Summer 2018

UNI S A C Updates: Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology Newsletter, Summer 2018

University of Northern Iowa. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology.
Summer 2018 Newsletter

2017-2018 SAC Student Achievements

UNI PURPLE AND OLD GOLD AWARDS

Rachel Bruns - Sociology
Rachel was outstanding in many ways as a sociology major. In addition to excellence in the classroom, Rachel completed two separate internships, one as a sexual assault advocate and the other with the Black Hawk County Attorney’s Office, and she’ll attend Drake Law School in the fall.

Sarah Boer - Anthropology
Sarah is a senior anthropology major. After graduating from UNI, Sarah will be attending graduate school at the University of York, England for an MSC in Bioarchaeology.

Victoria Gritton - Criminology
Victoria is a bright, articulate and active student. We can depend on her to
contribute, to work well with others and to ask good questions. Victoria is a wonderful person with depth, maturity, good character and humor. We look forward to hearing all that she accomplishes after graduation.

**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONORS SOCIETY**

**Brenna Wolfe** - Sociology  
Brenna was inducted into AKD for her excellent work in the classroom.

**UNI MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

The McNair Scholars program helps undergraduate students prepare for doctoral research through research experiences.

**Dante Miller** - Sociology  
**Lyn Tackett** - Anthropology  
**Vanessa Jordan** - Criminology

**UNI DRAKE MARTIN GOLD STAR AWARDS**

Residential leadership award given to student leaders for outstanding contributions to on-campus living at UNI

**Siraj Acharya** - Sociology

**SAC JOHN CHASE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN CRIMINOLOGY**

**Alexandria Bibbs** - Criminology

Alexandria is an exceptional student who was selected as the top candidate out of 71 applicants for the scholarship. Not only does Alexandria get very high grades, but she is very active in her academic career. She is always prepared for class and can be counted on to provide thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Her written and verbal communication skills are excellent. On top of this, Alexandria has excellent critical thinking skills. She asks very insightful questions and is able to objectively look at an issue from multiple perspectives.

**CSBS DONALD AND GUDRUN FRUEHLING SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**
This summer we launch a new research fellowship program for undergraduates, generously funded by Donald and Gudrun Fruehling. This competitive program supports students pursuing summer research, and supports faculty supervising this research.

**Cade Olmstead** - Sociology
“Corruption in Public Education”
Advisor: Qingli Meng

**Lyn Tackett** - Anthropology
“Through a ‘Green Lens’: A Paleoethnobotanical Study of the Cedar Valley”
Advisor: Donald Gaff

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**CSBS STUDENT RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**Oral Presentations**

**Kyla Ford** - Criminology
“Dismantling the Gun Violence Epidemic Facing Public Schools”
Advisor: B. Keith Crew

**Dante Miller** - Sociology
“Collective Memory or Obama in the Trump Era”
Advisor: Carissa Froyum

**Emma Rosentrate** - Anthropology
“An Anthropological Interpretation of Paleolithic Art and its Contributions to Human Survival”
Advisor: Tyler O'Brien

**Lyn Tackett** - Anthropology
“Prehistoric Prescriptions: A Paleoethnobotanical Study into the Origins of Food Recipes”
Advisor: Jian Li

**Poster Presentations**

**Abigail A. Cobb** - Sociology/Criminology & **Cade M. Olmstead** - Sociology
“Assessment of Iowa Gambling Treatment Methods: A Qualitative Analysis”
Advisor: Ki Park, CSBR

**Clayton Miller** - Sociology
“You Sell Like a Girl: Entrepreneurship in the Quilt World”
Advisor: Marybeth C. Stalp

**Nicole Powers** - Criminology & Sociology
“Internship at Family and Children's Council of Black Hawk County”
Advisor: Kimberly Baker

**Taylor Pearce** - Criminology
“Internship at Black Hawk County
Sheriff's Office
Advisor: Kimberly Baker

**Student Organization Table**

Corey Richards
- Criminology
  "Association of Criminology Students"
  Advisor: Joe Gorton

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**IOWA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Clayton Miller - Sociology
"You Sell Like a Girl: Entrepreneurship in the Quilt World"
Advisor: Marybeth C. Stalp

Awarded:
2018 Iowa Sociological Association Poster Award

Nicole Powers - Criminology & Sociology
"Internship at Family and Children’s Council of Black Hawk County"
Advisor: Kimberly Baker

Taylor Pearce - Criminology
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**SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COLLEGE (SABRs)**

SABRs are part of a select group of undergraduate students who work directly with the CSBS Dean’s Office to promote college programs and serve as ambassadors for the college. SABRs attended numerous recruitment events, conducted campus tours, met with CSBS alumni, and represented the college at administrative events like presidential lunches.

