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SPOTLIGHT

The Official Newsletter for Undergraduate Research & Creative Works



Congratulations, everyone! This semester has been a tough one but we're so proud of your perseverance as the fall semester draws to a close. We are thrilled to share this November issue of our Spotlight newsletter. This month, we'll cover the most recent URCW news to keep you up-to-date with student achievements within the realm of collaborative, creative and scholarly works. By sharing their stories, we hope to encourage your participation in our wonderful research community!

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In URCW, our mission is to bring together undergraduate students and faculty members for the purpose of creating unique and collaborative projects. By fostering an imaginative research experience, we hope to promote the development of new competencies, encourage critical thinking skills, and inspire students to add to the global sum of human knowledge. We'd love to connect with you through one of our numerous media outlets:

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SNCURCS 2020

Catching up with student presenters & attendees

Six undergraduate students got to present their research virtually at SNCURCS in November. Congratulations, students!



ASHLEY HANKS
Dr. Dinene Crater, mentor



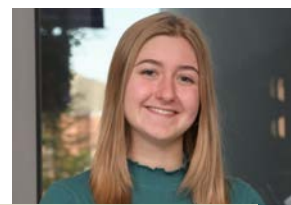
PEYTON ST. JOHN
Dr. Dinene Crater, mentor



KYLE WISEMAN
Dr. Jason Pittman, mentor



ALLISON PATRICK
Dr. Sarah Vess, mentor



HEATHER SIMMONS
Dr. Sarah Vess, mentor



LESLIE BOSSE
Dr. Matthew Carlson, mentor



I presented a research paper on how *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgkin Burnett fit Northrop Frye's theory of comedy. The virtual conference was definitely different than an in-person conference, but it was great! It gave me the chance to really perfect the video I presented and to make interesting presentation slides as well. It also was a great opportunity to see a lot of different presentations and to share mine with friends and family that may not have been able to see it in person. Overall it was a really great experience and I'm proud of myself for presenting at this type of research conference!

- Leslie Bosse

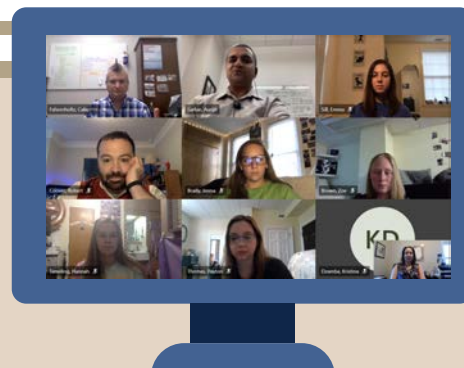


Many of our Research Rookies were in virtual attendance as well to support their fellow student presenters! Freshman Research Rookie, Hannah Tameling, shared a little bit about her experience:



Attending SNCURCS virtually was a really interesting experience. As students, we could pick from such a wide variety of topics and they were all presented in engaging formats. Even though it was online, getting to ask questions through commenting features enabled us to connect with the material at a deeper level.

- Hannah Tameling



Journal Submissions Now Open

Apply to have your work published in *Innovation: The Journal of Creative and Scholarly Works*

The mission of the *Innovation* journal is to publish scholarly and creative works from undergraduate students. That's you! The journal editors are looking for papers from a range of academic disciplines. Keep in mind, your papers don't have to be independent projects; you can build upon class projects and work through the revision process with faculty mentors on your existing works!

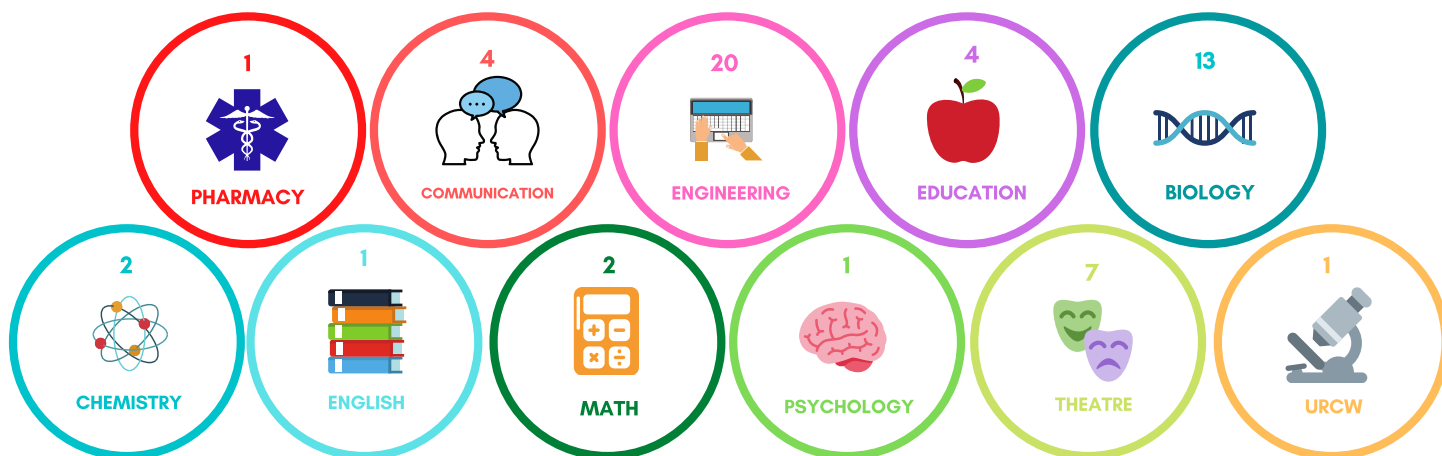
Spend some time this winter break reviewing previous works and consider submitting to www.highpoint.edu/urcw/hpu-journal for a chance to be published in the 9th edition!



