

2015-2017 & 2016-2018 COHORTS
UNCF/MELLON UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS' RESEARCH TOPICS

BENNETT COLLEGE NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Brothely Jones	Biology "Engaging Minority Students in the Environmental Sciences at an Early Age"	Dr. Cristina Moreira	2015
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CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Tatyana Donaldson	Sociology "A Pictorial Analysis of Hegemonic Femininity in Print Sources"	Dr. Alison McLetchie	2015
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Amber Ravenell	English "Lost in Translation: African American Young Adult Literature and the Problems Within the Canon"	Dr. Kim Green	2016
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Amori Washington	English "The Black Diaspora: Differences Leading to Connections"	Dr. Belinda Wheeler	2016
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FISK UNIVERSITY NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Iyanna Hamby	English "The Role of the Spectator; Conscious Casting; Multiculturalism in the Contemporary American Theatre"	Dr. Holly Hamby	2016
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Michelle Jones	English "The Presentation of Single Mothers within Literature and Literature's Effect on Culture"	Dr. Katherine Burnett	2015
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Kiana McClintick	Gender/ Ethnic Studies "Buried in the Margins: Biracial Characters in Harlem Renaissance Fiction"	Dr. Patrick Fleming	2016
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HAMPTON UNIVERSITY NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Brenton Boyd	English "Pray Remember Me! Counter-Memory and the Tragic Mulatta in Louisiana Hauntings and Nineteenth-Century Southern Literature"	Dr. Karima Jeffery	2016
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Al-Majid Edwards	English "Verisimilitude: Nigrescence as a Literary Tool for Practicing and Examining Characterization and Conflict"	Dr. Shonda J. Buchanan	2015
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Aaron Fambry	English "In Her Shoes: An Analysis on Rape and the Female Body in Ovid's Metamorphoses to Contemporary Literature"	Dr. Ameer Carmines	2015
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Alexis Mayfield	English "Sister Friend: An Exploration of How Friendships among Black Women Contributes to Healing within Literature"	Dr. Joyce M. Jarrett	2016
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Tandeka Nunn Sociology Dr. Zina McGee 2016
 "Deviant by Default: The Unfair Consequence of Negative Perceptions of African American Female Students"

Talia Sharpp History Dr. Joy Hendrickson 2016
 "To Die for the People: Resurrecting Theories of Women in the Black Panther Party for Self Defense"

HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY

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Cale Carter	History	Dr. Alaine Hutson	2015
"The Investigation of Roger Sauvage and His Role in the Fourth Republic"			

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Je'lon Alexander	History	Dr. Barry Lee	2016
"The Rebellion of the Students- The Connection between Atlanta Student Movement, the Atlanta Project, and the Rise of Black Power"			

Xavier Bonner	Physics	Dr. Willie Rockward	2016
"Optimal Algorithm Design of an Exotic Diffraction Grating for Extreme Ultraviolet Nanofabrication"			

Da'Von Boyd	Political Science	Dr. Andrew Douglas	2015
"ReThinking Liberalism: Disputing the Orthodox Philosophies of the Classical Liberal Paradigm through a Contemporary Lens"			

DeMarcus Burke	Philosophy/Spanish	Dr. Kipton Jensen	2015
"An Analysis of African American Philosophy and its Influence on the African American Identity Post-Civil Rights Movement"			

Jonathan Carlisle	Political Science	Dr. Larry Spruill	2015
"Reconstructing Liberalism: An Analysis of Liberalism in Context of Black Reconstruction and Civil Rights Movement"			

Keith Matier	Philosophy	Dr. Kipton Jensen	2016
"Exploring Justice Discourse in the Alleviation of Health Inequities"			

Lewis Miles	Sociology	Dr. Derrick Bryan	2016
"Black Masculinity, Dandyism, and the Academy: Choices of Respectability or Rebellion for the Black Male Professoriate"			

Ryan Russell	Political Science	Dr. Andrew Douglas	2016
"The Hypocrisy in Democracy: Contradictions in American Values"			

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

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Jasmine Johnson	English	Dr. Chandra Mountain	2015
"The White Noise of Black Voice in Literature"			

