

GRAD REBEL WRITING BOOT CAMP

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THE JANUARY 2018 COHORT**

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LIZETTE ARELLANO



Lizette is in her final year as master's student in the Department of World Languages and Cultures. Her supervisor and mentor is Dr. Susan Byrne. For the duration of the Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp, she will be working on the final draft of a paper that deals with the novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude* as a means to preserve cultural and historical memory. She plans to present the paper at a conference in February 2018.

TEVFIK DEMIRCIFTCI (TJ)



- **First Year in Program, PhD in Hospitality administration, Mehmet Erdem.**
- This exploratory study attempted to categorize hotel guests' perceived importance for GT by using the opinion leadership scales originally developed by Flynn, Goldsmith, & Eastman (1996). Given the aforementioned gap in the related literature, the purpose of this study was to empirically examine whether two distinctive characteristics of hotel guests (i.e., opinion leadership and opinion seeking) has an effect on various levels of perceived importance on GT amenities available in hotels. This study also tested effects of demographic factors (i.e., gender, and education) as covariates on the perceived importance of GT amenities.

CECELIA GONZALEZ



Cecelia is a second-year master's student in the Department of Criminal Justice and is supervised by Dr. Gillian Pinchevsky. During the Grad Rebel Writing Bootcamp, she will be working on writing her master's thesis that focuses on peer-to-peer adolescent sexual harassment in K-12 schools.

JUANITA JASSO HINOJOSA



Juanita is a first year doctoral student pursuing her Ph.D. in Higher Education. She serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Educational Psychology & Higher Education. She identifies as a first-generation and is passionate about researching, developing, and implementing inclusive practices and institutional policies that support undocumented students and increase educational equity amongst underrepresented communities in higher education.

Juanita will be working on a literature review exploring factors that influence college choice and pathways among students of color pursuing STEM degrees.

Advisor: Dr. Blanca Rincón

NUDTHAWUD “DEW” HOMTONG



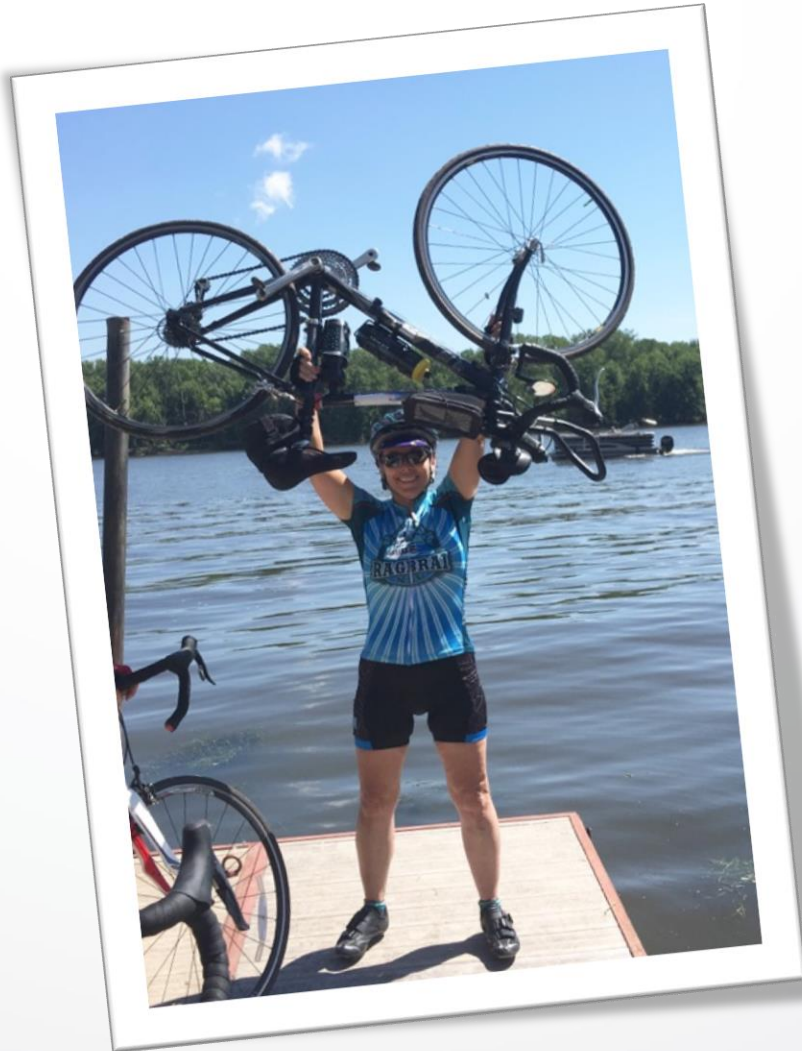
- Ph.D. Candidate in Hydrogeology (5th year)
- Department of Geoscience.
- **Supervisor:**
Dr. Gabriel Judkins
- **Project:** Impacts of climate change and hydropower developments in the Lower Mekong Basin

EUN JOO (EJ) KIM



- Second semester of PhD (Spring 2018) in Hospitality Administration.
- Supervisor: Sarah Tanford
- I will work on literature review for my manuscript. It is about travelers' decision making process on online travel agencies. The study investigates how heuristic can simplify travel decision and whether a particular travel goal can activate representativeness heuristic.

