



COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

2024-2025 Elections Social Sciences Division: Councilor Candidates

Position Purpose: The CUR Council is a multidisciplinary body providing advisory input to the Board, so they have a broader perspective when making resource investment decisions. The Council serves in a communication capacity, surfacing key items arising from the Divisions, bridging the insight of the Division to the work of CUR as a whole, and serving as one means of information and resource dissemination from the central organization to the Divisions and members.

Needed Qualifications:

- Communication: Professional and effective communicators, experienced in difficult conversations and able to hear and disseminate community needs
- Foresight: Individuals able to look to the best interests of CUR into the future when discussing various issues impacting CUR members and higher education
- Creativity: Thoughtful supporters of change, able to think outside the box to find new initiatives
- Collaborative Spirit: Team players making space for all voices to be heard, furthering the collective understanding of the group, and cultivating outcomes to best serve CUR and its membership

There is 1 individual running.

You may vote for the candidate presented to be elected as a councilor for this division.

Candidate information is presented on the following pages. Click on each candidate name below to be taken to their Information In the document.

- [Anne Price](#)

Anne Price, Valdosta State University

Social Sciences Division Nominee

NOMINEE STATEMENTS

Describe your leadership experience both within CUR and extramural.

Within CUR, I currently serve as a Division Representative and Secretary for the CUR Social Science Division. As secretary, I seek to highlight opportunities and resources for Social Science division representatives within the division, within CUR as a whole, and beyond the organization. I also seek to showcase the undergraduate research and experiential learning our members develop, coordinate, and oversee, as well as their scholarship of teaching and learning related to undergraduate research. As secretary, I have conducted interviews with our members and spotlighted one member each month in order to create connection and community, even among members who may not yet have met in person. Within CUR I also serve on the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee (I will recuse myself from reviewing Councilor applications) and the Social Science Faculty Excellence in Mentorship Award Committee. I have also completed CUR's Inclusive Leadership Recruitment training. In 2024, I presented at ConnectUR, and served as the Social Science Division representative at the Open House.

At Valdosta State I have served in progressive leadership positions at the departmental and university level. From 2016-2023, I served as MS Sociology Coordinator within the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice. In this position, I developed a 4+1 Accelerated BA-to-MS degree program in collaboration with the BA Sociology & Anthropology program coordinator. After serving as MS Sociology coordinator for three years, I took on the additional leadership of our BA in Sociology & Anthropology program. I also co-established and co-directed a study abroad program to Ecuador offering coursework in sociology & anthropology, and led student participants to securing 7k in federal Gilman scholarships, as well as institutional support.

Currently, I serve as the university coordinator for the SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which provides students with a comprehensive offering of curricular and co-curricular experiential learning opportunities. These offerings are organized under the broad categories of research and creative inquiry, global citizenship, and servant leadership and community engagement, with each designed to engage students in a scaffolded approach to self-reflection and articulation of learning. As QEP Coordinator, I oversee tracking and assessment of all experiential learning, in collaboration with the experiential learning advisory team and an annual cohort of faculty experiential learning ambassadors. I also work closely with the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching in programming for faculty development in the theory and practice of experiential learning. In May 2024, we launched a faculty experiential learning certificate. I also chair our Blazer Summer Research Institute, which provides competitive funding for student-faculty teams to participate in mentored undergraduate research in a structured program.

How will your skills help the Council successfully uphold its charge?

I believe that my experience serving as the Secretary for the Social Science Division (and particularly my interviews with the division members) has provided me with insight into the skills and deep knowledge the division and its longstanding members bring to the Council and the undergraduate research community as a whole, as well as the needs and concerns of new and prospective divisional representatives and more junior faculty. My institutional role of leading our QEP focused on experiential learning provides me with insight on how to best articulate how undergraduate research develops essential skills and provides readiness for careers and graduate school.

NOMINEE ABBREVIATED CV

An abbreviated CV highlighting the candidate's accomplishments with respect to undergraduate research is available on the next page.

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EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D. (M.A.) in Sociology, The Ohio State University
2004 B.A. in English Literature and Sociology with Honors, Florida State University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Valdosta State University

2023-present University Coordinator for [SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan \(QEP\): Trailblazing through Experiential Learning](#)

Reporting to the Dean of the University College, I direct university-level initiatives and programs related to VSU's 2021-2026 Quality Enhancement Plan, *Trailblazing: Shaping the Undergraduate Experience through Experiential Learning*, in consultation with relevant university administrators, faculty, staff, offices, and committees.

