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Diverse: Issues In Higher Education Magazine Profiles Top “Under 40” Scholars in Annual Special Report

FAIRFAX, Va. — ***Diverse*** kicks off 2012 with its annual edition recognizing rising stars in the academy. In its [Jan. 5th](#) edition, ***Diverse*** profiles 12 “under 40” scholars from around the country who are making their mark in the academy through teaching, research and service. These outstanding scholars serve as an inspiration to both students and colleagues.

Diverse, then ***Black Issues In Higher Education***, first published its “*Emerging Scholars*” edition in 2002. It has remained one of the magazine’s most popular editions since its inception. ***Diverse*** editors select honorees from a pool of candidates recommended by various scholars, department chairs, university public information officers, and others.

Each scholar is selected based on research, educational background, publishing record, teaching record, competitiveness of field of study, and uniqueness of field of study.

The “*Emerging Scholars*” for 2012 are:

- Dr. Magdalena Bezanilla, Associate professor of biology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Dr. Majel Boxer, Assistant professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Fort Lewis College
- Dr. Kristian Brown, Adjunct assistant professor of Biomedical Engineering, Wayne State University
- Dr. Alexes Harris, Associate professor of sociology, University of Washington
- Dr. Jenny Lee, Associate professor, Center for the Study of Higher Education, University of Arizona
- Dr. Karen An-Hwei Lee, Professor and chair, Dept. of English, Vanguard University of Southern California
- Dr. Geanncarlo Lugo-Villarino, Postdoctoral fellow, Institut de Pharmacologie et de Biologie Structurale, Toulouse, France
- Dr. Osagie K. Obasogie, Associate professor of law, University of California, Hastings
- Dr. Mariel Vazquez, Associate professor of mathematics, San Francisco State University
- Dr. Franklin West, Assistant professor of animal and dairy Science, University of Georgia

- Dr. Byron Williams, Assistant professor of computer Science and engineering, Mississippi State University
- Dr. Frances Williams, Associate professor of engineering, Norfolk State University

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