

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The 2016 CUR Conference: “**Advancing Undergraduate Research: Collaboration and Innovation in a Global Society**” was held at the University of South Florida Marshall Student Center, June 26-28, 2016 with 591 registrants.

Plenary Speakers:

**Tia Brown McNair**, Vice President in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success, Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)

**David Asi**, Senior Director of Science Education, Howard Hughes Medical Institute

**Stuart Hampton-Reeves**, Professor of Shakespeare Studies and Research-informed Teach and Chair of the British Conference of Undergraduate Research

**Carol Parish**, Professor of Chemistry University of Richmond, CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award Recipient

**Jeffrey M. Osborn**, Dean of the School of Science and Professor of Biology, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), CUR Fellow Award Recipient

**Jill Singer**, Professor of Earth Sciences, SUNY Buffalo State, CUR Fellow Award Recipient

[More information about the 2016 Biennial Conference](#)

The 2014 CUR Conference: “Creating the Citizens of Tomorrow: Undergraduate Research for All”, was held at the Renaissance Washington Hotel in Washington, DC, June 28-July 1, 2014. This was CUR’s largest Biennial, with 660 registrants.

Plenary Speakers:

Liz Lerman, Choreographer

Muriel Howard, AASCU President

Mark Brodl, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Trinity University – CUR Fellows Awardee

Mitchell Malachowski, Professor of Chemistry, University of San Diego – CUR Fellows Awardee

Ellen Junn, Provost, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Matthew Reed, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Holyoke Community College (also “Dean Dad” blogger for Insider Higher Ed)

Philip Rous, Provost, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Kathryn Westcott, Interim Provost, Juniata College

Lynette Overby and colleagues from University of Delaware, presenting “Dave the Potter”

Christopher Austin, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Science, National Institutes of Health

Richard Kurin, Undersecretary for History, Art, and Culture at the Smithsonian Institution

The Council on Undergraduate Research also honored Dr. Francis Connolly, Professor of Mathematics at University of Notre Dame, as the first CUR-Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Awardee. The award citation was given by Dr. Jamieenne Studley, Deputy Undersecretary for Education, U.S. Department of Education.

#### [More Information about the 2014 Biennial Conference](#)

The 2012 CUR Conference, "*Leveraging Uncertainty: Toward a New Generation of Undergraduate Research*," was held at The College of New Jersey, June 23-26, 2012. 564 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Representative Rush Holt, (D, NJ-12)
- Edward Ayers, President, University of Richmond
- Candace Thille, Director of the Open Learning Initiative (OLI), Carnegie Mellon University
- Dennis Smith & Amy Oaks, The College of William & Mary
- Kerry Karukstis, Professor of Chemistry, Harvey Mudd College -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Joyce Kinkead, Professor of English, Utah State University -- CUR Fellows Awardee

#### [Website of Archived Presentation Materials](#)

The 2010 CUR Conference, "*Undergraduate Research as Transformative Practice: Developing Leaders and Solutions for a Better Society*," was held at Weber State University, June 19-22, 2010. 496 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Robert Full, Professor, University of California, Berkeley
- Gabrielle Foreman, Professor of English and American Studies, Occidental College
- Mary Alice Morgan, Director of Women's and Gender Studies and Senior Vice-Provost for Service Learning, Mercer University
- Thomas Goodwin, Professor of Chemistry, Hendrix College -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Gilles Einstein, Professor of Psychology, Furman University -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 2008 CUR Conference, "*Frontiers and Challenges in Undergraduate Research*," was held at College of Saint Benedict, June 21-24, 2008. 612 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Isiah Warner, Philip W. West Professor of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry & Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, Louisiana State University
- Jennifer Blackmer, Assistant Professor, Ball State University

- Paul Apostolidis, Judge and Mrs. Timothy A. Paul Chair of Political Science, Whitman College
- Paula Dehn, Professor and Chair of Biology, Canisius College -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- John Gupton, Professor of Chemistry, University of Richmond -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 2006 CUR Conference, "*Learning Through Research: Dynamic Faculty, Students and Institutions*," was held at DePauw University, June 24-27, 2006. 512 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Patricia Gover, Co-Director, National Science Foundation's Decision Center for a Desert City, International Institute for Sustainability, Arizona State University
- L. Dee Fink, Former Director, Instructional Development Program, University of Oklahoma
- Plenary Panel: "Partnerships to Advance Undergraduate Research: Using Organizational Initiatives to Influence Institutional Agenda"
  - Carol Geary Schneider, President, Association of American Colleges and Universities
  - George Mehaffy, Vice President for Academic Leadership and Change, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
  - Elizabeth Hollander, Executive Director, Campus Compact
  - Jillian Kinzie, Associate Director of the NSSE Institute for Effective Educational Practice at the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research
- John Mateja, URSA/McNair Programs, Murray State University -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Nancy Mills, Professor of Chemistry, Trinity University -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 2004 CUR Conference, "*Crossing Boundaries: Innovations in Undergraduate Research*," was held at University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, June 23-26, 2004. 629 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Cora Marrett, University of Wisconsin System
- Carlos Gutierrez, California State University, Los Angeles
- Jill Schneiderman, Vassar College
- Mark Weaver, The College of Wooster
- Alanah Fitch, Loyola University of Chicago
- Ray Turner, Roxbury Community College
- Jerry Mohrig, Carleton College -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Andrea Halpern, Bucknell University -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 2002 CUR Conference, "*Undergraduate Research for All*," was held at Connecticut College, June 20-22, 2002. 580 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- James Lightbourne, Acting Division Director, Division of Graduate Education, Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation

