We condemn the shocking death of Mr. George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police. Our nation mourns this injustice today, and we stand with our African American community and all other groups committed to work for justice and against the institutionalized racism that is at the core of this and similar, all too familiar, acts; too many in our society are denied basic human rights and the rights guaranteed under the US Constitution. CUR reaffirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in its work today and urges its partners, colleagues, and others to join in this effort, knowing that it will create a path to a better society and future for all. We remain steadfast in our determination to work against racial injustice in our work and lives.

Janice DeCosmo (President), Iain Crawford (Immediate Past-President), Silvia Ronco (President-Elect), Lindsay Currie (Executive Officer)

Trinity U’s Dupertuis, Kennesaw State’s Parrott Selected as 2020 CUR - Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Awardees

Trinity University’s Rubén R. Dupertuis and Kennesaw State University’s Charles Parrott have been selected as the 2020 CUR–Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentor Awardees. Dr. Dupertuis cofounded the Roman World Lab; Dr. Parrott directs the storytelling troupe KSU Tellers.
CUR Provides Grant-Writing Support
Have faculty currently writing a grant? Are you in the process of sourcing grant funding? CUR is now offering consulting services to individuals preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies. Answer some preliminary questions, and you will be right on your way to experts evaluating your needs and customizing the support you need to submit a strong proposal. Get the details >>

UR Article: So You Want to Be a Scientist?
Lee Phillips, Dan Herr, and their colleagues from UNCG received funding from NIH to begin the MARC-U-STAR program. The program promises underrepresented students receive financial support, targeted mentoring, hands-on experience, and exposure to the professional world of research. The program has opened up new possibilities for the recruitment of students of color and women. Read the article >>

Who, What, When, Where, and Why of #VBC2020
CUR's first VIRTUAL Biennial Conference is happening at the end of this month! Kicking off with pre-conference workshops on June 28, 2020, with a variety of hot topics and transitioning into three days of consecutive, deep-dive sessions representing the subthemes that coordinate with the overall outlook of VBC - Inclusivity in Research.

- Assessment in UR
- Diversity and Inclusion in UR
- Integrating and Building UR into Curriculum and Coursework
- New Models and Settings for UR

Whether you have been to a Biennial in the past or are new this year, the topics, sessions, community, and overall experience will delight and inspire you to reach new levels within the UR community and strengthen UR experiences. The CUR Biennial Conference is the primary provider of professional development for faculty, mentors, and administrative practitioners focused solely on Undergraduate Research. While we hope we can safely all be together again soon, the need to continue to support this community and the important work you do to promote, support, and provide UR opportunities have not stopped.

We hope this short video explains a little more about the "who, what, when, where, and why" of #VBC2020 that makes it such an essential event for the UR community.

Watch Video
Know of Excellent Undergraduate Research Podcasts?

In its continuing efforts to provide resources on virtual undergraduate research, CUR would like to compile information about podcasts that have been produced as UR projects or feature UR. For example, some UR journals offer a podcast as an additional medium (such as the Rice Historical Review podcast). If your students have created such podcasts as part of their research, if you have recommendations about exemplary UR podcasts, or if you know of resources on producing podcasts, please email cur@cur.org with your suggestions.

Latest Discussions Happening in Our Community

- A community member is in search of reviewers for JMBE's Themed Issue: Teaching in a Time of Crisis. Volunteer.
- A member answers questions about Turnitin's similarity scores. Join in the discussion.
- Call for proposals on an edited collection of essays discussing the impact of stress on cancer patients. Share your expertise.

Check out some of the other 1,800+ discussions happening now!

Highlights: Member Resource Library

Have you checked out our Member Resource Library yet? It's full of valuable information from CUR, other groups, associations, and institutions - all sharing their knowledge with the greater undergraduate research community. From how to better your virtual teaching experience to podcasts on a variety of different topics, CUR's Member Resource Library's number-one goal is to maintain its value to our community. Check out some of the latest resources shared:

- Dartmouth College shares its podcast, The Outlook. Listen in >>
- CUR is partnering with ACS to deliver a free webinar on achieving funding success for grants. Register Today >>
- Deborah Lupton shares her research on "Doing Fieldwork in a Pandemic". Read Up >>

We are updating our member resources daily. Continue to check them out! Have resources you want to share? Send them here.

CUR Membership

Please remember CUR's member year begins July 1, 2020. If you haven't already done so, renew today. Renewing your membership allows you to continue receiving a plethora of benefits and helps you stay connected to the UR community. CUR is also providing a $50 discount to be used on the Virtual Biennial Conference (VBC) to those

Five in Five: Volunteer Opps

In times of uncertainty, our natural instincts make us lean on our friends, family, and co-workers more. We want to share trade-secrets, give a helping hand to those struggling, and celebrate the successes we have found. CUR started its Five in Five series to bring answers, make connections, and support the community.
NEWS OUTSIDE OF CUR

ACS's DCHAS Offers Virtual Discussions & Communities
The American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Health and Safety (DCHAS) is pleased to introduce two new ways to connect with the DCHAS community. Each month, it will feature a new discussion topic, using Zoom, so that members will have an opportunity to engage in conversation, share ideas and best practices, and continue to build the community. **June kicks off with a discussion on social distancing strategies in laboratories.** DCHAS will also be building out virtual communities for people with common interests. If interested in becoming involved, please complete the following survey by Friday, June 5 to tell more about the timing you prefer, and topics and communities that interest you. **Complete the survey >>**

Calls for Papers

- Ongoing SPUR Theme, UR during Times of Disruption | Deadline June 22
- SPUR Fall 2021, Undergraduate Research and Climate Change | Deadline July 27

Virtual UR Opps

- Virtual Interprofessional Student Poster Session, Nexus 2020 Summit, National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education | Deadline June 5
- Remote Preservation and Curatorial Internship, SS US Conservancy | Deadline June 5
- Call for Abstracts, 2020 Online Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference | Deadline June 19
- Zoom Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Biomaterials, University of California, San Diego | June 19 - August 7
- William Pencak Award for Best Undergraduate Research Paper in Pennsylvania History, Pennsylvania Historical Assn | Deadline June 30
- Call for Posters, Virtual State of the Map 2020 | Deadline June 30
- 2021 NRO Cadre Summer Internship Program, National Reconnaissance Office | Deadline June 30
- Mason Multi-Media Awards, Oral History Assn | Deadline July 1

*Have an opportunity you would like to share? Submit to Beth Foxwell.*

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