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The [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) newsletter is published two times per month to share news about undergraduate research at UNC, relevant events, accomplishments of our students and faculty, and more. For additional information, please visit our website at www.unc.edu/depts/our or email us at our@unc.edu.

Announcements and OUR News

OUR Blog:

- [UNC Faculty Spotlight: Sports Administration Assistant Professor Coyte Cooper](#)

GRC Blog:

- [Literature, Archives and GRCs](#)

OUR People:

- Meet [Donna Bickford](#), OUR Associate Director

OUR Programs:

- There are still a few slots available for [IDST195: Modes of Inquiry](#). This is a good opportunity to learn more about research at Carolina and hear from passionate, talented faculty researchers.
- Faculty, don't miss your opportunity to apply for a [Graduate Research Consultant](#) for your fall course. The deadline for applications is August 15, 2012.
- News from a [Summer Session I GRC course](#).

The [Council on Undergraduate Research](#) announces its new president and unveils its new website. OUR staff will be presenting at the Council's annual conference June 23-26. Stay tuned for our report!

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Dr. Cooper discusses strategies for getting involved in research as an undergraduate.

[Literature, Archives and GRCs](#)

Dr. Heidi Kim discusses helping undergraduates conduct research in the archives.

Meet Donna Bickford:

I joined the Office for Undergraduate Research as the Associate Director in January 2012. Before I came to OUR, I directed the Carolina Women's Center here at UNC for 5 ½ years. I also hold adjunct faculty appointments in the Department of English and the Department of Women's Studies. I came to UNC from the University of Rhode Island, where I earned my Ph.D. English and then taught in the Women's Studies Program for six years. In the Fall of 2003, I was a Fulbright Scholar and taught that semester at Abo Akademi University in Turku, Finland, which was a wonderful and rewarding experience.



I've served as a faculty advisor to several undergraduate researchers which affirmed for me that undergraduate research can be a transformative experience for students in many ways. I was eager to join OUR and be part of this innovative, collegial and supportive team as we continue to grow and enhance the culture of undergraduate research at UNC.

During Summer Session I, COMM669: The Women's Movement in the Triangle: Oral History and Civic Engagement was taught by Dr. Rachel Seidman with [GRC](#) Liz Lundeen. On June 15, students in this research-exposure service-learning course presented the results of their projects. Representatives from their community partners were also in attendance; partners included the North Carolina Council for Women, Ladyslipper, Durham Crisis Response Center,



Anna Faison discusses website for the Pauli Murray Project

Benevolence Farm, and the Pauli Murray Project. Watch for an upcoming blog post with more details about this course next week on the [GRC Blog](#).

Tyler Mofield, Tanya Jisa of Benevolence Farms, Josh Bridges



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