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Association for Graduate Students of Color (AGSC)

Written by Blanca Loeza

We are currently planning fall events and opportunities. We are looking for executive board members interested in supporting graduate students on campus.

Our mission is to create a safe space for students to share their cultural experiences, accomplishments, and challenges while in graduate school. We aim to encourage pride in our culture(s) while supporting one another. We discuss both personal and societal stories of injustices and perseverance. As a new organization, we are eager to connect with all individuals interested in our

mission, while always remembering to be respectful of what others share with the group. We hope to continue growing on campus and building connections with students interested in advocating and supporting graduate students of color as they become professionals in their careers.

Please take the time to look at our survey, which offers membership opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Jeesenia Zavala & Blanca Loeza at uwwagsc@gmail.com or stay connected through social media.

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Faculty Spotlight:

Written by Mohammed Al Khathlan

Dr. Lopamudra Mukherjee Computer Science

Dr. Lopamudra Mukherjee has been working at UW-Whitewater since 2008, as she started as an Assistant Professor then became an Associate Professor in 2015, and she has accomplished remarkable successes with her research projects and in the classroom. Dr. Mukherjee's journey in higher education started at the Institute of Engineering and Management in Kolkata, India, where she earned her bachelor's degree in computer science. To broaden her horizon, Dr. Mukherjee traveled to the United States to enroll in the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNY Buffalo), where she has earned her Masters (2004) and Ph.D. in Computer Science (2008).

After getting her Ph.D., Dr. Mukherjee went on to engage in exciting research subjects, such as using Computer Vision and Machine Learning, to study problems in the medical field and biology. In Dr.Mukherjee's current research project, she is combining her knowledge of technology in the medical field and computer science into researching to apply computer vision and machine learning techniques to solve challenging problems in biomedical imaging, particularly microscopic imaging.

With 12 years of experience in computer science, Dr. Mukherjee acknowledges that students find computer science challenging. Still, she believes that challenges are fun and a great experience to overcome. Also, she goes on to tell a challenging experience she had a couple of weeks ago, “I started learning new technology and got stuck on a problem. It took me two weeks and nearly throwing every conceivable idea at it before I had a solution. But it made me a better programmer and a better researcher.” Dr. Mukherjee said. With an understanding of the difficulties in computer sciences, Dr. Mukherjee’s goal is to help students face the challenges. Also, she advises students to not give up and to keep trying different methods and ideas because it will help you to develop the skills needed to succeed.

With all this success at work and with her research project, when Dr. Mukherjee is not working, she is cooking delicious dishes for her family, which is her favorite thing to do. Also, she enjoys spending time with her kids and playing mathematical and logical puzzles with them.

Student Spotlight:

Written by Mohammed Al Khathlan

Nicolette Miller
Social Work

Ms. Nicolette Miller has a passionate personality to help and support people in need. Starting from her first year of her Bachelor's degree program in psychology at UW-La Crosse, Ms. Miller volunteered as a Peer Mentor with The Office of Multicultural Student Services, working with teams to plan enriching activities for children with behavioral issues.

Furthermore, she worked with children in the court system to help them until they got a placement in an appropriate home and worked at a camp for children with disabilities. During Ms. Miller's time at UW-La Crosse, she was doing research on Primed Prejudice and Helping Behaviors. She was invited to the Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago to present her research to experts within her field.

Ms. Miller enrolled in the Master's degree in social work program here at Whitewater to enhance her knowledge and career. She graduated from the program in May of 2020, and her experience at UW-Whitewater was exceptional and unique; she said, "UW-W have very personalized and small class sizes for the social work Master Program." Also, "I felt supported, and like I was on the right path." With valuable field experience and excellent education, Ms. Miller got hired before graduation as a psychotherapist. During her time at Whitewater, she got involved in Liberal Education & America's Promise (LEAP), which is a program for faculties and students to help improve the college experience throughout the nation.

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When Ms. Miller is not at work, she is enjoying her interests and hobbies. She is a cook who enjoys baking and making delicious meals. Also, she loves traveling and photographing her trips.

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Tuesdays, September 22 Instructional Design and Learning Technology info session

Tuesdays, September 29 - October 27 Fall Hawk Career Fair

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm the Association forGraduate Students of Color (AGSC) info

Thursday, October 15 Applied Biotechnology webinar

Monday, October 19 School Psychology Program info session

Friday, November 13 Communication Sciences and Disorders info session

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