

## 2018 Weiss Fellows shine in the classroom

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**The recipients of the 2018 Suzanne and Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellowships are Laura Rosanne Adderley, associate professor of history in the Department of History in the School of Liberal Arts and director of the Africana Studies program, and Meenakshi Vijayaraghavan, senior professor of practice in the School of Science and Engineering's Department of Cell and Molecular Biology. (Photos by Cheryl Gerber)**





A colleague cited Laura Rosanne Adderley's creative approach to teaching: "In her class last fall, she partnered with a Brazilian artist collective [brought to campus by the Center for Global Education]. The students learned about a runaway slave community in Brazil, and then created a mural about it with the collective ... This innovative and hands-on approach is just one example of Professor Adderley's ability to take advantage of Tulane and New Orleans' resources" in her teaching.

Meenakshi Vijayaraghavan has taught two of the largest core courses in her department. Students noted the difficulty of the assignments in her class, but praised the outcome: "Her afternoon lecture was the highlight of my day. Every moment of every class, late night study session, and test was an exhilarating experience," wrote one. "She has changed how I study, how I think, and who I am. She's given me opportunities no one else ever has, and most importantly she pushed me, and still does, to do the impossible. I have no other person to thank than 'Dr. V' for my success at Tulane."