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Interview with Dr. Elizabeth Perry-Sizemore, Social Science Division Representative

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Elizabeth Perry-Sizemore is the Catherine and William Thoresen Professor of



Economics at Randolph College, where she also serves this year as Presidential Fellow. At Randolph, she has also served as Chair of the Department of Economics and Business, Director of the Summer Research Program, Assistant Dean of the College, Division Head, and most recently, Interim Provost. On July 1, 2024, Dr. Perry-Sizemore will begin serving as Vice President and Dean of the College at Maryville College in Maryville, TN.

How long have you been mentoring undergraduate research?

I have been mentoring undergraduate research for over 20 years.

Have you had any other involvement in leading experiential learning activities for undergraduates that you would like to share?

I have led service learning and community-based research experiences, supervised internships, and participated in and led student travel trips both domestically and abroad.

What influenced you to join CUR?

My staff colleague Naomi Amos was very involved in CUR, having helped establish my current institution's Summer Research Program. She appreciated my curiosity in undergraduate research and my interest in connecting with more social scientists engaged in UR. She encouraged me to attend some CUR events with her, and I quickly became a member. That might have been right after she introduced me to Julio Rivera!

Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award

Femi Odebiyi, Anne Price, Mario Gonzalez-Fuentes, Jennifer Edwards, and Carol Strong served as the Award Committee members for the Social Science Division

“The annual ConnectUR conference will provide a forum around undergraduate research where on-site and online attendees can draw on knowledge exchange, scholarship of teaching and learning, group

discussion, tangible and scalable practices, and community building to expand their efforts. This year the conference theme is Undergraduate Research: What's Next?"

Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award. Based on the scores and reviewers' comments, the Faculty Excellence Award was offered to Dr. Beth Sundstrom. Dr. Sundstrom is Professor of Health Communication and Director of the Women's Health Research Team at the University of Charleston. Since 2012, Dr. Sundstrom has co-authored conference presentations with over 120 student co-author spots. She has published peer-reviewed journal articles with over eighty student co-author spots. She has served as the instructor of record for sixty-eight independent studies, honors immersions, Bachelor's Essays and Master's Theses. She has mentored 13 Summer Undergraduate Research with Faculty (SURF) grants.

Upcoming Opportunities & Deadlines

- CUR 's Annual Leadership Meeting (CUR's ALM) is June 12-13, 2024, on Zoom. The meeting serves as the annual gathering of CUR's elected volunteer leaders, including Division Representatives, Councilors, and Board Members. Social Science Representatives and other CUR leaders are expected to attend. All volunteer leadership roles run from June 1-May 31 and the ALM is an opportunity to learn about leadership roles and responsibilities in CUR's mission and activities.
- ConnectUR on-site is June 24-26, 2024, in College Park, Maryland.
- NCUR 2025 will take place April 7-9, 2025, in Pittsburgh in partnership with Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education.

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