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University of Washington's Janice DeCosmo Elected as 2019-2020 CUR President

Janice DeCosmo—associate vice provost for undergraduate research, associate dean of undergraduate academic affairs, and affiliate faculty member in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences at the University of Washington—has been elected as 2019-2020 CUR president. DeCosmo will become president-elect on July 1, 2018, taking a seat on CUR's Executive Board and succeeding 2018–2019 CUR president Iain Crawford (University of Delaware) in summer 2019. READ MORE

CUR Councilors to Vote on CUR Constitution and Bylaws Changes

A webinar for CUR Councilors was held on May 7, 2018, to discuss proposed CUR Constitution and Bylaws changes. This webinar summarized the history of recent governance change discussions, provided an overview of the proposed Executive Board model, and reviewed the timeline for voting and implementation. The slides from this webinar as well as a paraphrased summary of the Q&A discussion can be viewed here. CUR Councilors received an e-mail on April 24 commencing the 30-day notification necessary before a vote on Constitution and
Bylaws changes. Only current Councilors are eligible to vote. The voting period will open on May 24, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to CUR President Anne Boettcher or CUR Immediate Past President/Governance Task Force Co-chair Susan Larson.

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**May 30 Deadline for Faculty and Student Research Awards, CUR Education Division**

The CUR Education Division is offering two $250 awards in faculty and undergraduate categories to assist faculty and students in conducting collaborative research projects in teaching and learning, the learning sciences, teacher education, and related disciplines, as well as disseminating results. The application deadline is May 30, 2018. For full details on the application process, consult the division's fall 2017 newsletter.

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**SPUR CFP, Big Data and Undergraduate Research (Proposal Deadline: June 1)**

The theme of the spring and summer 2019 issues of *SPUR: Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research* will focus on big data as a tool to promote undergraduate research. Five to six articles from a wide range of disciplines are sought that explore how the applications and use of big data serve to facilitate undergraduate research in a variety of educational and professional contexts. Some topics of interest include the following:

- Assessment of the impact of undergraduate research projects involving big data
- Promotion of undergraduate research through big-data projects across institutions
- Interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary applications of big data in the context of undergraduate research
- Ways that big data (or publicly available large datasets) have been leveraged for course-based research projects or for undergraduate research in online learning
- Technological applications in the use of big data to promote undergraduate research
- Applied research or community-based research using big data in the context of undergraduate research

The deadline for proposals is June 1, 2018. [READ MORE](#)

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**Register for Free June 13 CUR Webinar, "Assessment Strategies for Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences"**

Do you teach a course-based undergraduate research experience (CURE)? Are you thinking of implementing CUREs on campus or assessing the impact of multiple CUREs? This June 13
webinar at 1 pm ET will provide an overview of strategies to assess a course along with departmental and campus-level assessment strategies. Topics will include models for assessing student outcomes, including development of content knowledge, academic and professional skills, and academic achievement. Assessment strategies will include study designs that assess the quality and depth of educational experience along with quasi-experimental strategies that follow criteria for the Institute of Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse. To register, visit the webinar registration page.

Deadline June 13 for CIBE Applications, U.S. Dept of Education

Applications can be submitted for the FY 2018 Title VI Centers for International Business Education (CIBE) program of the U.S. Department of Education's International and Foreign Language Education office in the Office of Postsecondary Education. The program provides funding to U.S. higher education institutions for curriculum development, research, and training on issues related to U.S. trade and competitiveness. Funded centers provide instruction in critical foreign languages and international fields to improve understanding of the cultures of countries trading with the United States. The application deadline is June 13, 2018. READ MORE

DOD Proposal Writing Workshop for HBCUs/MSIs Scheduled for June 19 in North Carolina

The U.S. Department of Defense will host a proposal/application writing workshop for those from historically black institutions and minority-serving institutions on June 19, 2018, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Army Research Office in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Topics will include identification and cultivation of DOD funding opportunities, strategies for effective proposals, and elements considered by reviewers in evaluating proposals. READ MORE

NSF Seeks Comment on Draft of Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting comments on its draft of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) until July 13, 2018. The draft PAPPG is available on the Policy Office website.
App Deadline Nears for REU Internship, Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences

The Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences is accepting applications until May 31, 2018, for eight fall 2018 internships for undergraduates in marine and atmospheric sciences. READ MORE

CUR EVENT CUR Biennial—Jul 1–3, 2018 (Registration Deadline May 29)

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 and consult the abstracts of the scheduled presentations). Keynote speakers include the following:

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

The following workshops will be held:

- **A Research Lab Model for Student Research in Mathematics**, June 30, 2018, 1–4 pm, $65.00. 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. Read the draft agenda, or register for the workshop. Address questions to Kathryn Leonard.
- **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.
**CUR EVENT Proposal Writing Institute—**
**Jul 12–16, 2018**

The CUR Proposal Writing Institute at Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA, will bring together faculty members and administrators interested in preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies. Attendees will work one-on-one with a mentor, write, and participate in small-group discussions and critiques of proposals. Prior to the event, participants will be able to access information that will help them begin to draft their proposal. Missed the deadline to register? Contact Tavia Cummings.

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**CUR Events and Deadlines**

- **May 18, 2018** Submission Deadline, Undergraduate Research Highlights, Fall 2018 SPUR
- **May 29, 2018** Registration Deadline, CUR Biennial Conference
- **May 30, 2018** Application Deadline, Faculty and Student Research Awards, CUR Education Division
- **June 1, 2018** Nomination Deadline, Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, CUR Geosciences Division
- **June 1, 2018** Proposal Deadline, SPUR Issues on Big Data and Undergraduate Research
- **July 1-3, 2018** CUR Biennial Conference
- **July 12-16, 2018** Proposal Writing Institute

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