8TH ANNUAL FLORIDA STATEWIDE SYMPOSIUM

ENGAGEMENT IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD, 2015
ORLANDO, FL
Defining Priorities: Rethinking Faculty Workload to Build Undergraduate Research

Speaker: Dr. Julio Rivera
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OVERVIEW:
Building and strengthening undergraduate research programs requires a number of resources. A primary resource and key building block for these programs is faculty time. Given the range of other academic demands on faculty, strategic rethinking and rebalancing workload becomes an essential element in the expansion of opportunities for students. The diversity of college and university types demands a range of options for rethinking faculty load in the context of undergraduate research.

Friday, October 2nd from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
PEGASUS BALLROOM, STUDENT UNION

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

11:00 am – 1:00 pm  Registration
Pegasus Ballroom

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Welcome and Orientation
Pegasus Ballroom (Knights Room)
Dr. Elizabeth Dooley, Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning, Dean of College of Undergraduate Studies
Dr. Kimberly Schneider, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Breakout Room - Knights
Defining Priorities: Rethinking Faculty Workload to Build Undergraduate Research
Dr. Julio Rivera (Carthage College)
Introduction: Dr. Melody Bowdon, Executive Director, UCF Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning

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(Florida Gulf Coast University)

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5:15 pm – 7:00 pm  Poster Session and Reception  
Arjun Watane, Piano, UCF Member of the Student  
Undergraduate Research Council  
Burnett Honors College

7:00 pm  Dinner On Your Own  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

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Burnett Honors College Lounge

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Conference (FURC) - Open Planning Meeting  
BHC 129

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

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BHC 128  
Jack Huang (Jacksonville University)

12:45 pm - 1:35 pm  LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ROOMS

Large Research Universities  
BHC 126  
Facilitator: Donna Chamely-Wiik  
(Florida Atlantic University)

Liberal Arts Universities  
BHC 127  
Facilitator: Eric Fruent  
(University of Tampa)

State Colleges  
BHC 128  
Facilitator: Ashley Spring  
(Eastern Florida State College)

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This presentation will overview FGCUScholars, a university-wide program at Florida Gulf Coast University that integrates undergraduate research across the university as a means of teaching and assessing writing, critical thinking, and information literacy. We will overview the development and learning outcomes of FGCUScholars and the implementation across the campus, highlighting examples of curricular changes in engineering that engage students throughout their career at FGCU, the role of problem/project-based learning (PBL) in business classes, the development of research assignments that use digital media in literature courses, and the creation of disciplinary-specific sections of Composition II.
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm (Breakout Room - Gold)

**The Role of the 21st-Century Library: Inspiring Undergraduate Researchers through Cross-Campus Partnerships**

*Kelly Miller (University of Miami) and Margarita Nafpaktitis (University of California Los Angeles)*

Librarians at the University of Miami and University of California Los Angeles will describe how collaborations with campus partners, including Writing Centers, Honors Programs, and Undergraduate Research Centers, are resulting in new opportunities to address institutional challenges in supporting undergraduate researchers. Examples will include the creation of a peer research consultation service and a library undergraduate research fellowship program. The presentation will demonstrate how engagement with campus partners is proving key to the transformation of library spaces and services to inspire and empower 21st-century learners. The interactive session will involve participants in discussion of opportunities for such collaborations at their institutions.

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm (Breakout Room - Black)

**Whom Do We Serve? Addressing Diversity and Inclusion in Undergraduate Research**

*Latika Young and Kim Reid (Florida State University)*

The diversity of the student body is not fully represented in undergraduate research and related high-impact practices. This session will provide an overview of how Florida State University’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement is striving to be inclusive, through campus partnerships, outreach, funding, and individualized support. It will also include a brief discussion of a case study being conducted on the participation of underrepresented students in its Global Scholars program. The session will embody the interactive spirit so come prepared to share and learn!

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**Assessment of Student Learning of Undergraduate Research: Challenges, Strategies, and Solutions**

*Donna Chamely-Wiik and Anthony Ambrosio (Florida Atlantic University)*

The complexities involved in establishing rigorous assessment practices across diverse content areas with faculty of varying degrees of assessment expertise can be challenging. Florida Atlantic University’s undergraduate research initiative includes a curricular and co-curricular initiative to enhance research in courses and programs across all disciplines. Faculty engage in curricular changes to improve student learning assessed through a common rubric and co-curricular involvement through rubrics developed for our symposium and undergraduate research journal. Participants will explore tools created to facilitate curricular and co-curricular change and reporting options used to more accurately reflect the effect such an initiative has on student learning.
Research-based courses providing undergraduates with hands-on research experience needed for post-graduation success remain limited at large universities. While studies suggest student research coaches facilitate richer course-based research opportunities to larger student bodies, an analysis of its effectiveness across disciplines is lacking. We implemented this model across four courses with discipline-specific research foci. Preliminary analyses indicate although students’ pre-semester research experiences differed, students across courses/experience-levels perceived this to offer “real” research exercises and increased confidence levels. We examine instructors’ versus coaches’ impact on increasing undergraduates’ research confidence levels, as findings suggest confidence as critical to persistence in field-related research tracks.

