr. Alaei joined Dr. David Thanassi’s lab in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, which is broadly interested in the underlying mechanisms of virulence protein secretion employed by diverse bacterial species. Dr. Alaei’s project will be focused upon characterizing the unusual pilus biogenesis pathways utilized by P. gingivalis in order to adhere to host cells and other microbes.

Elizabeth Atkinson, PhD (Cohort 3)
Dr. Elizabeth Atkinson completed her PhD in Evolution, Ecology and Population Biology at Washington University. Dr. Atkinson conducted an interdisciplinary project examining the genetic architecture and evolvability of brain traits in primates. She joined Dr. Benna Henn’s lab in the Department of Ecology & Evolution where she will be working on biomedical and evolution-oriented projects utilizing the lab’s extensive dataset from the African Genome Variation Project.

Jillian Cypser Nissen, PhD (Cohort 3)
Dr. Jillian Cypser Nissen completed her PhD in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology at Stony Brook University. Dr. Nissen joined Dr. Stella Tsirka’s lab in the Department of Pharmacology, which broadly focuses on the role of the resident immune cell of the brain and spinal cord, the microglia, in various central nervous system diseases. Her research primarily focuses on how microglia are responsible for mediating neuronal survival in multiple sclerosis.

Dominique Williams, PhD (Cohort 4)
Dr. Dominique Williams earned her PhD in Chemistry at Georgia State University where she worked under Dr. Kathryn Grant. Her graduate research entailed the design of biomimetic models of acidic phospholipases from lanthanide metal ions and complexes and DNA photocleavage studies by Cu(II) complexes. She is currently a NY-CAPS Fellow at Stony Brook University working under Dr. Elizabeth Boon in the Department of Chemistry where she is studying the mechanism of signaling pathways that have been linked to the modulation of bacterial biofilms.

ANNUAL MEETING
The 2015 National IRACDA Conference, Waves of Change: Research, Teaching, and Diversity, was held on June 14-16 at the Catamaran Resort Hotel in San Diego, CA. Eight NY-CAPS Scholars attended together with four Stony Brook staff members and three collaborators from partner institutions. NY-CAPS Scholars presented posters on their various research projects.

POSTDOC VIDEOS
Our second cohort of NY-CAPS Scholars filmed high definition profile videos outlining their background, research projects and future plans. These videos are posted on the NY-CAPS website as well as the Center for Inclusive Education’s YouTube channel.
2015 IRACDA NY-CAPS SEND-OFF
Dr. Tracy Callender (Cohort 1) accepted a full-time Assistant Professor faculty position at LIU-Post in the Department of Biology. She will be teaching an introductory biology course for non-majors and will also be the coordinator for the non-majors introductory labs.

Dr. William Gillis (Cohort 1) accepted a tenure-track position in the biology department at SUNY Old Westbury. As an Assistant Professor in Organismal Biology, Dr. Gillis will be teaching courses in introductory and developmental biology, as well as comparative anatomy. He will also be starting a research lab with undergraduate students studying cell signaling and embryology.

Dr. Gretchen López-Hernandez (Cohort 1) accepted an assistant professorship in the Department of Physiology at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Dr. Javier Monzón (Cohort 2) accepted a tenure-track position at Pepperdine University. In March, he had a second-authored paper accepted in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS): ‘Hypercholesterolemia and ApoE deficiency result in severe infection with Lyme disease and relapsing fever Borrelia’.

Dr. Marianne Moore (Cohort 2) accepted a tenure-track position at Arizona State University where she will be an Assistant Professor in Animal Ecology, a member of the Science and Mathematics group on the Polytechnic campus, and will mentor undergraduate and master’s students in the Applied Biological Sciences Program. She will also have the opportunity to mentor PhD students through the main Tempe campus.

PEDAGOGY COURSE
The third cohort of NY-CAPS Scholars participated in a newly revamped pedagogy course specifically designed for the NY-CAPS program and coordinated by the office of Teaching, Learning & Technology. This year the pedagogy sessions were held once per week over the course of two semesters, a shift from the initial twice per week sessions over the course of one semester. In addition, through the AGEP-T FRAME program and recently established Office for the Integration of Research, Education and Professional Development at Stony Brook University, this course is reaching an even greater population of postdocs and graduate students on campus. This course is now an integral component of the professional training for the AGEP-T FRAME Postdocs as well.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS
Dr. Elizabeth Atkinson’s article, “Cortical Folding of the Primate Brain: An Interdisciplinary Examination of the Genetic Architecture, Modularity, and Evolvability of a Significant Neurological Trait in Pedigreed Baboons (Genus Papio)” was selected for the cover of an issue of Genetics.


