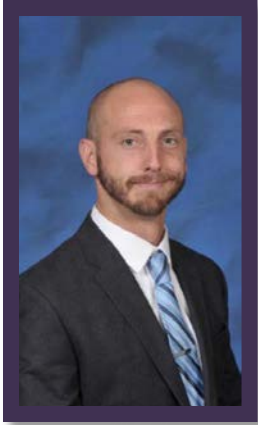


M.S. Student Feature Harwood Garland II



The School of Medicine recognizes MS BATS student Harwood R. Garland II. Mr. Garland is a first-generation college student and a veteran of the Iraq War, where he served as an infantry medic, and later served as a shipboard medic in the Persian Gulf. These experiences gave Mr. Garland an appreciation for the art and science of medicine. *"Being responsible for sick sailors and riflemen was thrilling and sometimes pretty scary. I learned a lot, but I needed a formal education."* Mr. Garland left the military to pursue medical school.

While earning his BA from UCI, Mr. Garland helped start the *First Generation First Quarter Challenge* and the *Veterans in Higher Education* courses to help underserved populations acquire academic cultural competencies. He was awarded the UCI Order of Merit, scholarships for research in chemistry and anthropology, and became the first in his family to earn a college degree. Mr. Garland now holds an MA in Medicine, Science & Technology Studies, and is pursuing an MS in Biomedical and Translational Science from the UCI School of Medicine. His thesis, advised by Dr. Sheldon Greenfield, examines conflicting statistical assessments of suicide rates among veteran populations. Mr. Garland's career plans are to work in medicine or with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

2017 proved very successful for Mr. Garland. In May, he co-presented landfill methane research to the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference; suggesting cost-effective landfill interventions that could help meet the University of California's 2025 sustainability goals. In July, Harwood delivered a keynote speech to the American Chemical Society; chronicling UCI's late Nobel laureate Dr. Sherwood Rowland and the lessons we can learn from his life. In November, he presented his health policy research, *"Should Soldiers Be Protected By the Common Rule?"* to the PGM Triennial Convention; highlighting a danger of clinical research on military personnel. Mr. Garland was supported with a travel scholarship from the Health Policy Research Institute. Mr. Garland also co-authored abstracts in the *Journal of Urology* and the *Journal of Endourology*. He is very grateful for support from UCI Professors Ralph Clayman, Angela Jenks and Don Blake.

Congratulations Harwood!