Related publication: Anne Price and Michael Savoie. 2024. "[A Case Study of an Experiential Learning Program at a Regional Comprehensive University: Assessment, Scalability, and Racial and Ethnic Equity](#)." *Experiential Learning and Teaching in Higher Education* 7(2).

[Mindset in Motion Podcast: Campus Wide Experiential Learning, Scale and Quality](#)

2016-2023 Coordinator of the MS in Sociology Degree Program

2019-2023 Coordinator of the BA in Sociology & Anthropology Degree Program

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Valdosta State University

2023-present Professor

2018-2023 Associate Professor of Sociology. Valdosta State University

2013-2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology. Valdosta State University

University of South Florida

2011-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology. University of South Florida.

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

13. **Jamie Shelton**, MS Sociology, 2024. "Religiosity Versus Spirituality." 3rd place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium 3-Minute Thesis Competition.
12. **Taylor Harrison**, MS Sociology, 2024. "How Media Aimed Towards Youth May Affect Their Views of Self: A Focus on Animated Disney Movies." 2nd place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium 3 Minute Thesis Competition.
11. **Aniste Marie Philor**, BA Sociology & Anthropology, 2024. "Education, Political Views, and Perceptions of Immigrants of Color." 1st place poster division, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.
10. **Tanisha Goldsboro**, MS Sociology, 2023. "Gaps in Women's Leadership and Pay across 26 University System of Georgia Institutions" 1st place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium 3-Minute Thesis Competition.
9. **Journey Perkins**, MS Sociology, 2023, "Social Media Addiction During a Global Pandemic: What are the Effects?" 2nd place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium 3 Minute Thesis Competition.

8. **Nashie Wesley**, 4+1 Accelerated BA to MS Degree Program, 2023, "How Does Society Socialize Gender Identity, Gender Expression, and Sexual Orientation through Institutions?" 3rd place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium 3-Minute Thesis Competition.
7. **James Lane**, MS Sociology, 2022. "Anti-Vaxxers or Social Factors? Explaining COVID-19 Vaccination Rate Differences Across Georgia Counties" (co-sponsor with Ellis Logan). 2nd place overall, Valdosta State University, Graduate Research Symposium, Academic Poster.
6. **Jaborah McEady**, MS Sociology, 2022, MS Sociology, "Developmental Delays and Social Media." 2nd place overall, Valdosta State University, 3-Minute Thesis Competition.
5. **Tori-Anne Chambers**, BS Criminal Justice, 2023, "Political Affiliation and the Abortion Ban." 1st place poster competition, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.
4. **Ashlin Overstreet**, BS Criminal Justice, 2023, "Gender and Political Affiliation Effects on Views of Gun Control Laws." 2nd place poster competition, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.
3. **Tanisha Goldsboro**, BA Sociology & Anthropology, 2022, "Gaps in Women's Leadership and Pay across 26 University System of Georgia Institutions." 1st place poster competition, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.
2. **Zy'ronica Lindsey and Zachary Collis**, BA Sociology & Anthropology, "Food Deserts and Food Insecurity in Valdosta, GA." 2nd place poster competition, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.
1. **Elizabeth Bingham**, BA Sociology & Anthropology, 2020, "Literacy and Access to Libraries." 2nd place poster competition, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Division.

Sponsor for Student Funding

- 2023 **Evelyn Vasquez**, Gilman Study Abroad Recipient for Study Abroad Ecuador 2023 \$4,000
2023 **Nashie Wesley**, Gilman Study Abroad Recipient for Study Abroad Ecuador 2023 \$3,000

Media Coverage of Student Experiential Learning

[WALB news](#); [Valdosta Daily Times](#)

SELECTED FACULTY LEADERSHIP & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Program Development

- 2023 Co-Founder and Co-Director: Diversity in Culture and Communities, Study Abroad to Ecuador with Universidad San Francisco de Quito, with Shelly Yankovskyy (Anthropology)
2022 Founding Member and Co-Chair: College of Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series, with Tom Aiello (History). Media: [Valdosta Daily Times](#)
2017 Co-Development: 4+1 Accelerated BA to MS Degree in Sociology, with Carl Hand (Sociology)

Standing Committees

- 2023-present Chair, Quality Enhancement Plan Advisory Team (VSU)
2024-present Chair, Blazer Summer Research Institute Steering Committee (VSU)
2021-present [Sociology University System of Georgia Regents Advisory Committee \(RAC\) Member](#). (USG)