Sociology — Siraj Archarya, Rachel Bruns, Abbi Cobb

Anthropology — Ellie Akers, Noelle Patton, Jamie Crispin

Criminology — Abbi Cobb, Alexis Daman, Dane Schaffer

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**STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITY**
Sociology Club
Leadership — Abbi Cobb and Rachel Bruns
Rachel and Abbi mentored several first and second-year sociology students regarding both the sociology program and law school preparation. They additionally attended a few sociology and criminology intro-level courses to briefly discuss sociology as a major and as a student club.

Club activities this year:
Volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank
Participating in the Expanding Your Horizons conference
Hosting a UNI Proud panel
Hosted a discussion on graduate school

SAC INTERNSHIPS FOR 2017-2018

Miranda Barber—Black Hawk County District Attorney’s Office
Ben Blaser—Davenport Police Department
Michael Casey—Department of Corrections 1st District
Elizabeth Denniston—Department of Corrections
Tabitha Fergason—Cedar Falls Police Department
Tanner Gerst—District 1 Department of Corrections (Probation/parole)
Ben Hager—UNI Police
Pearl Hammes—Crisis Intervention Services
Adam Hancock—Iowa State Patrol, Cedar Falls; Cedar Falls Police Department, new officer training
Renicia Haywood—Department of Corrections 1st District
Allison Hunt—Black Hawk County District Attorney
Vanessa Jordan—Riverview Center
Kerra Kruse—Clayton County Sheriff’s Office
Nicholas Lewis—UNI Museum
Erik Lux—Johnson County Sheriff’s Office
Madison Parmenter—Riverview Center
Taylor Pearce—Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office
Nicole Powers—Family and Children’s Council of Black Hawk County

Carrie Rogers—Black Hawk County District Attorney’s Office

**UNI MUSEUM EMPLOYMENT**

Ellie Akers (anthropology) is the head student research assistant and the conservation research assistant for the Museum’s mastodon tusk restoration project. After graduation she plans to seek out pre-program internships under the direction of professional conservators in the museum field, and receive her master's degree in the conservation of ethnographic materials. Ellie says one of the coolest thing about her job at the museum is being able to directly apply what she learns in my class to the physical objects. She states, "It's a unique way of processing the information and I think it solidifies ideas, themes and concepts that help me be successful in the classroom. I also love the fact that no day is ever boring or the same and I work with amazing people." Curated Exhibit: "Changing the Station: Women in the Golden Age of Radio" and it looks at the changing cultural rhetoric of women during the 1920's in the United States.

Nicholas Lewis (anthropology) is a management collections technician at UNI Museum. Nicholas says the best part about working at the museum is the opportunity to handle history and culture, and to explore an array of different cultures in both research and in a physical sense.

**SAC MAJORS EMPLOYED UPON GRADUATION**

Elizabeth Dennison will be completing advanced individual training in Ft. Lee, VA and then begin as a youth specialist at Bremwood this summer.

Tabitha Fergason will be working in criminal history records with the Department of Public Safety/Department of Criminal Investigation.

Tanner Gerst will be working as a residential officer with the 1st District Department of Corrections.

Pearl Hammes will be working at Crisis Intervention Services in Waterloo, where she interned prior to graduation.

Adam Hancock will be working with the Cedar Falls Police Department.

Nicole Powers will be working as a child and family specialist with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Corey Richards is a finalist for a position with the Department of Criminal
Investigations.

**Sociology Endowed Scholarship Fundraising Progress**

As you may know, we are working to establish an endowed scholarship for students majoring in sociology at the University of Northern Iowa.

The price tag for such a “forever scholarship” is $30,000, which we have divided up into five years of raising $6,000. This year, we have nearly reached our goal, with only $1,070 left to raise!

Will you help us? Please consider making a tax-deductible gift in support of our scholarship fundraising efforts. Donate online today at uni-foundation.org/soc-scholarship. If you’d prefer to pay by check, please make out to “UNI Foundation” and indicate “Sociology Endowed Scholarship” in the memo line.

**MAIL TO:**

UNI Foundation Financial Services  
121 Commons  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0239  

We truly appreciate your consideration of UNI. Together we can make this scholarship a reality and create a meaningful difference in the lives of our students!

**Contact Us**  
The SAC faculty at UNI would very much like to connect with our alums. If you are willing to be featured in upcoming emails, webpage, or Facebook pages, please send an email to: sac@uni.edu

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