



# Highlights 2011-2012

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Mason LIFE Director



# In Loving Memory...

## BRIDGET KATHLEEN HEALY



"I'm pretty much bubbly all the time because I get to live my life."



# 1987-2012

# Positive Thoughts



# Students

- 43 Mason LIFE Students
  - 12 First Years
  - 12 Second Years
  - 7 Third Years
  - 6 Fourth Years
  - 4 Interns
  - 2 Community Integration Students
- 115 Mason LIFE Support Staff



# Staff Additions

- Mrs. Paraggio, Office Manger
- Mrs. Gilroy, Mental Health Liaison
- Dr. Barbara Smith, Supervisor
- Lauren Lee, Community Integration Liaison
- Suri Raut, Employment Coordinator Assistant









# Welcome

Dean Ginsberg

College of Education and Human Development



# Presentations



# Academic Component

Academic Coordinator

Karen Ingram



# Mason LIFE Instructor Commentary on Apprenticeship Service ...

**“IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN INTRODUCED TO THIS  
POPULATION, YOU DON’T KNOW THE  
POSSIBILITIES.”**

# Academic Program Courses - 2011-12

- Literature –Biography, Folklore and Fables
- Mason LIFE Yearbook I,II
- Local History, Presidency
- Math -Patterns and Logic, Exploratory Math – Time and Measurement
- Writing –Autobiography, Basic Short Stories
- Multi-Media Analysis IV (70's-80's)
- Oceanography
- Wildlife and Forestry
- Advanced Community Access I,II
- Personal Skills Lab
- Technology –Office Applications
- Independent Living – Entertainment, No Cook Meals
- Fitness –Team Sports, Meditation and Well being
- Basics of Banking
- Fundamentals of Visual Arts
- Basics of Astronomy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year Personal Growth and Future Goals Exploration
- Virginia History
- Citizenship
- Self-Advocacy and Leadership
- HW Session
- Dance French/Sign-language
- Residential Housing (\*Planning)

# Instructor And Support Staff 2011-2012

- Lmya Ahmed (RH Planning)
- Mohammed Ahmed
- Lauren Allen/Assist
- Karen Entin
- Jarrell Gary
- LuLu Ge'za
- Andrew Hahn
- Marie Hicks
- Julianna Large (RH Planning)
- Chelsea McCarthy
- Megan Moore
- Olivia Musselman
- Bradley Perrow
- Sascha Reed
- Alison Rutledge/Assist
- Rochelle Sceats
- Elisabeth Shannon
- Rachel Trump
- \*Erin Wardlaw
- Nicole Woodward
- Jacky Yoo/Assist
- \*Sophia Kasdan
- \*Meghan MacNeil

# University Service Roles:

University Collaboration -  
Special Education,  
Rec., Health and Tourism,  
Psychology, Social Work

## Internship:

- Alishya Shroff
- Elisabeth Shannon

## Practicum:

- Kristy Burak
- Beenish Butt
- Elizabeth Lowe
- Nicole Woodward

## Service Learning Hours:

- Andie Alonso
- Karen Entin
- Hilary Indyke
- Thomas Imasogie
- Tiffany Pak
- Rochelle Sceats
- Nicolas Terzian
- Jackie Yoo

Outcomes	07-08	11-12
Instructor	8	19
Instructor Assistant	0	4
Internship	1	2
Practicum	4	5
Service Learning Hours	0	10
Research (Ph.D.,/M. /UG.)	1	9
Independent Study	1	0
Field Observation	1	6
Interview	0	3
Mentors	5	65 *14
Other Supports	0	2



Mason LIFE Instructor Commentary  
Upon Completing Tenure ...

