

# Samyuktha Natarajan

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## Education

08/11 – Present **Bryn Mawr College** Bryn Mawr, PA  
B.A. Sociology | Minor Education | Class of 2015 | GPA: 3.64  
Undergraduate Thesis: An Ethnography of The U School-- Philadelphia's Innovative Learning Space

## Selected Presentations

10/13 **Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference**— *Presenter* Philadelphia, PA  
- Represented the College to highlight the vital role of Civic Engagement in professional development.  
02/12 **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum**— *Presenter* Philadelphia, PA  
- Illustrated to 15 academics the intrinsic value of university-high school partnerships as tools in education.

## Relevant Experience

09/14- Present **The U School**— *Intern* Philadelphia, PA  
- Initiate partnerships between the Bryn Mawr College and The U School community through restorative action practice for conflict resolution and after-school programming for high school students.  
06/14- 08/14 **University of Pennsylvania Upward Bound**— *Residential Tutor and Counselor* Philadelphia, PA  
- Ensured the academic and socio-emotional well-being of 35 high school students by providing cohort meetings to build community, tutoring and college preparation workshops, and counseling.  
12/13– 9/14 **The School District of Philadelphia**— *New School Design Intern* Philadelphia, PA  
- Organized thought sessions with students, parents, and teachers to design elements of The U School, including a user-centered culture plan that celebrates students' unique aspirations and accomplishments.  
06/13 – 08/13 **Breakthrough Collaborative** — *Teaching Fellow* San Francisco, CA  
- Designed lessons, taught and tracked student success in two sections of English for eighth grade students. Worked closely with an instructional coach to receive and integrate feedback into practice.  
05/12 – Present **The Teaching and Learning Initiative** — *Student Consultant* Bryn Mawr, PA  
- Utilize student-voice research to act as a pedagogical partner to faculty at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges. Support and revise practices within the faculty partner's course to maximize engagement.  
05/12 – 08/12 **Parkway West High School** — *Urban Gardening and Community Organizing Intern* Philadelphia, PA  
- Partnered with Bryn Mawr College to create an internship program for Philadelphia high school students in order to cultivate an urban garden as a site of experiential learning for the Parkway West community.  
12/11 – 05/12 **The Urban Nutrition Initiative**— *Lead Sustainability Intern* Philadelphia, PA  
- Supervised 10 Bryn Mawr and Haverford College students in developing and teaching food justice curriculum to 60 high school students. Engaged in partnerships with community organizations to lay foundation and raise funds for a student-run urban garden for the high school.  
09/11 – Present **The Bryn Mawr College Civic Engagement Office**— *Partnership Coordinator* Bryn Mawr, PA  
- Strengthen the partnership between Bryn Mawr College and Parkway West High School by assessing the school community's needs and innovating, instituting, and leading programming to meet these needs.  
- Recruit and train Bryn Mawr and Haverford College students to facilitate these programs in order to build capacity and ensure sustainability of the programming efforts and the partnership.

## Campus Leadership

10/13 – Present **Advisory Committee for LILAC**— *Student Body Representative* Bryn Mawr, PA  
- Conceptualize the emergence and sustainability of the Leadership, Innovation and Liberal Arts Center.  
08/13 **The Tri-College Equity, Identity, and Social Justice Institute**—*Campus Leader* Bryn Mawr, PA  
- Structured dialogue for 100 Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore College first-year students around issues of multiculturalism, cross-cultural differences, and social change.  
12/12 – Present **Praxis Steering Committee**— *Student Body Representative* Bryn Mawr, PA  
- Advise the development of Praxis and advocate for community-based learning within the College.

## Merits and Honors

2013 Newman Civic Fellows Award; 2013 Recipient of Otto and Gertrude Pollak Grant in Sociology; 2012 Deans Scholarship

## Skills

Spanish (Intermediate); Tamil; Microsoft Office; SPSS; Social Media; Bharatanatyam—Classical Indian Dance