

# **TopScholarStories:** Issue – January 2018

News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:

**Carolina, Hamilton, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars**

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## **Current Scholars:**

### **Horseshoe Scholar published in poetry anthology**

. . . . Liz Grace, a chemical engineering junior, was recently published in “South Carolina’s Best Emerging Poets.” Her poem, “To the Girl!”, was submitted this fall, and the anthology was published in December.

[https://www.amazon.com/South-Carolinas-Best-Emerging-Poets/dp/1981715010/ref=sr\\_1\\_12?ie=UTF8&qid=1513702074&sr=8-12&keywords=best+emerging+poets+z+publishing](https://www.amazon.com/South-Carolinas-Best-Emerging-Poets/dp/1981715010/ref=sr_1_12?ie=UTF8&qid=1513702074&sr=8-12&keywords=best+emerging+poets+z+publishing)

## **Alumni:**

### **McNair Scholar alumna Elizabeth Jo Mason (2005) publishes article**

. . . . Dr. Mason is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science at University Specialty Clinics at the University.

<https://www.mdedge.com/currentpsychiatry/article/155001/adhd/nonpharmacologic-strategies-helping-children-adhd>

### **Carolina Scholar alumna Anita Autry (2005) joins Einstein Faculty**

. . . . Dr. Autry joins the faculty of the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience in the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University in March 2018 as an Assistant Professor in Neuroscience/Psychiatry. She is finishing a postdoc at Harvard University.

<https://www.einstein.yu.edu/departments/neuroscience/faculty/autry.aspx>

### **Carolina Scholar joins the faculty at Xavier University**

. . . . Drew Zolides, a 2010 graduate and currently a visiting professor at Xavier University, has been offered a tenure track position at the same institution. He has a master’s degree from New York University, and his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His expertise is in digital media. He serves in the Communications Department at Xavier.

[https://www.xavier.edu/campusuite25/modules/faculty.cfm?faculty\\_id=5973&grp\\_id=24](https://www.xavier.edu/campusuite25/modules/faculty.cfm?faculty_id=5973&grp_id=24)

### **Carolina Scholar Alumni first author on paper in *Nature***

. . . . Avnika Amin (2015) is the first author on *Association of moral values with vaccine hesitancy* in the journal *Nature*. Amin is a PhD student in Epidemiology at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Her research interests focus on infectious disease epidemiology and surveillance; vaccine development, uptake, and confidence; and infectious disease transmission dynamics.

[https://www.nature.com/articles/s41562-017-0256-5?error=cookies\\_not\\_supported&code=8cad9482-0fe9-43f9-a39f-4df824d75ab1](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41562-017-0256-5?error=cookies_not_supported&code=8cad9482-0fe9-43f9-a39f-4df824d75ab1)

**1999 Carolina Scholar alumna, Elizabeth Mack, is a Liberty Fellow**

. . . . Dr. Mack, a pediatrician at MUSC, enters the newest class of Liberty Fellows, a statewide leadership initiative founded by Anna Kate and Hayne Hipp, Wofford College, and The Aspen Institute. Through the Fellow program, Liberty Fellowship seeks to inspire outstanding leadership in South Carolina, empowering the state's leaders to realize their full potential. Fostering a values-based approach, Liberty Fellowship exposes rising leaders to diverse perspectives, critical thinking, and intellectual and personal development.

<http://midlandsbiz.whosonthemove.com/21-south-carolina-leaders-selected-liberty-fellowships-14th-class/>