- Federal Agency Panel on Research Responsibility:
  - Kay Fields, Public Health Service Fellow, Office of Research Integrity, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Jim Kroll, Office of the Inspector General, National Science Foundation
- Panel: NSF Undergraduate Education Programs
  - Jill Singer, Program Director, Geosciences, EHR/DUE, National Science Foundation
  - Duncan McBride, Section Head, Physics & Astronomy, EHR/DUE, National Science Foundation
- Panel: Assessing Institutional Environments for Undergraduate Research Learning
  - John Hayek, Indiana University - Bloomington, National Survey of Student Engagement
  - Patrick McDonald, New College of Florida, CUR's Online Undergraduate Research Directory
  - Jim Gentile, Hope College, The Academic Excellence Project
- Joseph Gallian, University of Minnesota - Duluth -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Thomas Wenzel, Bates College -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 2000 CUR Conference, "The Many Facets of Undergraduate Research," was held at The College of Wooster, June 19-22, 2000. 568 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- R. Stanton Hales, President, The College of Wooster
- Cathryn Manduca, Coordinator DLESE, Carleton College
- John Hunt, Deputy Assistant Director for Integrative Activities, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation
- David Benzing, Oberlin College
- Mary Allen, Wellesley College -- CUR Fellows Awardee
- Julio Ramirez, Davidson College -- CUR Fellows Awardee

The 1998 CUR Conference, "*Creating Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Changing Communities*," was held at Occidental College, June 25-28, 1998. 356 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Richard Zare, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University and Past President of National Science Board
- Norman Fortenberry, Director, Division of Undergraduate Research, National Science Foundation
- Blenda Wilson, President, California State University-Northridge
- Plenary Debate: "Shaping the Future: Issues and Agenda for Undergraduate Research"
  - R. Stanton Hales, President, The College of Wooster
  - Michael Nelson, Dean of Science, Truman State University
  - Linda Mantel, President, Association of Women in Science

The 1996 CUR Conference, "*Enriching Science Through Partnerships with Academics, Industry and Government*," was held at North Carolina Central University, June 27-29, 1996. 589 attendees.

Plenary Speakers:

- Julius Chambers, Chancellor, North Carolina Central University

- Hazel O'Leary, Secretary to U.S. Department of Energy
- David Goodstein, Provost, California Institute of Technology
- Plenary Panel: Developing the Next Generation of American Entrepreneurs through Partnerships
  - Erich Bloch, Council on Competitiveness
  - Michael Doyle, Trinity University
  - Linda Marvin, Lockheed Environmental Systems & Technologies Company
  - Luther Williams, National Science Foundation
- NSF Plenary Report: Improving Undergraduate Science and Mathematics Education: Recommendations from a Joint NSF-NRC Review
  - Robert Watson, Director, NSF Division of Undergraduate Education
  - Melvin George, Chair NSF Review Committee

The 1994 CUR Conference, "*The Bottom Line: Creating and Maintaining a Healthy Undergraduate Research Environment*," was held at Bates College, June 23-25, 1994. 655 attendees.

The 1992 CUR Conference, "*The Research Friendly Curriculum*," was held at Hope College, June 11-13, 1992. 393 attendees.

The 1990 CUR Conference, "*The Role of Undergraduate Research in Science Education: Building and Funding a Successful Program*," was held at Trinity University, June 28-30, 1990. 279 attendees.

The 1988 CUR Conference, "*Undergraduate Research -- Funding, Operation and Role in Faculty Recruiting*," was held at Carleton College, July 13-14, 1988. 421 attendees.

The 1985 CUR Conference, "*The Educating of Scientists: The Role and Funding of Research at Undergraduate Institutions*," was held at Colgate University, July 24-25, 1985. 285 attendees.