

Spring 2013 Stipend Winners

Glaser Stipend Award Recipients

Emilie Cruz, School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts

Journalism/Creative Writing, '14

Editorial Intern at VH1.com

VH1.com is comprised of three blogs – VH1 Celebrity, VH1 Tuner and VH1 Shows – which focuses on today's pop culture, the biggest names in music and the various shows that airs on the VH1 television station. Although Emilie assists with all the blogs as an editorial intern, she works closely with the VH1 Celebrity blog. Her main duties include: conducting photo research for the various posts, editing and captioning photos, and occasionally writing her own blog posts. Emilie aspires to be a very successful magazine journalist.

Russell M. Dembin, School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts

Theater History & Criticism, '13

Editorial Intern at Theatre Communications Group (TCG)

Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for theatre in the United States, offers networking and professional development opportunities through conferences and other events. Russell M. Dembin is assisting the editorial staff of TCG's monthly *American Theatre* magazine, and his tasks include copy editing, proofreading, fact-checking, coordinating future articles, as well as contributing pieces of his own. He is a freelance dramaturge and an associate editor of *The Sondheim Review*, and he plans to pursue a PhD in theater history.

Kandel Stipend Award Recipients

Laurie Cherenfant, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Journalism, '13

Social Media Intern at Viacom, TV Land

TV Land is a television network consisting of original programming, as well as classic and contemporary programming. As a social media intern, Laurie Cherenfant will be pulling and analyzing data on the interests of television viewers and competitors, interpreting data from a ratings system known as Nielsen and reporting on information that will enhance marketing and advertisement. Laurie Cherenfant plans to become an executive editor.

Chinweokwu Ekwueme, School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts

Production, '14

Administrative Intern at WBLS 107.5FM

Chinweokwu is currently interning at the well-known radio station WBLS 107.5. WBLS is an urban adult contemporary FM radio station in NYC. She works on the nightly broadcast "The Quiet Storm" executing the following duties: answering phones, taking requests from listeners and choosing contest winners. She also loads music that will be played on the show into the system and edits phone calls between the jock and callers to be replayed. Outside of the station, she assists Lenny Green with his event planning, keeps of all his social media sites up-to-date and answers messages and e-mails.

O'Hara Stipend Award Recipients

**Karen Aragon, School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts
Multimedia Computer, '13**

Information Designer at Enigma.io (www.enigma.io)

Enigma.io is a 'big data' company that specializes in harmonizing and indexing disparate public databases that can be searched and browsed within one interface. As an Information Designer, Karen Aragon utilizes her computer programming, research and design background to create sophisticated and interactive data visualizations of large data sets in a wide array of subject areas such as unemployment, health-care, and financial data. Her aim is to intuitively and creatively present the exponential amounts of information found in our daily lives in a direct and clear manner. This summer she will be working with a mobile development company and hopes to continue solving real world problems as a developer.

Sisti Stipend Award Recipients

**Mustafa Bugra Sozeri, School of Business
Business Management and Finance, '13**

Investment Banking Analyst Intern at T.C. Vakif Bank NY

Mustafa Bugra Sozeri comes from Ankara, Turkey. He attends Brooklyn College, Department of Business, Management and Finance, which offers a combined education that spans various business-related fields and broadens the boundaries of business. He currently interns in T.C. Vakif Bank New York Branch as an investment-banking analyst. His career interests include financial consultancy, emerging markets, political economics, international finance and global market strategy. After graduating from Brooklyn College in Summer 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree, Mustafa Bugra Sozeri plans to attend graduate school to get his Ph.D. in political economics and finance.

Qiwei Chen, School of Business

Accounting/Business Management and Finance, '14

Accounting Intern at Y & W Professional Services, Inc.

Qiwei Chen is currently a Junior at Brooklyn College and working as a tax intern. His duties include: researching various tax matters, processing payroll data for approximately one hundred employees, and preparing individual, partnership, and corporate tax returns. This accounting internship offers Qiwei valuable networking opportunities and the chance to work and connect with many accountants and professionals in the field. Owning and operating a CPA accounting firm is his ultimate dream.

Tow Stipend Award Recipients

Mohidur Milton, School of Business

Public Accounting, '13

Management/Operations Intern at Instant Tax Refund

Instant Tax Refund is a growing tax firm that provides tax services to individuals in low-income areas in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Mohidur Milton is a manager at one of the locations and overlooks the daily operations of the store, working closely with two of his employees to provide the best service to clients. Mohidur Milton is working towards becoming a CPA and learning the trades of the business so that he can, one day, open up his own tax firm.

Yusuf Britton, School of Business

Public Accounting, '13

Accounting Intern at Thompson & Company, CPA and Consultants

As an accounting intern, Yusuf performs various processes with audit, taxation and other accounting functions. He is currently being trained to do audits and work on business taxes as well. He aspires to continue working at this site if he is provided with a full time offer to me to fulfill my CPA requirements and wants to become a CPA within a year or so, specializing in taxation. In the future, he expects to become a certified fraud examiner.

**Dominique M. Carson School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts
Media Studies (MS), '14**

Music Publicity Consultant Intern, Plan a Media LLCDominique M. Carson is a graduate student at Brooklyn College. She is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Media Studies. She also received her bachelors degree in Journalism and Italian (June '12) at the college as well. Carson will graduate in Spring 2014 with her masters. She would like to receive her doctorate in Communications at Columbia University or NYU. Carson is currently a music publicity consultant intern at Plan a Media, LLC. She works with media specialist Patti Conte, staff, and Atlantic Records former co-president Ron Shapiro. Her major duties are writing, editing, and pitching stories, speaking with music executives about managing a musician or record label, and figuring out which events will accommodate artists based on genre. Carson's long term goal is to be an award winning journalist, public relations officer, co-owner of a massage parlor with her mother and sister entitled, La Donna Bella, and a motivational speaker for urbanized communities in Brooklyn.