Dr. Marianne Moore’s poster titled “Host defense peptide diversity in bats: implications for resistance to White-Nose Syndrome”, was selected as the best bioinformatics and computational biology poster at the 2015 IRACDA National Conference.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS
Total funds awarded: $10,699 (Does not include travel support for the IRACDA annual meeting)

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**SUNY Turner Fellowship Program**

As a result of the substantial contribution announced ($250,000 over five years) by President Stanley at the 2014 State of the University Address, the Turner Fellowship was able to welcome its largest incoming cohort of fellows in what appears to be the history of the fellowship program. With 24 new first-year fellows and three dissertation fellowship recipients, the incoming class of 27 represents a wide variety of scholars across the graduate disciplines.

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The Hilton Garden Inn served as the location for this year’s Turner Welcome Dinner, which took place on September 30. Joined by over 110 CIE Scholars, campus leaders, faculty, administrators and members of the Turner family, the event provided an elegant opportunity to welcome the new fellows to the Turner Fellowship ‘family’. Guest speakers included Turner Fellow and FameLab competition winner Lyl Tomlinson from the doctoral program in Neuroscience, SUNY Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Carlos Medina, Joyce Turner and recently retired SBU faculty member Dr. Robert Liebermann from the Geosciences Department. 2014 marks the 27th year of the Turner Fellowship program. Known as the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program (GDFP) across the SUNY System, the Turner Fellowship is one of 24 GDFP programs funded by the State University of New York’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
SUNY Turner Fellowship Program

TURNER SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS

Sixteen Turner Fellows were selected as recipients of Summer Research Grants, totaling $46,990.54.

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The nominations cycle for the 2015-2016 academic year produced 54 nominees and 20 new fellows for the upcoming fall semester.
LSAMP BD SCHOLAR

Edward Turner
LSAMP-BD welcomed Edward Turner, a MS student in the Department of Applied Mathematics & Statistics. Originally from Queens, NY, he completed his undergraduate work at Stony Brook University, where he was awarded a LSAMP scholarship. He studied how to address mathematical and engineering problems by using computational methods and how these computational methods may be optimized. Turner passed his qualifying exam in June and is currently transitioning to the PhD program in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics where he will be working with Dr. Xiao-Lin Li.

LSAMP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
Seven LSAMP-BD Fellows traveled to Washington, DC on October 3 to attend the first-ever NSF-sponsored LSAMP Professional Development Institute. During the institute, multiple workshops and speakers provided LSAMP Scholars with strategies and tactics for maximizing their doctoral research experiences and preparing themselves for the job search process.

Research Experience for Undergraduates in Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment
The REU in Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment residential summer program welcomed its fifth cohort of undergraduates to Stony Brook on June 1. Under the direction of PI Dr. Gary Halada, nine interns from seven different undergraduate institutions participated in the program. This year, participants were again accompanied by IMSD-MERGE Scholars. The summer program concluded with a Symposium & Closing Ceremony held on Friday, August 7.

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STAFF UPDATES

Julianna Pryor joined the CIE team on November 3 as a Content and Publications Writer. This Research Foundation position was created to assist the CIE team with community outreach, social media, publications and grant proposal writing.

Toni Sperzel, Program Manager, Turner Fellowship and GEM Fellowship programs, was granted permanency at Stony Brook University in December. Sperzel has worked for the Center for Inclusive Education since 2007 and is the first team member to become a permanent employee of the University.

STAFF AWARDS

CIE Postdoctoral Associate, Dr. Sheri Clark, won a travel award to attend the 7th Annual Conference on Understanding Interventions that Broaden Participation in Sciences Careers in San Diego, CA in May.

Director, Nina Maung-Gaona, won two prestigious awards for her public and professional service for underrepresented populations – the 2015 Public Service Award from the Suffolk County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission (January) and the 2015 Lawrence Timpa Memorial Award for Professional Service from the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (May). CIE staff and scholars, along with Stony Brook faculty members, joined together at the respective ceremonies to honor Maung-Gaona’s achievements. Maung-Gaona was nominated for the 2015 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service from the SUNY Chancellor’s Office as well. Award status is pending.

AGEP-T FRAME and IRACDA NY-CAPS Program Manager, Karian Wright, was selected by Caribbean Life News as a recipient of their “40 under 40” award. Wright was recognized for her professional achievements working with underrepresented postsecondary scholars, including six years as an advisor, adjunct faculty member and Assistant Director of Graduate Student Recruitment at Monroe College; her work since 2013 with the Center for Inclusive Education; and her service and volunteerism with the community as a reverend and minister.