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invites you to a lunch honoring

2019 Grace Berry Award Recipients

Tuesday, March 31, 2020
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Hampton Room, Scripps College

The Grace Berry Award for Women in Graduate Studies is made possible by a gift from Pomona alumna Margarita Horner in honor of Grace Berry, the founder of the Pomona Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Jenelle Nila is a Ph.D. student in Higher Education and Student Affairs at CGU. She was born, raised, and educated in Pomona. She writes that she “comes from a large family and an even larger community of hardworking immigrants and educators.” She received a B.A. in Sociology and in Chicana Studies from UC Riverside. Her current research focuses on the voices, experiences and knowledge of first-generation womxn of color in higher education. She is also working toward a Certificate in Applied Women’s Studies and recently completed the “Allies for Dreamers” certificate as well. As a first-generation Latina scholar, Jenelle is focusing her career as an educator to recognize and uplift the voices of womxn of color through research, practice and activism.

Whitney Martinez is a doctoral candidate in CGU’s School of Social Science Policy & Evaluation. She holds a BA and MPA in Public Policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, and an MBA from CGU’s Drucker School of Management. Before coming to CGU, she worked in state government in New York, her home state. She is also a vocalist, and at UAlbany, founded Phenomenal Voices to support the artistic expression of voices of people from disenfranchised groups. At The Claremont Colleges, she has served on the Honnold Mudd Library Board of Student Stakeholders and as president of the Graduate Student Council. Her current research is on the role of culture in policy outcomes, focusing on small business owners in the Middle East. Whitney plans to continue paying it forward by paving the way for women of color in academia, public affairs and global management through community service and scholarship.

Shanté Morgan is a PhD student in Cultural Studies. Her research interests center on the intersection of race, gender and communication. She currently teaches communication and critical thinking at CSU Channel Islands; before entering academe, she worked as a journalist, reporting on issues ranging from Hollywood typecasting to urban sprawl. She holds BAs in Journalism and Afro-American Studies from CSUN and a MA from the USC Annenberg School of Journalism. She is the first African-American woman to chair the Ventura County Commission for Women and served as co-chair of the Commission’s Study on the Status of Women and Girls. She is also an appointee to the Women’s Economic Roundtable, is founder of the Concerned Parents of Black Children of Moorpark and is past president of the CSUN Black Alumni Association.

Surana Singh is a doctoral student in Cultural Studies with a Media Studies emphasis. She holds a BA in the History of Art from UC Santa Cruz and M.A. in the History of Art from the Pratt Institute. She is the mother of two children and teaches Art History full-time at East Los Angeles College, where she works to diversify and globalize the field through student mentorship, course and program development, and instruction. Her academic interests in transnationalism and visual cultural studies led her to her dissertation topic on comparative diasporas and contemporary art practices, focusing on artists working in the greater Los Angeles-area.

RSVP is required. Please email ifc@scrippscollege.edu by March 3.