

SERD 01-28-08 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Amanda Blanchard, Josefina Irigoyen, Corey Gifford, Krista Duffy, Sheeba Thomas, Mary Quinn, Brian Denietolis, Wendy Vincent, Frances Berry-Worcester, Michael Brodeur, Eleina Speck

**Josefina and Michael--Internship interview process and reactions**

- The process begins by the doctoral student working on their application
- If the site that you applied to is interested, they call and offer you an interview
- Josefina received 7 interviews (2 by phone; 5 in person)
- She applied to 20 sites in all, and she was offered interviews at some great sites
- After you're interviewed, you ranking each site (1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, etc. )
  - The sites where you interviewed also rank those they would like at their placement the most
- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, APPIC lets you know if you have matched with a site, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, APPIC tells you at which particular site you matched.
- If you don't match, you'll be placed into the clearing house
- Josefina really enjoyed her interviews
  - After the first few interviews, you really get the hang of it
- **Boston University: Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology (CMTP)**
  - She was so impressed by this site
  - This was a site that *is* multiculturalism
    - They use multiculturalism as their vantage point, rather than superimposing a multicultural perspective onto another theoretical perspective.
  - They ask things like: what is your stance on social justice, what is your dissertation project about, etc.
  - The interview was an open-house style interview.
    - As such, each interviewee was able to sit in on didactic seminars and meetings throughout the day.
  - Some places 'talk to' diversity, but don't embody it
    - CMTP embodies multiculturalism
- **Sunset terrace at the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn NY**
  - Great training site, but Josefina was unsure if it was the site for her.
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- **University of California- San Diego**

- This site was also especially focused on issues of multiculturalism and diversity
- The staff and clinicians seemed super supportive and extremely nice
- **Texas A&M**
  - This site has a huge, state of the art counseling center
  - Texas A&M is one of the biggest universities in the nation (48,000 students)
  - The counseling center has a \$3.5 million budget
  - This was quite an impressive site
- **Florida International University**
  - Josefina also fell in love with this site
  - There will be a lot of opportunities for training with neuropsychological testing administration and interpretation
  - The student body was also very heterogeneous, which Josefina appreciated
- **Child and Family Health Inc: Community health center in Miami**
  - This site is Miami's children's hospital's outpatient center
- **Michael's Application Process**
  - Michael advised that we all start the process early
    - It's laborious
    - For each essay, you must 'revise, revise, revise'
    - Again, it's so helpful to get it all done before the deadline
      - In fact, Michael suggested that students try to finish writing the essays by the end of the summer vacation
    - Essays
      - Diversity Essay
      - Essay regarding your theoretical orientation
      - Essay regarding research interests
      - Site specific essay
        - "Why this site?" – This is the number one question that you're asked in interview
          - Michael believes that it's best that you come prepared to give a list of 3-4 specific aspects of the site that caused you to apply.
- Michael applied for 16, and was invited to 5 interviews
- **5 interviews**
  - 1. UNH
    - They have a commitment to diversity and social justice

- Though campus is 96% White
    - Mike is interested in college counseling
    - They emphasize brief treatment, though they also allow longer term treatment
    - They also do a lot of campus consultation projects
    - Mike: Gargi suggested that you talk to Deborah Bergeron about UNH
  - 2. Riverbend
  - 3. Umass Amherst
    - They have a 6 session limit, which is their only downside
  - 4. Catholic University of America in DC
    - This was a great site
    - They asked a lot of questions regarding Michael's social justice work
- Each interview was different
  - Each candidate brings different experiences to the table
  - The key is to stay focused on the task at hand, and to not be pulled into comparing yourself to other candidates
  - Most frequent interview questions:
    - How did you handle an ethical dilemma?
    - Case conceptualization
    - Describe how you managed a difficult supervisory experience
    - Describe how you worked with a difficult client
    - Talk about your dissertation
      - Be sure to know your dissertation well!
    - What are your strengths and weaknesses?
    - Have a good list of questions
  - Sell yourself to the placements

### **Corey Gifford-Mexico outreach plans**

- One of the main things we're considering is finding out who's interested in going to the Mexico Outreach trip
  - Those interested, give Corey an email
  - The dates for the trip are May 8<sup>th</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - But we're still finalizing these plans
- We'll be working on the application, and a draft will be completed by the end of this week.

- We'll also be getting literature to assist us in becoming more culturally competent
  - Corey will connect with Nicole Spanakis
- She will also connect up with those in the Latino Cultural Connection
- Those students who go will be assigned certain responsibilities for SERD
  - i.e., photography
- The application will go out very rapidly so that those outside our community will be able to connect
- Gargi will contact her travel agent over the next week
- Josefina will send SERD a power point presentation regarding Tabasco
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### **Emily: Blog**

- The blog is mainly about posting reports regarding acts of racism
- The most recent event involved a racist statement regarding Tiger Woods
- Bloggers are arguing about some of our postings
  - Vince has been placing these comments on line
- We're doing a qualitative analysis of the themes in these comments

### **Brian--SERD plans and t-shirt development**

- SERD will be presenting at 11am on Friday at the Columbia Roundtable
  - Fran is talking about working with school children who represent multicultural populations, particularly with regard to assessment
  - Ben is talking about help-seeking attitudes of Muslim students
  - Barbara Lynch: is talking about doing focus groups or interviews with college students who are transgendered
- Emily is doing a poster-presentation
  - Did this poster for APA: Indian career aspirations
- Josefina will be presenting at 4pm on Saturday
- Students who want a T-shirt email me (Brian Denietolis) with size and whether or not you're a Jonathan Daniel's scholar
- Let's be more on the ball with planning parties and such

### **Gargi--MLK Day event and SERD's attendance**

- This was a huge collaborative effort, and it was very successful
- 800 people came in all
- SERD sold about \$135 of baked goods in 12 minutes

- Gargi is attempting to get the actors to come to the department and perform some of their acts, and follow this with a panel discussion

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