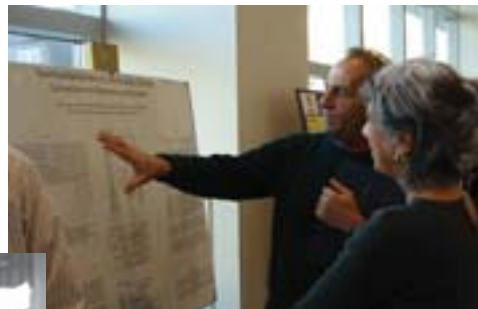




**Jack Kent Cooke Symposium November 30**

UROP hosted the first symposium for the Jack Kent Cooke Summer Fellowship Program was on November 30. This fellowship is a University of Michigan program administered by UROP and funded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to "help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education." Jack Kent Cooke was denied an education due to circumstances related to the Great Depression but managed to become a successful businessman with diverse interests. He believed learning was a life long pursuit and wanted to help students with the will to succeed. The UM's fellowship offers a summer research experience to community college students who want to transfer to or who have recently transferred to the University of Michigan. The program is intended to increase the students' skills and knowledge in a specific field and to help students explore an area of interest for potential graduate work. Applications and information for the 2008 summer fellowship is now available at the UROP Office and at [www.lsa.umich.edu/urop/summer\\_fellowships](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/urop/summer_fellowships)

Summer Fellow, John Natus, explains his project, "Teaching Mathematics in Community Colleges: Connections to Retention and Success". John is currently attending Washtenaw Community College.



Kachel St. Aimie started her studies at Washtenaw Community College and is now a third year LSA student considering a concentration in Neuroscience. She hopes to pursue a career in physical therapy. Mehreteab Mengsteab currently attends Grand Rapids Community College and plans to transfer to UM in Fall 2008. He would like to major in

CMDB. Both Fellows worked with Dr. Kathleen Ignatoski on a project related to cancer metastasis. Here they are reflecting on their summer research experience with Luciana Aenoisae, the coordinator of this fellowship program.

*Take Note:*

December 7: priority deadline for UROP Winter Contract

December 11: Last day for UROP Peer Advisor Office Hours

Academic Credit Timesheet  
Due Date: Thursday, December 12

Work Study Timesheet Due Dates:  
Thursday, December 12  
Thursday, December 20

December 19: Last day for Work Study students to work on their research project for Fall Term

**UROP Office Winter Break Hours**

UROP will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 21 and reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m.

**January Skill Building Workshops for UROP Students**

Copyrights: January 15  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

SPSS Session III: January 16  
SPSS Session IV: January 30  
both at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

STATA Session I January 17 STATA  
Session II January 24  
both at 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Excel January 29  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

PowerPoint Basics January 30  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Time Management January 30  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

To register, go to:  
[www.lsa.umich.edu/urop/students/current/training](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/urop/students/current/training)



Albert Ma working in the UROP Office

## Become a UROP Peer Advisor for 2008-2009!

Applications for the UROP Peer Advisor position will be available after Winter Break from the UROP website, [www.lsa.umich.edu/urop](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/urop). The UROP Peer Advisor position offers UROP students an opportunity to build strong leadership skills and real world work experience in a supportive environment. Peer Advisors work on average 10 hours peer week planning research seminars, meeting with students, and developing and grading journal assignments. The application process requires a written application with short answer essay questions, a sample research seminar syllabus, UM transcript and recommendations from your UROP Peer Advisor and UROP research sponsor. Applicants offered the position must commit to attending a full week of staff training during the last week of August and must commit to working both Fall and Winter terms. Students who plan to work as a Resident Hall Advisor will not be considered for the UROP Peer Advisor position.

Tiffany Cannon is a Peer Advisor for UROP's Junior Senior Program. A Sociology major with a minor in African Studies, Tiffany plans to take a break after graduating in May before seeking a degree in Public Health. She spends time volunteering and working with the Pre-Public Health Association. As a Peer Advisor, Tiffany enjoys her individual meetings with her students and planning seminars. Her seminars have included a career planning session at the UM Career Center and a graduate student panel. Dr. Dara Greenwood, UM Assistant Professor, Communication Studies shared her research about how minorities are portrayed in mass media.



Kit Yuen is a junior studying cellular molecular biology and applied statistics. She aspires to be a pathologist and to work abroad. Kit's interests range from architecture, to travelling to playing in an orchestra. Currently, she is working on a research project which focuses on the molecular mechanisms behind ovarian cancer. As a biomedical sciences peer advisor, Kit has facilitated seminars on research ethics, multicultural approaches to practicing medicine and taken her students to Dr. James Ashton-Miller's biomedical engineering lab in the G.G. Brown building.

### University of Michigan Summer Research Opportunities for Undergraduates

#### UM School of Dentistry Pipeline Program

This on-campus, six-week, residential program from May 12 - June 20, 2008, is designed to prepare junior and senior level students for success on the DAT/MCAT, and increase their understanding of the career opportunities in dentistry.

Application Deadline: March 7, 2008

[www.dent.umich.edu/mac/pipeline.html](http://www.dent.umich.edu/mac/pipeline.html)

#### UM Biological Station Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)

This paid 8 week program runs June 21-August 16, 2008, in Pellston, MI. Funded by the National Science Foundation, this REU provides hands-on experience and training in field biology and atmospheric students with all phases of research, from hypothesis formulation and data gathering to analysis, interpretation, and communication of scientific findings.

Application deadline: February 15, 2008.

[www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/)

#### UM Program in Biological Sciences

Check this website for a variety of summer research opportunities available for undergraduates:

<http://www.med.umich.edu/pibs/summerresearch.htm>

Check UROP's Summer Research Internship Database (SRID) for more opportunities. SRID is available through your UROP Ctools website.

### FYI: Campus Events for Your Enlightenment

December 6 **Imaging the Brain to Study the Mind**  
4:10 p.m. Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor)  
Lecture by JOHN JONIDES, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience (and founder of UROP)

*The U-M Society of Biology Students is showcasing several films from the BBC's "Planet Earth" series on the big screen in the Natural Science Auditorium. Each film will be introduced with commentary by a UM expert in the field. December's events include:*

December 7 **"Jungles"** 8 to 9:30 PM  
U-M Professor of Anthropology and primate expert John Mitani will introduce this film.

December 12 **"Ice Worlds"** 8 to 9:30 PM  
U-M Biological Station Director, Knute Nadelhoffer, will introduce this film.

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