CONGRATULATING SIMMONS GRADUATES

Simmons faculty and staff celebrated graduates and their families during two academic degree ceremonies May 19. This year, three Ph.D. candidates received doctorates, 286 graduated with master's degrees, and 89 with undergraduate degrees. We wish our new alumni all the best!

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Simmons graduates Adam Garnick and Kristen Biedermann are two of SMU's three graduates who received the prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award. Garnick will teach in Budapest, Hungary next year, and Biedermann leaves for Popayan, Colombia at the end of the summer.

THE POWER OF MENTORING

Eric Bing, professor of global health in Applied Physiology and Wellness, has lasting impact on his students. Read more about how the mentors recent graduate Dylan DeMuth, who helps Bing teach health care workers online in Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi, and the U.S.

PAVING THE WAY TO INCLUSION

Gloria Ladson-Billings, groundbreaking researcher on critical race theory and equity in education, gave the keynote at Simmons' inaugural conference, Paving the Way to Inclusion, held at the Bush Institute this spring. Faculty and community leaders also examined topics impacting race and equity.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Denisa Gándara, assistant professor in Education Policy and Leadership, co-authored the recently released Outcomes Based Funding and Race in Higher Education. Dominique Baker, also assistant professor in Education Policy and Leadership, co-authored a new study in The Journal of Higher Education that looks at the gap in college graduation rates for African American and Hispanic students.

Robert Barner, lecturer in Dispute Resolution, has co-authored Working Deeply: Transforming Lives Through Transformational Coaching. It is his eighth book on executive training and team building.

WELCOMING NEW SIMMONS DEAN, STEPHANIE KNIGHT

Stephanie L. Knight, associate dean and professor of education in the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University, is the new dean of the Simmons School. A nationally recognized education leader, her scholarly interests focus on bringing the results of evidence-based research to the K-12 classroom.

AL OTAIBA RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP AND AWARD

Stephanie Al Otaiba, Caldwell Centennial Chair in Teaching and Learning, was honored this spring with the 2017 American Educational Research Association's Distinguished Researcher Award in Special Education Research. She also is a 2017 recipient of SMU's Gerald J. Ford Fellowship.

YOUNG LEADERS IN EDUCATION HONOR

Taylor Toynes, community impact associate for Commit!, received Simmons' Young Leaders in Education Trailblazer Award for this community outreach. Congratulations!