**Luisa Gallego, School of Education
School Counseling '13**

School Counseling Intern at P.S 2 The Alfred Zimberg School

P.S 2 is a neighborhood school in East Elmhurst serving working-class and middle-class children from culturally diverse backgrounds. It provides general education, special education, and ESL services as well as occupational therapy, speech therapy, and counseling. Luisa Gallego works with children aged 5-11 and provides individual and group counseling, peer mediation training, and social skills training in the classroom. Luisa will graduate in May with her MS Ed and will pursue a career in school counseling within the New York City public school system.

**Anna Shenker, School of Education
School Counseling, '13**

School Counseling Intern at Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies

Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies is a NYC public school, which serves students grades 6 through 12. As a school counseling intern, Anna Shenker will be supporting the guidance team in the school by facilitating group and individual counseling for students. She will be focusing on the socio-emotional, academic, and behavioral goals. Anna will also engage in assessment, academic advisement, career development, personal and social development, consultation and collaboration, advocacy, and research. Anna aspires to be a school counselor in a NYC public school system.

**Kendra James, School of Education
School Psychology, '13**

School Psychology Intern at New Hope Academy Charter School

As a school psychology intern, Kendra James will be responsible for advocating for the educational and socioemotional needs of elementary, middle school and high school students. Her day-to-day duties will include conducting psycho-educational assessments, report writing, consultation, and individual and group counseling. In addition to these tasks, Kendra's role as an intern will also include working with

teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, parents, school administrators, and community agencies. After receiving her certification in school psychology, Kendra James plans to get her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

**Karli McGuiness, School of Visual, Media and Performing Arts
Mass Media and Filmmaking, '13**

Production Assistant at BlueMoose Productions

BlueMoose is a Brooklyn-based film production company. From script-writing to final editing and distribution, BlueMoose manages every step of the filmmaking process, providing Karli McGuiness with the opportunity to learn from the ground up. Pre-production is underway for the company's feature length film with shooting scheduled to begin in the spring of 2013. In this phase, Karli will be working as a production assistant, supporting the team by aiding in administrative planning - contacting talent, booking castings and rehearsals, reaching out to producers and distributors, meetings with investors, securing filming locations, taking an active role in company meetings, and pre-production planning. Her main points of interest will include script revisions and formatting, investment seeking, and scoring (soundtrack). Karli McGuiness plans to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Communication.

Turing Craft Stipend Award Recipients

**Charlie Yao, School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences
Computer Science, '14**

CodeLab Intern at Turing's Craft

CodeLab is a web-based interactive programming exercise system for intro programming classes in Python, Java, C++, C, JavaScript, C#, VB, and SQL. It is a seasoned system that has been used in over 350 institutions in 20 countries and analyzed exercise submissions from more than 30,000 students. Here, Charlie will learn the front-end and back-end systems that allow CodeLab to function and assist in making them more dynamic and flexible. Charlie has been tinkering with computers for a decade, and is considering pursuing a career in network security.

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**Tatiana Taylor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Psychology and Children and Youth Studies, '14**

DIAL Intern at the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services Southern Brooklyn Family Services, DIAL Program

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The Drop In And Learn, or DIAL program at Southern Brooklyn Family Services is an afterschool program that aids children with open cases in the childcare system in honing their interpersonal, intrapersonal and academic skills. Mentorship is practiced through direct interaction with 7-15 students aged 5-14. As a DIAL intern, Tatiana Taylor assists scholars with homework and facilitates/ co-facilitates group discussions ranging anywhere from current events to future aspirations. She also runs or assists in the running of therapeutic/recreational activities with children aged 5-11 or 11-14. Tatiana Taylor will attain her master's degree in School Counseling.

**Kristina Sergeev, School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology and Psychology '14
*Research Assistant Intern at New York University Child & Family Policy Center***

NYU Child & Family Policy Center is a non-profit organization that conducts research in the field of child development, health and education to provide policymakers with the knowledge about how to promote young children's healthy development and overall school success. As a Research Assistant at NYU Child & Family Policy Center, Kristina Sergeev will be involved in all aspects of the research process and community engagement. She will be performing data collection and data entry, fundraising through community outreach and grant proposal writing, general administrative support, field literature and measurement review, as well as participating in monthly workshops based on communities' needs and requests. Kristina Sergeev aspires to become a Speech-Language Pathologist and eventually wants to obtain a Ph. D. in one of her areas of interest: Neurolinguistics, Neuropsychology, Applied Psychology, Developmental Psychology or Special Education.

**Madeleine Foley, School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences
Psychology, '13**

Administrative Intern at Family Center for Bipolar, Beth Israel

The Family Center for Bipolar is an organization that supports adults who suffer from Bipolar I and II disorder. It is a research and therapy center that provides psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, couples' therapy, group therapy, and a unique Family Inclusive Treatment (FIT) developed by the attending psychiatrists on staff for adults diagnosed Bipolar I and II. Madeleine Foley will be updating patient files, registering patients, taking patient phone calls, calculating payments, assisting in billing, taking minutes for weekly Family Center meetings, attending weekly research meetings, walking rounds on the psychiatric inpatient unit, attending a psychopathology course and submitting a poster for the American Psychiatry Association conference in San Francisco, CA in May 2013 entitled, "Stress and the onset of affective episodes in patients with Bipolar Disorder." Madeleine Foley aspires to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology.