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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.

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Hear from this Carolina alum and McNair Scholar about his research on black men in the Greek system and his plans for the future.

[Interview with Victoria Wilburn:](#)

Meet this Carolina Research Scholar and McNair Scholar alum and hear about her research on race and the film industry.

[Summer Research Spotlight Series:](#)

Here’s a heads up about our strategy for spotlighting SURF and HHMI student research this summer.

[Summer Research Spotlight on Erica Andrews:](#)

Nutrition major Erica Andrews discusses the thrills and challenges of her research project on pediatric diabetes.

[Students “do research” in Political Science courses:](#)

Dr. Layna Mosley describes using a GRC in her courses on global trade and workers’ rights.

[The Women’s Movement in the Triangle:](#)

GRC Liz Lundeen shares her experiences working with students in a course incorporating oral history.

[Welcome to our two new Liaisons for Undergraduate Research:](#)

Faculty, postdoctoral scholars and graduate students in several departments serve as Liaisons for Undergraduate Research. The LURs facilitate student involvement in undergraduate research in various ways, offering resources, strategies and advice. Welcome to [Dr. Kevin Jeffay](#) in the [Department of Computer Science](#), and [Dr. Deborah Stroman](#) in the [Department of Exercise & Sports Science](#). Thanks to all our LURs for their efforts to make visible research opportunities for undergraduate students at UNC!

[OUR Staff Present at the 2012 Council on Undergraduate Research Conference:](#)

OUR Director [Dr. Pat Pukkila](#) and Associate Director [Dr. Donna Bickford](#) presented at the CUR Conference at the end of June. Pat discussed strategies for balancing the dual roles of faculty member and administrator, and Donna shared information about the OUR [Ambassador](#) program.

[College of Arts & Sciences faculty involvement in undergraduate research:](#)

Almost 400 faculty in the College mentored undergraduate researchers during the 2011-12 academic year. See more statistics here: http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/pdfs/faculty_ur_data_11-12.pdf

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