CLA FRESHMAN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE AWARDS PROGRAM RECEPTION

Thursday, November 8, 2012
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
University Hall, McNamara Alumni Center

REMARKS
James A. Parente, Jr., Dean
Jennifer Windsor, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs

PRESENTATION BY PARTICIPANTS
Dylan Hansen & Trevor Spriggs
with Professor David Feinberg, Department of Art

Erin Diamond
with Professor Yang Zhang, Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

FIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN ONE
CLA Freshman Research and Creative Awards showcase academic excellence. This signature program emphasizes first-year students’ achievement and engagement in a research-intensive liberal arts setting.

• The program provides $2,000 scholarships to help recruit highly talented first-year students to CLA.

• Based on their interests and expertise, students are individually matched with world class faculty members.

• Students become part of a faculty member’s research and creative team through up to 10 hours a week of engagement, innovation, and disciplined effort during spring semester of the first year.

• Faculty-student interaction and mentoring is a core component of the program. This touchstone is an important element of students’ investment and motivation in their college careers.

• The program is designed for students across the disciplines and scholarly approaches of the social sciences, arts, and humanities. Students engage in projects from survey and laboratory research to artistic, literary, and curatorial work to collaborations with community organizations.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2011-2012 SPONSORS, REGENT DAVID LARSON & MRS. JANIS LARSON AND DONORS TO THE CLA FUND.

"I greatly enjoyed working with Professor Miller and learning directly from a professor about a subject that I had had little experience in before. This program has greatly impacted my college experience in a positive way, and I hope that many more freshmen will get a chance to participate in it."

Joshua Quinn, Spring 2012 Participant
With Associate Professor Joanne Miller

"The Freshman Research and Creative Awards Program is truly beneficial for everyone involved. For many students, the opportunity to gain hands-on experience conducting research does not arise until their 3rd or 4th academic year. Additionally, the program allows professors to engage with eager students early in their academic pursuit and to mentor them through a truly unique experience."

Lizbeth Finestack
Assistant Professor, Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
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Emily Myers, Spring 2012 Participant
With Associate Professor Patrick McNamara

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Students are the heart of any great college; and a great liberal arts college asks students to step forward in a supportive partnership with faculty to help create the new knowledge and art forms of the 21st century. This is what the CLA Freshman Research and Creative Awards Program does.

Three of our talented students, at different stages of their academic careers, are speaking about their work at today’s event. Dylan Hansen and Trevor Spriggs worked in spring 2012 with Professor David Feinberg (Art) on his ‘voice to vision’ project which is an extraordinary documentation of the experiences of genocide survivors through video and other visual arts. Erin Diamond had the opportunity in spring 2011 to learn to use sophisticated electrophysiological tools to study language with Professor Yang Zhang (Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences). After completing the project, she received an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program grant and now is a research assistant with Professor Zhang. These students exemplify how participation in the Freshman Research and Creative Awards Program is part of the foundation of a meaningful and successful liberal arts education.

2011-12 PARTICIPANTS

ART
David Feinberg
Trevor Spriggs
Dylan Hansen
Tom Rose
Cody Narveson
Howard Oransky
Madison Sternig
Austin Voight
Candace Thooft

FRENCH & ITALIAN
Susanna Ferlito
Brandon George
Katie Beth Strand

HISTORY
Patrick McNamara
Emily Myers
Olivia Ridge
Sarah Hebel
Ann Waltner
Lili Shen
Tyler Davis

LINGUISTICS
Jeanette Gundel
Hope Shinn

MUSIC
Scott Lipscomb
Sean Hirthe
Haskel Black
Kalina Parsons
Matthew Sheeley
Aaron Grossman
Alex Lubet
Daniel Schumacher
Jerry Luckhardt
Emily Humbert
Michael Silverman
Isabella Albright
Christopher Leslie
Dean Sorenson
Breyen Coffin

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Joanne Miller
Joshua Quinn
Andrew Karch
Katie Cowles

PSYCHOLOGY
Stephen Engel
Justin Kracht
Wilma Koustaal
Sarah Carlson
Alladdin Makawi
Moin Syed
Kaja Switalska

SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING SCIENCES
Lizbeth Fineslack
Nathan Omdalen
Clarenshea Davis
Kathryn Kohnert
Abby Hoffman
Ben Munson
Samuel Kortes
Yang Zhang
Pengyue Mao
Kaylee Wiens

SOCIOLOGY
Jeff Broadbent
Mariah Weitzenkamp
Carolyn Liebler
Zachary Hookom
Alysha Fenlon
Jeylan Mortimer
Thomas Garry

THEATRE ARTS & DANCE
Lisa Channer
Katherine O’Neill
Alex Pham

WRITING STUDIES
Laura Gurak
Maria Brekke
Kayla Krippner
Donald Ross
Aaron Grossman

MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER
Erin Kelly
Phyllis Moon
Evan Roberts
Rob Warren
Sarah Flood
Miriam King
Rebecca Barney
Samuel Apfel
John Hanson
Emily Grode
Anthony Gerbi
Emma Contreras
Jessica Lanzi
Matthew Styles
Marissa Moeller
Gino Marchetti
Sukanya Momsen

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