Register your Research

Are you pursuing your own independent projects, mentored by a faculty member? Are you collaborating or assisting with faculty projects? Have you published or presented your project? Make sure to register your research on our website!

In just a few minutes, you and your faculty mentor can be recognized for your incredible work and join the URCW family at HPU! Listed below are the number of students, by department, who have officially registered their research. If your area of expertise is not represented, make sure to register online now!



Spring 2021 Research Opportunities

Be on the lookout for research opportunities next semester!

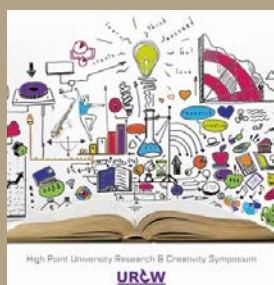


www.highpoint.edu/urcw/research-rookies



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The spring semester is approaching and so are some great opportunities for undergraduate research! The Research Rookies program will be available to freshman for our spring semester cohort. Made specifically for undergraduates, Research Rookies is the perfect way to start your research experience early in your college career! For two semesters, students complete a variety of research-oriented activities where they train to become a Research Apprentice--an advanced student researcher. For more information, visit our website or contact Dr. Joanne Altman to sign up!



High-PURCS 2021

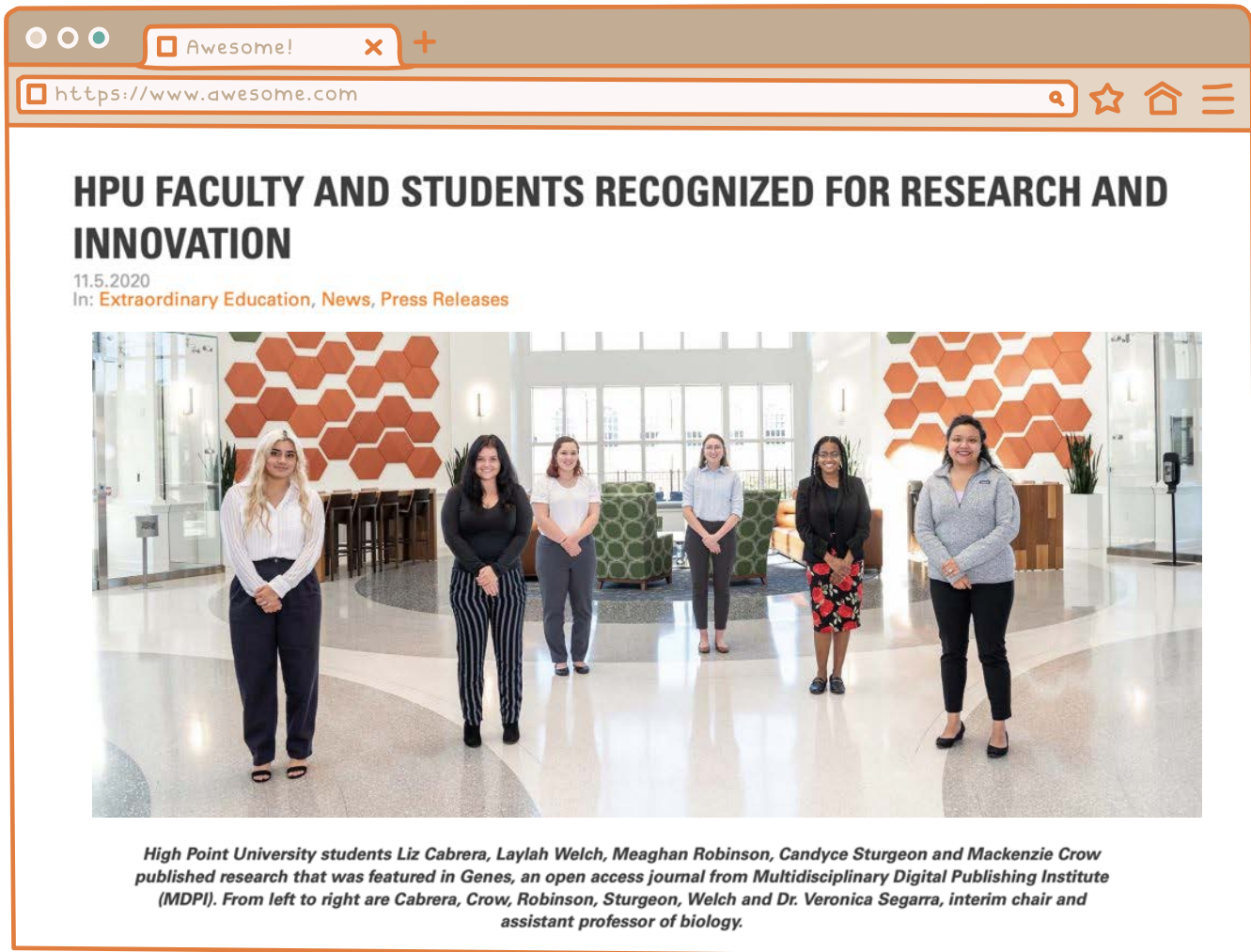
Keep your eyes peeled for information regarding High-PURCS, High Point's very own undergraduate research and creativity symposium. Students from all school, majors, and minors are invited to participate in our 9th annual event!

