



February 29, 2012 Newsletter

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 entries-

- [Connecting Climates One Map at a Time](#): Chelsey Bentley's interview with undergraduate researcher Melissa Wrzesien.

GRC blog entries-

- Dr. Michelle Robinson shares her experiences "[Teaching AMST392: Radical Communities in 20th Century US Religious History with a GRC](#)." Learn more about the GRC program [here](#). Faculty who are using or have used GRCs, and graduate students who are or have been GRCs are strongly encouraged to contribute to our blog. Let your colleagues learn from your experiences. Send submissions to Donna Bickford at dbickford@unc.edu.
- Have you wondered why the OUR logo is a rectangle with a black box inside? Read [Dr. Pat Pukkila's explanation!](#)

Events

- Join us at the [Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research](#) on Monday, April 16, from 1:00-3:45 in the Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union. Do you want to present your research? The deadline to submit applications is March 11, 2012.

Announcements and OUR News:

[Connecting Climates One Map at a Time: My Interview with Melissa Wrzesien](#)

Written by OUR Staffer Chelsey Bentley

Usually when I hear the words "climate change," I sit reminiscing for a minute. My brain goes back to the high school science classes where I often sat doodling as the teacher tried her best to explain the dangers of climate change. . . .

[AMST392: Radical Communities in 20th Century U.S. Religious History with a GRC](#)

Written by Dr. Michelle Robinson, [Department of American Studies](#)

Teaching AMST392, "Radical Communities in 20th Century U.S. Religious History," in Fall 2011, I had a chance to collaborate with Jill Peterfeso, an amazing graduate student in the [Religious Studies Department](#) who specializes in U.S. Religious History and Performance Studies. We really hoped students would think about research as something that existed beyond the classroom, beyond the

semester, and beyond the grade; it could be a means to pursuing their own scholarly concerns and result in a product they could share with a broad audience, not just their immediate peers or professor. .

[Why is the OUR logo a rectangle with a black box inside?](#)

By Dr. Patricia Pukkila, Associate Dean and Director of OUR

I designed the OUR logo based on the phi ratio (more on that in a minute) because it has significance in mathematics, biology, architecture, music, art and philosophy, to name a few. . . .

The College of Arts & Sciences [profiles two SURF recipients](#): Kenan Music Scholars Qiudi Zhang and Crystal Wu.

Events:

Plan to attend the Thirteenth Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research at UNC-Chapel on **Monday, April 16, 2012, from 1:00-3:45 pm** at the [Frank Porter Graham Student Union](#).

The Celebration is an annual event sponsored by the [Office for Undergraduate Research](#) and co-sponsored by [The Roosevelt Institute](#). The goal of the Celebration is to showcase and encourage meaningful research in all disciplines by undergraduates at UNC-Chapel Hill.



Are you curious about opportunities to engage in original inquiry and research at Carolina? Not sure where to begin? Come to the Great Hall in the FPG Student Union and look for students wearing "HOST" nametags. They will help you to identify projects that match your interests.

During the symposium, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with potential faculty advisors and learn what students like you have accomplished.

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