From Past to Present: Heritage as an Avenue to Contemporary Social Concerns
Uzi Baram (New College of Florida)

The New College Public Archaeology Lab program in regional heritage has expanded undergraduate experiential learning from excavations and laboratory analysis to community service learning with engagement with the public and diverse communities. Archaeology focuses research on the past but the public aspect situates the studies in the context of the present, with excavations and preservation requiring a critical perspective on contemporary social concerns. Recognizing the past can be empowering for subordinated communities. Heritage interpretation, built on the archaeological research, offers undergraduates opportunities to grapple with community identities, contemporary politics, and commemoration.

Seminole State College of Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Program: Building Research Collaborations between Faculty and Students
Maya Byfield and Steven Zimmerman (Seminole State College)

Our commitment to community colleges is to give students an access to research projects associated with their STEM fields. Collaboration amongst their community college professors from different STEM fields is helpful in achieving that end. We initiated an effort to promote engagement in research topics and faculty development. Collaboration between faculty in the biology and math departments at Seminole State College was developed. This collaboration resulted in the creation of an awesome math research experience for a student in our STEM research class.
Internships and Undergraduate Research in Business Colleges: A Conceptual Framework for FAU’s College of Business
Pauline Chin and Donna Cook (Florida Atlantic University)

Academic internships are usually semester long for-credit courses related to a student’s field of study in which the student works in a company outside of the University environment under the supervision of a faculty mentor and a company representative. The benefits of such a course are the experience gained, the opportunity to acquire or improve upon skills, knowledge and abilities, and to apply learned concepts and methodologies in a “real-world” setting. By adding a research component to internships, business students would have a unique opportunity to identify a research problem in their chosen field and complete a research project.

Mentoring in Undergraduate Research: An Analysis of Research Activity Alignment, Mentoring Relationship Satisfaction, and Student Development
Nicholas Coles and Kimberly Schneider (University of Central Florida)

Little research has empirically examined undergraduate research mentoring relationships. Conversely, this work examined a) mentor/mentee weekly activity logs, b) mentor/mentee satisfaction ratings, c) mentee grade point averages, and d) mentor ratings of mentees’ research-skill development, from a first-year STEM living-learning community. Results indicated that alignment between mentor and mentees activity logs was generally low, and positively associated with mentor/mentee satisfaction. Additionally, mentor/mentee satisfaction was strongly positively associated with evaluations of student research development and mentees’ perceptions of the quality of the mentoring relationship, but not associated with mentees’ grade point averages. Implications and future directions will be discussed.

What Do Students Learn from Research? Assessing the Impact of an Undergraduate Thesis Program
Denise Crisafi (University of Central Florida)

The Honors in the Major undergraduate thesis writing program is the oldest research program at UCF. With over 2,000 students having completed this research experience in the past 25 years, it is important to assess why students are interested in taking on a large-scale endeavor of this kind and how they are benefiting from the experience. These areas of inquiry are addressed using exit survey data collected from graduating Honors in the Major students each semester. Suggestions for how other institutions can implement and/or improve their own thesis writing programs will be provided.
Successful Research Projects in a 1000 Level Course
Lisa De Castro (Florida Southern College)

This poster outlines the types of resources, guidance, and assessments that were provided to freshman students and non-STEM majors who were assigned group projects in a MAT 1007 Liberal Arts Math class. The students in this course utilized this information to successfully produce a research paper and present a poster.

Professional Development of Undergraduate Researchers: Workshops for Student Success
Anne Donnelly and Michelle Leonard (University of Florida)

The 2012 Center for Undergraduate Research report Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research made recommendations regarding professional development of undergraduate researchers. In response to this recommendation, UF Center for Undergraduate Research conducted a survey to assess student interest in this project. Over 100 undergraduates responded and identified the skills that they would like to have training in, their preferred delivery mode, and the obstacles they encounter obtaining training. Results from the survey will be presented, as well as plans for the modules to be developed with both the content and delivery mode that will make them most accessible.

Cross-disciplinary Undergraduate Research at Jacksonville University
Courtney Barclay, Janet Haavisto, Deborah Jordan, Ross Stephenson, Peter Zhao (Jacksonville University)

Recent research into the learning outcomes expected and achieved from undergraduate research experiences supports the belief that students, faculty, and institutions benefit from a strong commitment to such efforts. The facilitators will discuss with participants: how undergraduate students can be led through cross-disciplinary research; how they can be included in their faculty mentors’ research; and how undergraduate student researchers can be readied for professional presentations in public forums.