GAYLE MOORE



- Teaching & Learning
- Career & Post-secondary Technical Education
- Advisor-Dr. Howard Gordon
- 2nd year
- Working on literature review in preparation of my dissertation.

BABAYEMI OLAKUNDE



- **1st Year, PhD Student in Public Health**
- **Supervisor:** Dr. Francisco Sy
- **Project:** A systematic review on the barriers and facilitators of uptake of female sterilization in sub-Saharan Africa

JOHN OLAWEPO



**First year doctoral student
in Public Health**

(Research interest in
Global Health and
Implementation Science).

Advisor/Chair:

Dr Jennifer Pharr

Project:

Develop prospectus for
my dissertation which will
address HIV incidence in
Nigeria.

STEPHANIE MOLINA



Interdisciplinary Health Sciences –
Health Physics

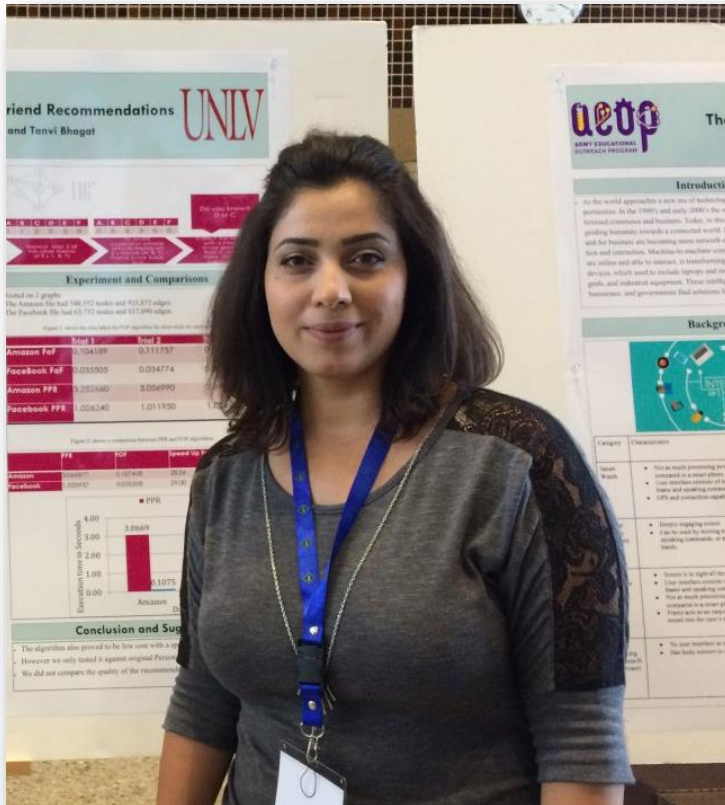
Advisor: Dr. Steen Madsen

Ph.D. Student (Year 3)

Stephanie's research is investigating the development of a biomimetic approach to drug delivery for treatment of brain cancers.

During the GC Writing Boot Camp week, she will be working on three overlapping projects: an executive summary for an external grant proposal, part of her qualifying exam (a short literature review on the dissertation topic to be included with a full grant proposal), and composing the introduction to her prospectus document.

MATIN PIROUZ



Matin is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Computer Science of the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering. Her research is in the fields of data analytics, big data, and graph theory under the supervision of Dr. Justin Zhan.

During the Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp, she be working on her dissertation which proposes novel frameworks for community detection and ranking in complex social online network.

JENNIFER REED



This is my 9th year in the Sociology program and my Ph.D. advisor is Dr. Barb Brents. I am currently working on writing my dissertation findings about the ecosexual movement as a case study of intersectional activism.

KRISTINA RICKER



- 2nd year student in the PhD program in Public Health, Behavioral and Social Program.
- Dr. Thompson-Robinson is committee chair
- Working on literature review for dissertation and possible publication re: impact of social determinants on college students' health

CASEY STAMEREILERS



Entering 4th year in the School of Life Sciences PhD program under the advisement of Dr. Tsourkas. I will be working on a prospectus and improving my writing abilities for my dissertation on the horizon.

JENNIFER STEVENS



- 7th year (2011 Cohort)
- **Sociology**
- Received M.A. in 2015
- Dr. Robert Futrell
- Social Movements/Collective Behavior, Culture, and Identity
- Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp Project: **Dissertation Prospectus**
- A qualitative study of the (counter) movement, **Blue Lives Matter** including a thematic content analysis of the national movement's Facebook page posts and comments, to better understand the role of the internet, in particular social media, for social movements, and what social scientists can learn about from this platform shift.

WYNN TASHMAN



Wynn Tashman is a 4th year dual-degree (PhD/JD) student in the School Psychology program under faculty advisor Dr. Samuel Song.

During the Grad Rebel Writing Camp, Wynn will be working on an original research study, examining heteronormativity in legal service advertisements.

Results will be submitted for publication in interdisciplinary outlets of law and social sciences.

SHAHAB TAYEB



Shahab is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering. His research is in the fields of cybersecurity and emerging Internet of Things networks under the supervision of Dr. Shahram Latifi.

During the Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp, he will be finalizing his dissertation which examines the security of the Internet of Things from an interlayer perspective.