

# McNair Scholars Program

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**Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, PhD**

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**Alondra Del Real**

**Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, PhD** is assistant professor of sociology and crime and delinquency studies at Emporia State University. Her teaching and research interests include women and crime, women's incarceration, gender, families, and qualitative methods. Her current research study relies on in-depth interviews she conducted with women who were pregnant in prison in order to better understand how the pregnancy experience unfolds behind bars.

Rebecca received a doctorate in sociology with a minor in college teaching from the University of Missouri in 2018. While at the University of Missouri, she was a Ronald E. McNair Fellowship recipient. She also received a Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Missouri in 2014. Rebecca earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a minor in criminal justice from Wichita State in 2012, where she was a McNair Scholar. She lives in Emporia, KS with her husband and daughter.

**Alondra Del Real** is double majoring in communication sciences and disorders and psychology at Wichita State. She is completing her second year in the McNair Scholars Program and will graduate in May 2019.

Alondra takes advantage of the opportunities McNair offers including the research component. She is completing a second research project under Karissa Marble-Flint, Ph.D., assistant professor for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorder. Alondra maintains excellent grades while managing a rigorous course schedule required to complete a dual degree.

A participant of McNair and Student Support Services, Alondra credits both programs for assisting in her college success. She plans to enter graduate school in the fall and ultimately become a speech language pathologist. Alondra became interested in speech pathology while working as a paraeducator in Dodge City. She loves helping kids grow and hopes to make a difference in their lives and how they communicate.