**“THIS EXPERIENCE HAS CHANGED  
MY LIFE.”**

# Exploration Component

University Coordinator  
Kudy Giwa-Lawal



# Special Topics Courses-2011/2012

- Acting I and Acting II
- Aerobics/Basic Conditioning
- Basic Video Game Design
- Beginning Ballet
- Beginning Modern Dance
- Beginning Judo for Men and Women
- Beginning and Intermediate Yoga
- Elementary Arabic
- Elementary Japanese
- Foundations-Ecology/Evolution
- Intermediate Japanese
- Intermediate Swimming
- Interpersonal & Group Interaction
- Introduction to Artist Studio
- Introduction to Information Technology
- Introduction to Sports Management
- Introduction to Teaching
- Introduction to Technical Theater
- Introduction to Visual Arts
- Music - Piano and Viola
- Painting I
- Public Speaking
- Self-Defense for Men and Women
- Tai Chi
- Women/Gender Studies

# Colleges, Schools, and Departments

- College of Education & Human Development
  - Introduction to Teaching, Introduction to Sports Management
- College of Health and Human Services
  - Aerobics/Basic Conditioning, Judo, Pilates, Self-Defense, Intermediate Swimming, Thai Chi, Yoga
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Communication (Public Speaking and Interpersonal & Group Interaction), Modern and Classical Languages (Arabic and Japanese)
- College of Science/Volgenau School of Info. Technology and Engineering
  - Foundations of Ecology/Evolution, Applied Information Technology
- College of Visual & Performing Arts
  - Acting, Modern Dance, Ballet, Game Design, Music, Painting, Studio Art, Technical Theater

# Special Topics Courses Professors

- Allan, George
- Atwater, Chris
- Austin, Clayton
- Balakerskaia, Anna
- Baldwin, Paula
- Rajab, Baraa A.
- Bauman, Lisa
- Bedore, Joani
- Bogino, Troy
- Calhoun, Lindsay
- Calhoun, Marjorie
- Chang, Wan-Lin
- Clancy, Adrienne
- Cushner, Steve
- Dinnapoli, Connie
- Esherick, Craig
- Finn, Andy
- Fujiwara, Manako
- Greenan, Katie
- Kahn, Barra
- Lechter, Mary
- Lee, Kaiulani
- Lu, Xialolin
- Marcy, Brooke
- Miller, Jennifer
- Monson, Linda Apple
- Park, Chun
- Rensbarger, Fran
- Rockwood, Larry
- Saito, Michiko
- Sarraf, Amal
- Schack, Fred
- Schmeidler, Lance
- Schoomaker, Audrey
- Spano, Peter
- Steele, James
- Thomas, Nancy
- Torres-Ortiz, Luis
- Warren, Cindy
- Willis, Borris
- Worek, Beverly

# Support Staff and Mentors

## Individual Support Staff

- Alena Lawrence
- Chelsea Thomas
- Devon Kardel
- Kelsey Wilson
- Liana Eloppe
- Maia Wise

## Additional Support Staff

- Andy Hahn
- Andrew Shaw
- Elisabeth Shannon
- Karen Entin
- Marie Hicks
- Mrs. Paraggio

## Mentors

- Briah Robin
- Carleigh Ladden-Stirling
- Devin
- Dominique Dawson
- Emma Myers
- Jay Rajan
- Manish Kakadiya
- Maram Mohamed
- Pantina Artis
- Thomas Havens

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## Individual Support Staff

- Liana Eloppe
- Devon Kardel
- Nazmeen Khan
- Alena Lawrence
- Alishya Shroff
- Chelsea Thomas
- Kelsey Wilson
- Maia Wise
- Nicole Woodward
- Dorothy Zhang

