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### Spring brings more Graduates from the Risk Management and Insurance Studies Program

Some recent and new graduates now working in the industry include:

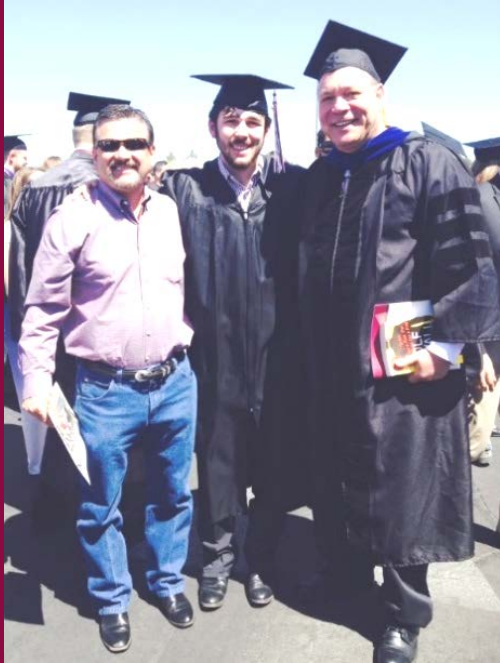
Taylor Campbell	State Farm Insurance	Tacoma, WA
Wei Chen	New York Life	New York City, NY
Alex Foulon	GAINSCO	Dallas, TX
Oneyda Lopez	Mountain States Insurance Group	Albuquerque, NM
Josh Lujan	New Mexico Mutual	Albuquerque, NM

### Internships this spring and summer included:

Ahmed De Alba	New Mexico Association of Counties	Santa Fe, NM
Alex Foulon	Pat Campbell Insurance	Las Cruces, NM
Tyler Lengal	Mountain States Insurance Group	Albuquerque, NM
Michael LiRosi	Pom's and Associates	Albuquerque, NM
Aaron Sandoval	AIG	Los Angeles, CA

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### Graduation



Joe Lujan is all smiles as his son Josh graduates with his degree from NMSU.

Also pictured with the Lujans is Professor Tim Query.



Yemisrach Neway graduates with an RMI minor.

Also pictured is 2013 RMI alum Rahwa Asghedom, who is currently working at the NM Association of Counties.

Both of these young ladies came to New Mexico from their home country of Ethiopia.

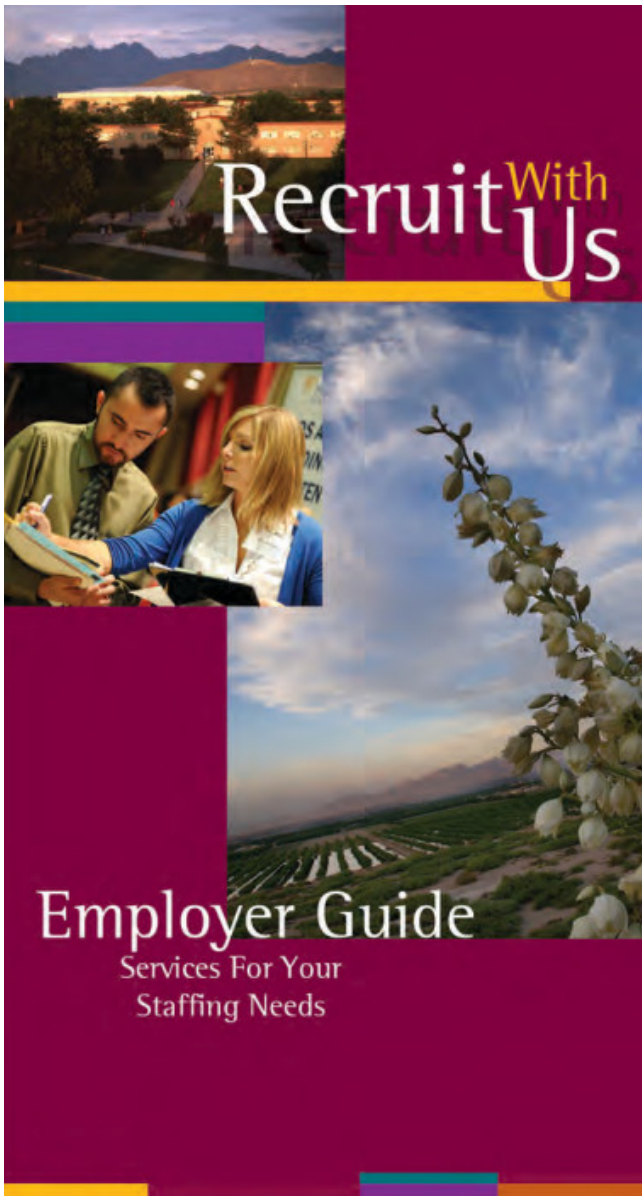


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New Mexico State University  
has two job/internship fairs  
scheduled for the  
2014-2015 academic year.

2014  
September 16-17  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Expo

2015  
February 3-4  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Connections

If your company would like to  
participate in either of these,  
please contact Career Services  
at 575.646.1631  
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## Gamma Iota Sigma



GIS members donated their time at the Roadrunner Food Bank in Las Cruces, NM, as part of their community service.

The NMSU Beta Beta chapter of GIS also competed in the 2014 Risk Management Challenge along with 18 other schools. While NMSU did not win the competition, they found the experience enlightening and plan to participate again.



The Risk Management Challenge team, nicknamed "Red or Green," consisted of Robert Baker, Ahmed De Alba, and Tyler Lengal.

### Students Attend RIMS Conference



NMSU had two faculty members and eight students attend the Risk and Insurance Society's (RIMS) conference in Denver, CO. Attendance at this conference is made possible by the generous support of the Rocky Mountain and Central Arizona Chapters of RIMS.

