



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

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This is our final newsletter of 2012. Stay tuned for more in 2013.

OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- SURF recipient [Serena Hackerott](#) talks about her transition from student to scientist.
- [Erica Andrews](#) discusses how her SURF research experience helped her learn to raise questions about everything.

GRC Blog:

- Our latest [GRC Blog entry](#) has lots of pictures from *Bringing Research to Scale in the Undergraduate Curriculum*. You can see more [below](#).

OUR People:

- [Endeavors](#) magazine features the research of SURF recipient [Alex Biggers](#) on the Community Empowerment Fund and its work with people transitioning out of homelessness.
- Meet our new student worker, [Kingsley Chanakira](#).
- Undergrads, if you have questions about conducting undergraduate research, OUR [Ambassadors](#) are a great resource.

Other Events and News:

- Abstract submission for the April 5-6, 2013 [Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) is now open and closes January 25, 2013.
- The Tomorrow Project USA and the Center for Science and the Imagination are sponsoring the [Green Dreams competition](#). Write about your vision of a sustainable future before January 7, 2013 and you can win \$200 and be published.
- A [nanobiotechnology research internship](#) is available at RTI for graduate students or undergraduates.

OUR Events

SURF Information Session

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

5:30-7pm

*Frank Porter Graham Student Union
Room 3408*

Are you considering applying for a [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#) this summer? Join us at our next information session and learn more about the program. You'll hear from former SURF recipients about their experiences and we'll also tell you about the support that is available to help you with your proposal.

Call for Presentation Proposals

[World View](#): An International Program for Educators at UNC at Chapel Hill seeks concurrent session presentation proposals for its annual Latin America and North Carolina Seminar on topics related, but not limited, to Latin America, Latinos living in NC, Latino identity, etc.

Please submit a word document with the following information:

1. Proposed presentation title
2. Description of how the session will be structured, i.e., PPT presentation, lecture, web-based resources, images, hands-on artifacts, group activities, etc. (50-150 words)
3. Summary of research, conclusions, and/or point of view (300-500 words)
4. Additional comments that might assist us in review of your proposal, including relevance to the Seminar theme (maximum of 150 words)
5. Your faculty mentor for this research
6. Name(s) of any co-presenters



Meet OUR Staff Member Kingsley Chanakira: I'm a first year from Durham, North Carolina,

majoring in Computer Science. I'm the Technical Assistant for the Office for Undergraduate Research. I help maintain and the office's website, as well as a variety of other tasks. My job is to keep everything on the OUR page updated and running smoothly to help people learn more about what we have to offer. When I'm not studying or working, you can find me working on my own website, writing android apps, or just hanging out with my friends.

Pictures from *Bringing Research to Scale in the Undergraduate Curriculum: Celebrating 10 Years of Graduate Research Consultant Courses*



Faculty and staff talk about inquiry-based education.

7. Presenter name, year of study, major, email address, and phone number

Proposals should be submitted by December 14, 2012. Please submit proposals and any questions via email to Katharine Robinson, Assistant Director for Curriculum, World View (krobinson@unc.edu).

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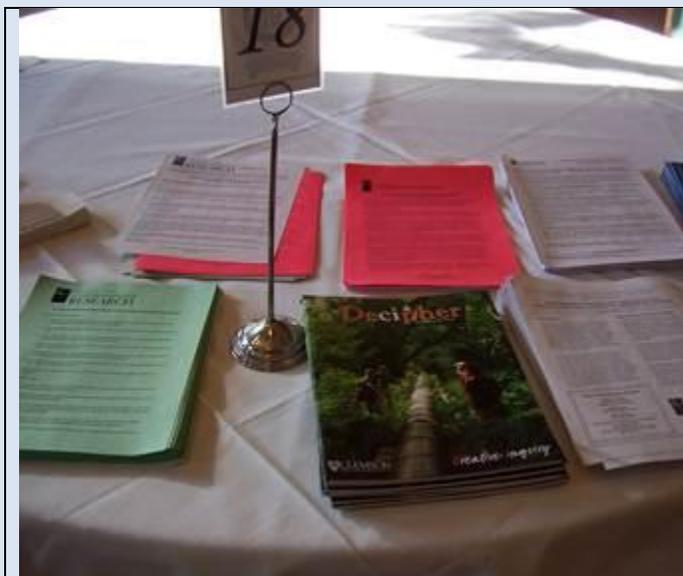




More conversations about embedding research in undergraduate courses.



Sunshine bathes our conversations.



**If you didn't have time to look at our resources,
come by the office and pick some up.**



And there was great food.