## Peer Mentors

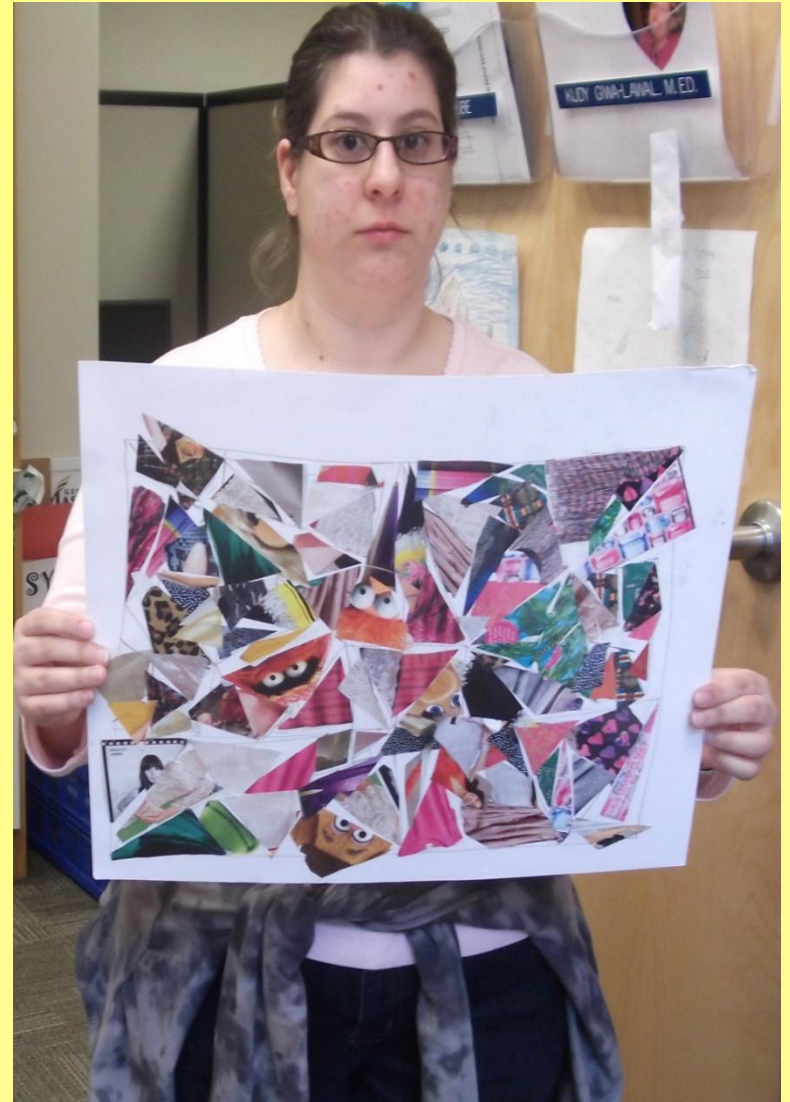
- Pantina Artis
- Chelsea Buckner
- Dominique Dawson
- Milton Gonzalez
- Thomas Havens
- Manish Kakadiya
- Carleigh Ladden-Stirling
- Devin Lee
- Maram Mohamed
- Emma Myers
- Ali Nasser
- Jay Rajan
- Briah Robinson

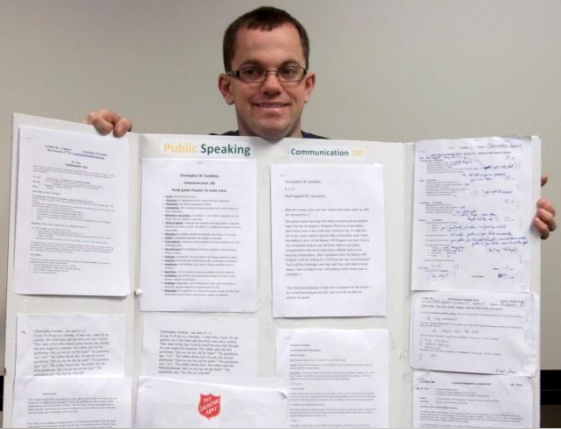
# Additional Individual Support Staff

- Mohammed Ahmed
- Karen Entin
- Andy Hahn
- Marie Hicks
- Mrs. Paraggio
- Elisabeth Shannon
- Andrew Shaw
- Jackie Yoo



