

15th Annual Ronald E. McNair MKN Heartland Research Conference September 23 - 25, 2011 Kansas City, MO

The McNair Heartland Conference offers undergraduates the opportunity to present their research in a friendly yet formal academic setting, to meet other Research Scholars, and to explore opportunities for graduate study.

When? FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 through SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

What? Individual student research presentations, a graduate recruitment fair, keynote speaker, pre-conference workshop on graduate admissions essays, a Nelson-Atkins Art Museum tour, and the awarding of the annual \$500 Heartland Scholarship.

Where? The Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel
45th and Main Street
Kansas City, MO 64111-7703
Phone: (816) 531-3000 Fax: (816) 531-4164

Costs?

Register by July 31, 2011	\$480 - Double Room	\$555 - Single Room (Staff only)
Register between Aug 1 - Aug 10, 2011	\$490 - Double Room	\$565 - Single Room (Staff only)
Register between Aug 11- 19, 2011	\$500 - Double Room	\$585 - Single Room (Staff only)

Note: Because of limited space, students will only be allowed double room occupancy, except in special circumstances. The registration fee covers lodging for both Friday and Saturday nights; pre-conference workshop, all meals from Friday evening through breakfast on Sunday; the Conference Abstracts; t-shirt; and all conference materials.

Registration Deadline? Friday, August 19, 2011
(All individuals must register on-line)

Want further information?

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, September 23, 2011

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Tour
3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Pre-conference workshop: Graduate Admissions Essays
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner and Opening Speaker Introductions and Welcome
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Graduate Recruitment Fair

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Poster Presentations
9:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Individual Reviews of Graduate Admissions Essays
9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	Individual Student Research Presentations
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Individual Student Research Presentations
7:00 PM	Banquet and Keynote Speaker Entertainment on your own (Weekend of the popular and free Annual Plaza Art Fair)

Sunday, September 25, 2011

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast and Closing Presentation
10:30 AM	Awarding of two \$500 Heartland Scholarships
11:00 AM	Departure

Transportation Information



Via I-70 The Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel is located at 45th and Main Street near the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO.

Via Kansas City International Airport KCI Shuttle service is available to the hotel. A one-way ticket is approximately \$18 per person, round-trip is around \$31. Purchase tickets at the airport.



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RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:

Oral Presentations

The time allotted for each presentation is 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. A laptop running Microsoft PowerPoint and a projector will be provided in each room. We are unable to guarantee that everyone's slideshow will work on every machine. Presenters should bring their slideshows on CD-ROM, with USB drives as an optional back-up.

Most presentation rooms will NOT have wireless Internet access, as the cost is prohibitive. It is usually possible for presenters using multimedia and other materials from the Internet to download them to a USB drive or CD-Rom. We may provide wi-fi in one of the rooms if there is a need. If you believe that Internet access is essential to your presentation, please contact technology coordinator Dennis Peirce (PEIRCE@ucmo.edu) to discuss this option.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will occur on Saturday morning. We are limited to 10 poster presentations and slots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Poster presenters will need to allot time before breakfast to set up.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS and TOUR:

Graduate Admissions Essays:

Participants in this workshop will engage in activities designed to help develop and refine their personal statements. The focus will be on helping participants present themselves positively, effectively, and accurately to the faculty assessing their graduate applications. The workshop will be particularly valuable for participants who will be applying to graduate programs this Fall.

Participants will have an opportunity to have their personal statements individually reviewed. Participants who have drafts of their essays are encouraged to bring them to the conference.

The workshop presenter, Mike Heppler, has extensive experience with graduate school admissions. Michael Heppler is the Assistant Director of Student Academic Services in the Graduate School at Oklahoma State University.

Nelson - Atkins Museum of Art Tour:

Participants will tour the internationally recognized museum known for its outstanding collection of more than 33,500 objects. From ancient times to modern day, this encyclopedic museum is one of the best in the country, offering visitors the opportunity to explore civilization through the eyes of painters, sculptors, craftsmen, and many other artists.

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ABSTRACTS:

Abstracts must be submitted for all oral and poster presentations. Send them via e-mail in MS Word to Dr. Kari Azevedo at Central Missouri State University at the address listed below. Dr. Azevedo asks that each school send one document only that includes all their students' abstracts. Please, no individual emails from students. Include the following information in your email:

Institution

Name of Presenter (as the name is to appear in the conference book)

Presenter's Department

Name of Research Mentor (as the name is to appear in the conference book)

E-mail addresses for both Mentor and Presenter

Presentation Title (25 words or less)

Abstract (250 words or less)

Example:

Institution:	Central Missouri State University
Presenter:	John Joseph Doe
Presenter's Department:	Geography
Mentor:	Emily C. Doe, Ph.D.
Presenter e-mail:	jdoe@cmsu.edu
Mentor e-mail:	edoe@cmsu.edu
Presentation Title:	Blackwater Revisited: A Stage in the Life of a Stream

Abstract:

In 1910, local citizens dredged a straight channel on the Blackwater River expecting to improve the problems of flooding and property loss due to natural processes of ...

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E-MAIL ABSTRACTS TO: kazevedo@ucmo.edu
Subject line: Heartland Abstract

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