



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

**Student Union
Multi-Purpose Rooms (MPR)
April 24, 2017**

Conference Schedule

11:20 – 12:50 pm

MPR A, B, & C

Oral Presentations: Session I

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

MPR B

Welcome to “The Playing Field”

Joni Christel

Dr. Calvin O. Butts

Keynote Speaker: Carmen Perez

2:30 pm – 3:40 pm

MPR A, B, & C

Art & Poster Session

Lunch will be served

3:50 pm – 5:20 pm

MPR A, B, & C

Oral Presentations: Session II

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1:00-2:30pm
Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) B

Carmen Perez



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

SESSION I

MPR A

Power, Defiance &
Independence

MPR B

Motivations and
Consequences

MPR C

Meaning and
Measures of Health

11:20	<p><i>Alice Dunbar-Nelson and the Independent Woman</i></p> <p>Azahria John-Otway</p> <p>Sponsor: Jacqueline Emery, PhD</p>	<p><i>Motivating College Students in Computer Science</i></p> <p>Aryanna Holder, Gabrielle Zahuantitla, Kaili Chen</p> <p>Sponsor: Ashok Basawapatna, PhD</p>	<p><i>The Effect of Cultural Perspectives on the Likelihood of South Asian-American Seeking Mental Health Care</i></p> <p>Gul-E-Zehra Abbas</p> <p>Sponsor: Martha Livingston, PhD</p>
11:35	<p><i>The Power of the Woman Diarist in "The Yellowpaper" and Gone Girl</i></p> <p>Chelsea Tizzio</p> <p>Sponsor: Jacqueline Emery, PhD</p>	<p><i>The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What Are the Chances for a Final Peace Settlement?</i></p> <p>Sara Ellis</p> <p>Sponsor: Kevin Ozgercin, PhD</p>	<p><i>An Assessment of Low Level Lead Exposure on Encephalization and Cortical Quotients and its Relationships with Cortical Thinning & Neurodegeneration</i></p> <p>Samantha Rubi, Nimra Hameed, Sukhpreet Kaur, Neena Matthew, Teddy Dacius, Tokunbo Jimmy Jose & Jalen Bonitto</p> <p>Sponsor: Lorenz Neuwirth, PhD</p>
11:50	<p><i>Defiant Working Women in the Short Fictions of Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Alice Dunbar-Nelson</i></p> <p>Cheryl Horne</p> <p>Sponsor: Jacqueline Emery, PhD</p>	<p><i>Chromodomain Helicase DNA Binding Protein 5 (CHD5): A Closer Look</i></p> <p>Ramish Nasir</p> <p>Sponsor: Shilpi Paul, PhD</p>	<p><i>Meaning of Successful Aging Redefined to Include Individuals with Chronic Physical Conditions</i></p> <p>Sera Bajaj</p> <p>Sponsor: Seojung Jung, PhD</p>
12:05	<p><i>Nature in Fanny Fern's Ruth Hall and "Ours; or a Look Backward"</i></p> <p>Jaimie Leigh McGovern</p> <p>Sponsor: Jacqueline Emery, PhD</p>		

SESSION II

MPR A

Policy, Economics &
Human Rights

MPR B

Power, Privilege &
Social Exclusion

MPR C

Social Construction
of the "Other"

3:50	<p><i>The Influence of Economics on Woodrow Wilson's 1917 Decision for War</i></p> <p>Michael Moore</p> <p>Sponsor: Amanda Frisken, PhD</p>	<p><i>The White Male Clan: Gatekeepers to the Playing Field</i></p> <p>Philip Rossillo</p> <p>Sponsor: Hugh Fox, PhD</p>	<p><i>Individual Political Affiliation and the Perception of Credible Political News</i></p> <p>Alicia Fyne</p> <p>Sponsor: Lorenz Neuwirth, PhD</p>
4:05	<p><i>Sustaining an Economic Downturn</i></p> <p>Evan Rufrano</p> <p>Sponsor: Hugh Fox, PhD</p>	<p><i>Bridging the Divide between Races and Ethnicities: Intermarriage and Healthy Variation in the Human Gene Pool</i></p> <p>Zarrin Mahmud</p> <p>Sponsor: Anthony DeLuca, PhD</p>	<p><i>Safe for Democracy? Terrorism and the Struggle of Equality</i></p> <p>Terence McCoy</p> <p>Sponsor: Carol Quirke, PhD</p>
4:20	<p><i>Human Rights and Hinduism</i></p> <p>Shivangi Kakar</p> <p>Sponsor: Jingyi Song, PhD</p>	<p><i>Validating Visual Eye Tracking Technology to Assess Accommodative Technology for Students with Disabilities in Undergraduate Education</i></p> <p>Sharon Thomas, Nicole Albanese, Anders Chan, Katherine McCabe, Sabrina Colomone & Rui Freitas</p> <p>Sponsor: Lillian Park, PhD, Runi Mukherji, PhD, Lorenz Neuwirth, PhD & Stacey DeFelice</p>	<p><i>The Evolution of Immigration Legislation and Its Relationship with Human Rights Violations</i></p> <p>Joni Christel</p> <p>Sponsor: Jingyi Song, PhD</p>
4:35	<p><i>I Choose</i></p> <p>Kendra Rivers</p> <p>Sponsor: Jingyi Song, PhD</p>	<p><i>Stigma Learning Disability and Social Exclusion</i></p> <p>Kendra Jaffe</p> <p>Sponsor: Amanda Shigihara, PhD</p>	<p><i>Women and Health Attitudinal Study</i></p> <p>Tiffany Leak</p> <p>Sponsor: Shijian Li, PhD</p>
4:50	<p>Jamie M. Stickney, Eman A. Elhussiny, Bryan Mc Farlane, Destiny J. Gonzalez</p> <p>Sponsor: Ali Ebrahimi, PhD</p>	<p><i>Watch Your Tone: The Effects of Colorism on African Americans' Self- Perception</i></p> <p>Nicholas Prendergast-White</p> <p>Sponsor: Kathleen Greenberg, PhD</p>	

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- π 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 Augestine

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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