# Students Work Samples







# Sports Teams, Clubs, and Organizations

- Men's Basketball Team-Director Scott Lombardi
  - Coach Paul Hewitt and Secretary Carolyn Marsh
- Women's Basketball Team-Director Antoya Miller
  - Coaches Jeri Porter, Jana Ashley, Greg Pulliam, and Sarah Walls
- Football Team-Coach Matt Dyson
- Soccer-Driector Brent Brockman / Manager Nathan Kopunek
  - Coaches Greg Andrulis, Nick Carlin-Voight, John O'Hara, and Fro Adu
- Wrestling-Coaches Joe Russell and Tommy Owen
- Clubs: GMU Players (Theater), Japanese, Running and Toastmasters Club
- Organizations: Student Government

# Employment and Internship Component

Employment Coordinator

Jen Labbe

Employment Coordinator Assistant

Suri Raut



# On Campus

## 2007-2008

- 16 students in program, 8 students working
- Worksites
  - ❖ Mason LIFE Office (shredding, bulletin board)
  - ❖ Aquatic and Fitness Center
  - ❖ Kellar Institute Office

## 2011-2012

- 42 students in program, 24 working, 11 work exploration
- Worksites
  - ❖ Office of the President (Merten)
  - ❖ Child Development Center
  - ❖ Sodexo Dining Service
  - ❖ Johnson Center Multimedia Library
  - ❖ Kellar Library
  - ❖ Department of Purchasing
  - ❖ Recreational Athletic Complex (RAC)
  - ❖ Print Services
  - ❖ Aquatic and Fitness Center
  - ❖ GMU Recycling
  - ❖ LIFE Office
  - ❖ AIM-VA
  - ❖ LEAD Office
  - ❖ Mail Services
  - ❖ University Police

# Off Campus

## 2007-2008

- 16 students in program, 1 student working off-campus
- Worksites
  - ❖ World Bank

## 2011-2012

- 42 students in program, 15 working off campus supported by Mason LIFE
- Worksites
  - ❖ Congressional Offices
  - ❖ World Bank
  - ❖ Inova Fair Oaks Hospital
  - ❖ Audi of America Corporate Office
  - ❖ Northern Virginia Family Services
  - ❖ Pitney Bowes, Capitol Hill
  - ❖ Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia
  - ❖ Fairfax City Public Library
  - ❖ Odyssey Hospice

# Worksites in Progress

- Fairfax County Government
- Capitol Visitor's Center/Architect of the Capitol
- Catholic Diocese of Arlington
- Humane Society of Fairfax County
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
- Kellar Institute/Kellar Library



# Internship/ Community Integration Participants

- Vivian Alonso
- Laura Lee
- Christie DiPlacido
- Arjun Hemphill
- Ryan Gutkowski
- Melissa Gurman
- Jenny Holden
- Kia Hill

# Employment Assists

- Akua Du
- Andy Hahn
- Re Hicks
- Nazmeene Khan
  - Lauren Lee
- Candace McTeer
  - Sascha Reed
- Rochelle Sceats
  - Andrew Shaw
  - Maia Wise

# Residential Housing Component

Senior Residential Assistant

Lmya Ahmed

- Number of units: 7
- Number of residents: 24
- Hours logged by each RA, minimum: 2,400



# Residential Housing

## Senior RA:

Lmya Ahmed

- Quiet Hour RAs:

Andy Hahn

Ebony Jeter

Jenny Kobayashi

Chelsea Thomas

Andi Alonso

Ikenna Okafor

Sarina Stephenson

## Floater RAs:

Mohamed Ahmed

Gabe Stonebraker

Lian Todd

Jules Large

Elias Rahman

Antonia Stalling

Tevah El Emmet

Grace Jacoby

# Outings

National Zoo

Drag Show

Movies

Smithsonian Museums

National Aquarium

Washington Wizards

Six Flags

Harlem Globetrotters

Relay for Life

# Residential Housing

composed by Andi Alonso

- <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=3873828724114>

# Thank you

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- Karen Ingram
- Kudy Giwa Lawal
- Jennifer Labbe
- Suri Raut
- Lmya Ahmed
- Lynne Paraggio