Leveling The Playing Field with... 

CARMEN PEREZ

Executive Director of The Gathering for Justice and Co-chair of the January 2017 Women’s March on Washington

MONDAY APRIL 24TH 2017

Student Union MPR 1pm to 2:30pm
Conference Schedule

11:20 – 12:50 pm  Oral Presentations: Session I
    MPR A, B, & C

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  Welcome to “The Playing Field”
    MPR B  Joni Christel
    Dr. Calvin O. Butts

    Keynote Speaker: Carmen Perez

2:30 pm – 3:40 pm  Art & Poster Session
    MPR A, B, & C  Lunch will be served

3:50 pm – 5:20 pm  Oral Presentations: Session II
    MPR A, B, & C
Carmen Perez is something of a Renaissance woman in modern-day activism. She has dedicated 20 years to advocating for many of today’s important civil rights issues, including mass incarceration, gender equity, violence prevention, racial healing and community policing. As the Executive Director of The Gathering for Justice, a nonprofit founded by legendary artist and activist Harry Belafonte, Carmen has crossed the globe promoting peace through civil and human rights, building alternatives to incarceration and violence, and providing commentary and guidance for state and federal policy creation. Her work providing cultural, spiritual and educational events as well as individual support to incarcerated youth inside of juvenile detention centers and prisons in California and New York has led Carmen to prisons in El Salvador and Venezuela. Carmen is the co-founder of Justice League NYC and founder of Justice League CA, two state-based task forces for advancing juvenile and criminal justice reform agenda. She has organized numerous national convenings, including Growing Up Locked Down conferences on juvenile justice, and led the March2Justice, a 250 mile march through 5 states from New York City to Washington, DC which drew Congressional attention to key legislative reforms to confront the national crisis in police violence. A respected expert in the field of juvenile and criminal justice and system accountability, Carmen was invited to testify before the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, was a featured speaker and Co-Convener of the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March, Justice Or Else, and have been featured in numerous media and TV outlets. Carmen’s most recent work is her role as the National Co-Chair of the Women’s March on Washington, drew over 5 million people across the globe who marched in resistance of hatred and bigotry, affirming women of all identities’ rights as human beings.

“There's a lane for all of us.”
~Carmen Perez
# Schedule of Oral Presentations

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Posters

Multi-Purpose Room A
Common Hour 2:30 – 3:40

Biology

*DNA Transfer from Organelles to Nucleus Using Cannabis Plants*
Taylor Hoffman and Marie Samaroo
Sponsor: Christos Noutos, PhD

Chemistry & Physics

*Differential Dephosphorylation of EGFR by Wild Type and K197E PTP1B*
Leidy Gomez, Ishmael and Cyrus Jo
Sponsor: Youngjoo Kim, PhD

*Cooperativity in Cation-pi Interactions*
Ronald Spinelle
Sponsor: Bright Emenike, PhD

History and Philosophy

*A Forgotten Legacy: American P.O.W.s in the Korean War and Their Stories*
Phillip Griffin
Sponsor: Jingyi Song, PhD

Psychology

*Badass Witches: The Effects of Colloquial Language on Testing*
Nikki Baldwin
Sponsor: Kathleen Greenberg, PhD

*Potential Effects of Employment on the Academic Performance of College Students*
Juliet DeVito
Sponsor: Kathleen Greenberg, PhD

*Stress and Coping in an Academic Setting*
Aneka Phillip-Francois
Sponsor: Laurette Morris, PhD
Factors Affecting First-Generation College Students’ Academic Performance
Ramatoulaye Jalloh and Alicia Fyne
Sponsor: Ashlee Lien, PhD

Developmental Lead Exposure Produces Seizure Resistance to the Cholinergic Muscarinic Agonist Pilocarpine
Tokunbo Jimmy Jose, Teddy Dacius & Jalen Bonitto
Sponsor: Lorenz Neuwirth, PhD

College Students and the Experience of Stress: The Impact of Employment and First Generation College Student Status
Nusrat Rahman, Katie McCabe, Juliet Devito and Angela McCorkle
Sponsor: Ashlee Lien, PhD

Do Biases Exist Based on Job Applicant Based on Gender and Sexual Orientation
Isabella Sciara
Sponsor: Kathleen Greenberg, PhD

Politics, Economics & Law

The Absence of Equal Access: Climate Crisis & the Fertile Crescent
Aisha Ghosh
Sponsor: Hugh Fox, PhD

Sociology

Modern Day Refugee and Immigration Crisis
Matthew Beers
Sponsor: Diana Papademas

Neuroscience Research Institute

The Effect of Pyrethrum on Neuro-Immune Tissue in Humans and Animals and its Implication in Neurodegenerative Disease
Maryam Farooq
Sponsor: Wei Zhu, PhD
School of Education

Super Hero Writing: An Investigation of Effects of Self-Regulated Strategy Development Instruction
Kaitlyn Kadnar
Sponsor: Lauren Foxworth, PhD

Self-Regulated Strategy Development
Catherine Porcaro
Sponsor: Lauren Foxworth, PhD

Equality for Students with Disabilities through Writing Intervention
Amanda Spicijaric
Sponsor: Lauren Foxworth, PhD
Art

Multi-Purpose Room A
Common Hour 2:30 – 3:40

Artists Sponsored by Professor Patty Harris

Asha Johnson
Jaimee Plantigna
Jocelyn Guerra
Lauren Tenaglia
Katherine Reyes
Dalbert Graham
Amber Augustine

Artists Sponsored by Professor Fred Fleisher

Sabrina Blake
Samantha Cohen
Mara McKenna

Research Day Poster Competition

Stephen Fiore
Kristina Garcia*
Jaimee Plantinga
Paul Romero

*Selected Poster
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