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2013 Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award



MELANIE BARRON

Melanie Barron teaches Geography 101 and intentionally incorporates social justice issues. The graduate teaching associate also has been meeting with other graduate students to form a group for teachers who are interested in expanding their teaching of social justice and diversity-related topics. She is building a strong community of teachers who can improve students' social cultural competency through their teaching and interactions. The goal is to use innovative teaching methods that resonate with students. Barron is a doctoral student in the geography department. She also is engaged on campus as a member of the Progressive Student Alliance, an organization that works for social and economic justice.



The **Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award** is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to the spirit of cultural enrichment and the appreciation of differences on campus.

Presented by the Commission for Blacks, the Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award recognizes a student for promoting cultural diversity and cultural enrichment on campus.

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