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
Freddya Briggs "The Emergence of Abused and Battered Black Women as Teachers of Endurance, Resilience and Survival"	English	Dr. Hazel Ervin	2015
Damiesha Bryant "Lifetime Exposure of the Least Killifish and Mosquitofish to Treated Sewer Effluent: Organism and Population Level Effects"	Biology	Dr. Latonya Jackson	2016
Dominique Crawford "Usability of CAPTCHA"	Computer Science	Dr. Samar Sawid	2016
Craig Steele, Jr. "Streak Analysis of Professional Bowlers"	Mathematics	Dr. Deidra Coleman	2016

RUST COLLEGE

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
Janicia Mitchell "For Better or For Worse: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Intervention Programs on At-Risk and Delinquent Youth in the Rural South"	Sociology	Dr. Marco Robinson	2015

SPELMAN COLLEGE

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
Connie Appiah "Reproductive Health Spaces: Engagement and Interactions of Cameroonian Women"	Sociology & Anthropology	Dr. Asia Leeds	2016
Nia Bush "A Philosophical Analysis of Disciplined Black Beauty"	Philosophy	Dr. Shay Welch	2015
Krislyn Domingue "Voodoo Queen: A Study of Female Religious Leadership in 21 st - Century New Orleans"	Sociology/Anthropology	Dr. Jerry Wever	2015
Jauhara Ferguson "An Analytical Critique of the Discourse on the "Radicalization" of Muslim Youth"	International Studies/Religion	Dr. Nami Kim	2015
Endia Hayes "Black Femme Fatale: Jaelyn Young and the Role of Women in Religious Extremism."	Sociology/Anthropology	Dr. Bruce Wade	2015
Kimya Loder "Transform and Resist: An Analysis of the Impact of the 2010 Tunisian Uprising on the Emerging Identities of Tunisian Youth"	Sociology & Anthropology/ International Studies	Dr. Bahati Kuumba	2016
Betanya Mahary "Documenting the Narratives of Youth Eritrean Experiences: Escaping Eritrea as a Form of Survival and Resistance"	Sociology & Anthropology	Dr. Erica Williams	2016
Terri O'Neal "Methods in Motion: Ethnographic Praxis of Black Womanhood in Dance"	Sociology/Anthropology	Dr. Veta Goler	2015

Sharon Saffold-Harris Religious Studies Dr. Nami Kim 2016
 "Dismantling Destructive Discourses of Domestic Sex Trafficking Victims: An Ethical Attempt to Move Away from Charity and towards Solidarity"

Jimeria Williams Mathematics Dr. Renee Moore 2016
 "Exploring Relationships: The Wellness Revolution and U.S. Black Spelman College Students' Weight"

TOUGALOO COLLEGE

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Ashanta Griskell	English	Dr. James Curtis	2016
"Black Barbie: A Study of the Positive and Negative Effects of Exemplars of Black Femininity Constructed By Female Young Adult Speculative Fiction Authors and Pop Culture Figures on the Young Black Female Psyche"			

Rae' Jean Spears	English	Dr. Miranda Freeman	2015
"Let the Church Say Amen: An Analysis of the Rhetorical Effectiveness of Black Sermons and How They Affect the Involvement of African Americans in Racially Motivated Justice Movements"			

Victoria Washington	English	Dr. Ebony Lumumba	2016
"The Girls from Around the Way: A New Narrative for the Black Woman"			

Hilary Word	History	Dr. Daphne Chamberlain	2015
"The Ballad of the Lost Songbirds: Examining the Absence of Black Women in American Country Music History, 1940-1960"			

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

NAME	DISCIPLINE	MENTOR	COHORT
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Jasmine Johnson	History/ English	Dr. Worth Hayes	2016
"The Men Behind the Mystery : The Untold Story of Stanley D. Levinson and Bayard Rustin"			

WILEY COLLEGE

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Jeremy Jackson	Biology	Dr. Ruth Washington	2015
"Does Affiliation Matter?: The Impact of Scientific Publications at Historically Black Colleges and Universities"			