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### *Students Attend RIMS Conference (continued)*



Students are not only able to interact with industry professionals from all aspects of risk management and insurance, but they also meet students at other risk management and insurance collegiate programs from all over the U.S.

There are a number of other industry conferences we would like to send students to, but additional funding is required.

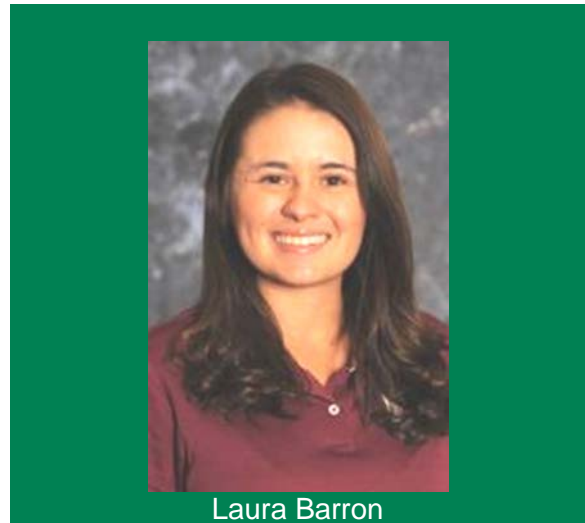
If you would have an interest in contributing to our RMI Student Conference Travel Fund, please contact Mike McGonigle.

### NMSU Student receives CPCU Scholarship

Laura Barron has been chosen to receive the President's Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) Scholarship offered by The Institutes.

The President's CPCU Scholarship covers the cost of CPCU textbooks, course guides, SMART Study Aids as well as exam registration fees for up to three years.

Laura is minoring in Risk Management and Insurance at NMSU, has a GPA of 3.98, and is also a member of the NMSU Women's Golf Team. She is a native of El Paso, Texas.



### ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Query, J. Tim, 2014, "Regulatory Uncertainties Challenging Workers Compensation Insurers in the U.S.," *Journal of Risk Management and Insurance*, vol. 18:1-14.
- Query, Tim and Jin Park, 2014, "Short-Term Trading Behavior by Property-Liability Insurers," *NMSU Business Outlook* (April).
- Mike McGonigle attended the International Faculty Development Seminar: Comparative Business Practices in Tokyo, Japan and Shanghai, China earlier this summer. The program was funded by a grant through the NMSU College of Business.
- In June, Tim Query taught a course at the Universidad de LaSalle in Bogota, Colombia as part of an exchange program. The course was titled, "Environmental Risk Management."
- Tim Query reviewed papers for the *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, the *British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade*, and the *Financial Services Review*.

### Guest Speakers on Campus

This past spring we had a number of guest speakers on campus to share their experience and expertise with our students. If you have an interest in speaking to students in our RMI courses and/or Gamma Iota Sigma, please contact Mike McGonigle ([mikemc@nmsu.edu](mailto:mikemc@nmsu.edu)) or Tim Query ([tquery@nmsu.edu](mailto:tquery@nmsu.edu)).



Ray Strom and Melissa Thompson of Cress Insurance Consultants visited campus last spring, where Ray talked to students about the insurance industry.

Speakers this spring included:

- Patty Kehoe, president of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico.
- Natalie Rios, recruiter for Northwestern Mutual.
- Jon Roberts, life insurance professional (retired).
- Ray Strom, Chief Operating Officer Cress Insurance Consultants.
- Gordon Thompson, actuary for AmeRisk.
- Melissa Tomita, actuary for Scottsdale Insurance.

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### *Guest Speakers on Campus (continued)*



Actuaries Melissa Tomita of Scottsdale Insurance and Gordon Thompson of AmeRisk came to campus to talk about the role of actuaries in ratemaking and reserving. Both are Actuarial Fellows and Melissa is an NMSU alum. Here they are pictured with some students interested in the mathematical and statistical side of the insurance industry.



Patty Kehoe, president of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, speaks to RMI students and faculty.

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### *Guest Speakers on Campus (continued)*



Natalie Rios from Northwestern Mutual, second from right, spoke to Gamma Iota Sigma about business etiquette.

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### RMI Alum Focus



Travis White

Travis White was born and raised in Las Cruces, NM. He graduated from Mayfield High School in 2006 where he decided to attend New Mexico State University.

Travis graduated from New Mexico State University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and a minor in Risk Management and Insurance.

About two months before graduation he had an opportunity to accept a position with Auto-Owners Insurance Company in Phoenix, AZ.

Travis started out as an auto claims representative, handling claims that included personal and commercial lines for the residents of Arizona.

After a year, he was promoted to a field claim representative, handling property and liability claims that included personal and commercial lines for Mesa, AZ residents. After another year, he was promoted again to resident claims representative and moved to Flagstaff, AZ to service property and liability claims to all of Northern Arizona.

During the three and half years with Auto-Owners Insurance, Travis has continued with his education by completing the requirements for the Associate in Claims (AIC), Associate in Personal Insurance (API) and Associate in General Insurance (AINS) Designations through The Institutes. He is currently working on the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter and hopes to have this completed by the end of 2016.

Travis is engaged to Wynne Walendzik and they plan to be married on May 30, 2015.



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For those who have been following Al Berryman's quest of hiking the entire 2,181 mile Appalachian Trail, we are pleased to report that this past summer he successfully completed the journey.

Al is the former Director of the Insurance and Financial Services Center. Although he is now "retired" Al still teaches a class or two each semester at NMSU for the Department of Finance.

**Congratulations Al!**

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