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New SPUR Published, "Innovative Learning Spaces That Promote Undergraduate Research"

The winter 2017 issue has been published of Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research, which focuses on "Innovative Learning Spaces That Promote Undergraduate Research." As issue editor Janice DeCosmo notes in her introduction, "New approaches and designs for learning spaces on college campuses that are intended to encourage group work, facilitate active learning pedagogies, and promote a 'making' culture also provide great environments for undergraduate research." [READ MORE]

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Stocks, Husic Represent CUR at AAAS Human Rights in STEM Meeting

CUR members Janet Stocks (Trinity Washington University) and Diane Husic (Moravian College) are representing CUR at the January 25-26, 2018, meeting of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, which is focusing on human rights in STEM education. The coalition is a network of organizations that recognize a role for scientists and engineers in human rights;
CUR is a member of the coalition. Review the meeting agenda, or watch the plenary sessions online.

Hotel and Registration Deadlines Approaching, 2018 CUR Dialogues, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times"

CUR Dialogues 2018, "A Sense of Mission: Pursuing Funding in Challenging Times," will bring together higher education faculty, staff members, and administrators with federal agency program officers and other grant funders in Arlington, VA, on February 15-17, 2018. Also featured will be networking opportunities, mock panels on NSF IUSE and REU programs, and keynote speakers who are Washington insiders (visit the CUR Dialogues webpage to read the draft program). Held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, CUR Dialogues 2018 will begin at 4 pm on Thursday, February 15, 2018, and will end around noon on Saturday, February 17, 2018. The deadline for hotel reservations is January 28, 2018, and the CUR Dialogues registration deadline is February 1, 2018.

Register for Free Jan 31 CUR Webinar "Defining Diversity and Inclusion"

The free CUR Webinar "Defining Diversity and Inclusion: Models that Augment Undergraduate Research across All Spectrums" on January 31, 2018, at 2-3 pm EST will address diversity as it relates to the educational and scholarly role of institutions, including curricular content, scholarly methodology, and the research mission. Moderated by CUR Undergraduate Research Program Division Councilor Vanessa McRae (Lincoln University), the panel will feature the views of three faculty members at various stages of their academic careers. It will provide an overview of the impact of diversity initiatives on student competencies and knowledge, and address the question of why diversity should inform the scholarship and pedagogy of every academic discipline. This webinar is offered as part of the NSF IOS (Integrative Organismal Systems) Broadening Participation Grant 12-49925 "Integrating and Leveraging IOS Networks to Facilitate the Development of URM in IOS Career Paths." To register, visit the registration webpage.

CUR Election Ballots Available for Members to Cast Votes by Jan 31 for CUR Councilors

Ballots are now available for CUR members to vote for CUR Councilor candidates. These will be available until January 31, 2018.
Application Deadlines Coming Up for Student Travel Grants in CUR Divisions

Application deadlines are approaching for student travel awards in several CUR divisions:

- **CUR Psychology Division**, application deadline February 15, 2018 (faculty mentors must nominate student candidates)
- **CUR Physics and Astronomy Division**, application deadline March 16, 2018
- **CUR Social Science Division**, applications considered on a first-come, first-served basis

Deadlines Approaching for Summer 2018 Undergraduate Opportunities

Many application deadlines are coming up for undergraduate research opportunities in summer 2018. Options include the following:

- **REU in astronomy and planetary science**, SETI Institute; application deadline February 1, 2018
- **REU**, Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure, for students in architecture, computer science, engineering, geosciences, and meteorology; application deadline February 1, 2018
- **TAURUS Scholars Program** in astrophysics for underrepresented students, UT-Austin; application deadline February 15, 2018
- **REU in imaging sciences**, Strobe NSF Science & Technology Center for Real-Time Functional Imaging; application deadline February 16, 2018
- **REU in sustainable land and water resources**, National Center for Earth-Surface Dynamics, for students in civil engineering, ecology, geosciences, mathematics, or related fields; application deadline February 19, 2018
- **Summer REU**, Bronze Age Körös Off-Tell Archaeological (BAKOTA) Field School, Quinnipiac University; accepted students will work with an international, multidisciplinary research team on the bioarchaeological analysis of a Middle Bronze Age cemetery in eastern Hungary; application deadline March 2, 2018
CUR EVENT Broadening Participation Institute—Mar 23-25, 2018—Bowie State University, Bowie, MD (application deadline: Feb 12, 2018)

CUR’s Broadening Participation Institute seeks to assist faculty and administrators in developing or enhancing their knowledge, skills, and competencies in increasing access, fostering diversity, and creating an inclusive environment for all STEM students. Institutions will send teams of faculty and administrators to the institute, and they will work together to craft an action plan to achieve inclusive excellence on their home campuses. To apply, visit the institute webpage.

CUR EVENT CUR Biennial—July 1-3, 2018—Arlington, VA

The 18th CUR Biennial Conference, “Creating Collaborative Connections in and through Undergraduate Research,” will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, on July 1–3, 2018. Faculty, administrators, staff, academic and community partners, and policymakers will share interdisciplinary investigations—both individual and collaborative—across local, national, and international contexts, as they showcase models of undergraduate research activities at all types of higher education institutions (learn more about the conference themes). Keynote speakers include the following:

- José Antonio Bowen (president of Goucher College)
- Freeman A. Hrabowski III (president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County)
- David Lopatto (director of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Grinnell College)
- Robin Wright (director of the Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation)

Opportunities to present may still be available; to submit, visit the CUR Biennial Conference webpage. In addition, the following preconference workshops are scheduled for June 30, 2018:

- A Research Lab Model for Student Research in Mathematics. This workshop will demonstrate a model in which multiple students work together on projects over multiple years, allowing for senior students to mentor students just embarking on research. Techniques will be discussed for reformulating single-student research projects as collaborative ones, developing healthy collaborative relationships among students, promoting meaningful contributions by each student, and organizing the logistics of a larger group.
• **Dialogical Opportunities.** Individuals will work within a learning community for several months before the biennial, meet at the biennial to further their discussions, and collaborate to create at least one CUR-related written product.

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### CUR Events and Deadlines

- **Jan 28, 2018**  Hotel Reservation Deadline, CUR Dialogues 2018  
- **Jan 31, 2018**  CUR Webinar, Defining Diversity and Inclusion  
- **Feb 1, 2018**  Registration Deadline, CUR Dialogues 2018  
- **Feb 12, 2018**  Application Deadline, Broadening Participation Institute  
- **Feb 15, 2018**  Application Deadline, Student Travel Grants, CUR Psychology Division  
- **Feb 15-17, 2018**  CUR Dialogues 2018  
- **Mar 16, 2018**  Application Deadline, Student Travel Grants, CUR Physics and Astronomy Division  
- **Mar 23-25, 2018**  Broadening Participation Institute  
- **Apr 4-7, 2018**  2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research  
- **Apr 9-13, 2018**  Undergraduate Research Week  
- **Apr 17-18, 2018**  2018 Posters on the Hill  
- **July 1-3, 2018**  CUR Biennial Conference

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