Choose from various presentation styles (poster, oral, performance, exhibit) to showcase your original works! Spend some time over the winter break reviewing your existing projects and consider submitting an abstract to present at High-PURCS next spring!

Research Tip of the Week: Time Management

Mikayla Stuart participated in the Summer Writing Hour to work on research remotely. She found that having a designated time for research helped her writing and was something she incorporated into the fall semester: "Having a writing hour was important in getting my thoughts on paper because I granted myself an hour each week to work on my research, distraction free, and because of it I now continue to use this strategy with my courses so I can accomplish any task I set out to do."


Research in the News



A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows 'https://www.awesome.com'. The page title is 'HPU FACULTY AND STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION'. Below the title, it says '11.5.2020' and 'In: Extraordinary Education, News, Press Releases'. The main image shows six women standing in a modern, brightly lit lobby with orange hexagonal wall decorations. Below the image is a caption: 'High Point University students Liz Cabrera, Laylah Welch, Meaghan Robinson, Candyce Sturgeon and Mackenzie Crow published research that was featured in Genes, an open access journal from Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI). From left to right are Cabrera, Crow, Robinson, Sturgeon, Welch and Dr. Veronica Segarra, interim chair and assistant professor of biology.'

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HPU Graduate Publishes Research in Columbia Journal of Undergraduate History

Student: Chasen Jeffries

Graduating Class: 2019

Article: "Spartan Austerity and Bribery"

Mentor: Dr. Jackie Arthur-Montagne

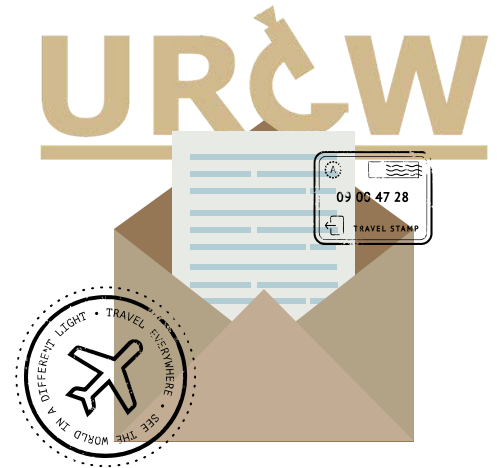
"When I first started this journey with an individual study course under the mentorship of Dr. Jackie Arthur-Montagne, assistant professor of history, I was seeking a challenge. I wanted to be pushed to sharpen and refine my researching, analysis and writing skills in the hope of creating an article worthy of publication."

Grant Recipients

URCW has the pleasure of awarding grants to students and faculty mentors to present their work at disciplinary conferences. Considering applying for a grant for your virtual conference registration or for a small project stipend today!



Dr. Jason's Pittman's sophomore computer science team earned a first place poster finish at the ACM MidSoutheast Conference competition! **Ashlyn Hanks, Christos Haramis, Timmy Beal, and Justin Riccardelli** did a fantastic job reproducing a seminal study in the field of detecting honeypots. Their work was supported by a grant from URCW, along with fellow students, **Cameron Meadows, Nathan Markle, Kyle Hoffpauir, and Kyle Wiseman.**



Interested in interdisciplinary projects?
Apply for a **SIRG Grant** today!

If you need funding for your interdisciplinary project (research involving 2 or more separate fields), look no further! The SIRG grant is here to help. Students awarded a SIRG grant will receive up to \$1,000 in funding for their scholarly work. **Online applications are now open!**