Fostering Undergraduate Research in an Abroad Program
Sandra Gilchrist (New College of Florida)

Students participating in the Coral Reef Issues class prepare a week in the US, then travel to Honduras for a saturation experience on a coral reef. Learning skills like underwater photography and experimental design, students propose projects based on their observations and on suggested topics. Projects give students the chance to plan and implement a field activity, analyze data, present materials, and continue work when they return to home campus. The field component abroad creates an opportunity for students to bond as a research group as well as for the instructor to engage in collaborative and cooperative learning.
Expanding the Role of Student Research in Academic Publishing: The Journal of Multidisciplinary Research
Hagai Gringarten and Raul Fernandez Calienes (St. Thomas University)

In today’s highly competitive and fragmented market, with increased options available to both students and researchers, cultivating student research in a not-for-profit university setting and successfully fast-growing an academic journal represents a remarkable branding achievement. Publishing a research journal has many advantages and benefits for a university—from enhancing academic reputation to increasing institutional brand equity. As a result of unique branding strategies and coordinated editorial teamwork, the Journal of Multidisciplinary Research achieved significant brand awareness in the academic world, publishing solid student research from leading universities and demonstrating the ability to incorporate top global research with student research.

Recognizing the Well-Rounded Student: How Campus Partnerships Contribute to Engagement in Undergraduate Research
Kate Hayworth and Shelby Young (Florida State University)

Florida State University’s Garnet and Gold Scholar Society (GGSS) encourages and recognizes the engaged, well-rounded undergraduate student who excels within and beyond the classroom in the areas of leadership, internship, service, international and research. This unique partnership between Student and Academic Affairs aids the university’s mission of fostering student involvement within undergraduate research and other high-impact practices. As part of completing the GGSS requirements, students write reflections on each engagement area as well as an overall synthesis during their senior year. Upon completing GGSS, students are inducted into the Society and receive special recognition on their transcripts.

Student Research in a Semester Course: How to Make It Happen!
Mary Martinasek (University of Tampa)

Students enrolled in the University of Tampa’s Epidemiology course come from a variety of disciplines. Students are encouraged to determine a research topic that best resonates with their group’s interest. The course is designed to provide students with human subjects research certification, an understanding of research ethics, research methods, as well as incorporate skills learned previously in biostatistics. Results from the student research projects have provided valuable information to multiple departments across the university. Students have also benefited from the class research by experiencing submission and acceptance to state and national conferences for poster presentations.
Taking it to the Streets: Practicing “Public” Research
Janis Prince (Saint Leo University)

This presentation focuses on ways to connect the university to the community. Ideas about what constitutes community will be addressed, and suggestions will be offered for forging ties with these entities. In addition, there will be a focus on identifying partners and research projects, and suggestions for infusing courses with assignments that draw on these connections.

Undergraduate Research Practices at a Small University
Flona Redway, Peter Yu-Wai Lin, Stephanie Bingham, Teresa Petrino-Lin (Barry University)

The College of Arts and Sciences at Barry University offers life sciences research opportunities to undergraduates beginning as early as freshman year. Students conduct research with faculty for credit, hourly wages, or by volunteering. We provide a nurturing environment to motivate student researchers: one-on-one faculty mentoring; peer mentoring; a student led journal and book club; a freshman research club (ROADS); STEM symposium; workshops and social events; presentations at local, state, and national scientific meetings; and community engagement. Outcomes include an increase in student researchers and higher academic performance in ROADS club members; upon graduating, over 75% remain in the sciences. [NIH-RISE Grant; Biology Department]

Undergraduate Research Methods Across the Campus (or Slaying the Research Methods Beast)
Aaron Clevenger and Catherine Wrobel (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

The ERAU team will share their story of a well-meaning University President who asked the staff at the Office of Undergraduate Research, “How many of our students know how to do a Chi square test or know what a regression slope is?” The answer lead them on a two-year epic journey to find out what research methods are taught on their STEM-focused campus and if one research methods survey course could serve all majors. After consulting numerous texts, scholarly sources, and interviews, a list of nearly 125 data collection and analysis techniques was created and defined for dissemination to undergraduate course monitors. A glossary, preliminary survey data, limitations, and lessons learned will all be presented.
9:00 am - 10:00 am (BHC 130)

Helping Faculty Colleagues Think Through Embedding Undergraduate Research in Curriculum
Julio Rivera (Carthage College)

The broadening and deepening of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities (URSCA) across an institution is enhanced by a curriculum that focused on the URSCA we expect students are to emulate. That means different things for different disciplines and requires us to have a flexibility in language as we describe “what might count” as academic products for faculty and students. More importantly, the embedding of URSCA in the curriculum can help faculty think about the core learning outcomes in their courses. This workshop focuses on helping your faculty colleagues think about developing URSCA in their own courses.

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS

10:10 am - 10:55 am (BHC 126)

Too Much Work to Do? Leveraging Technology to Improve Office Productivity and Efficiency
Joe O’Shea (Florida State University)

As undergraduate research programs grow, administrators face the dizzying task of managing an ever-increasing amount of applications, awards, events, and emails. Collecting and processing all this information can consume administrators. Fortunately, several easy-to-use, and often free, software platforms have emerged that can reduce paper, increase transparency and collaboration, and automate processes. This presentation surveys the current software landscape, and drawing on existing practices in an undergraduate research office, illustrates potential applications for program directors. Specifically, the presentation discusses tools for simple form building (e.g., Formstack), task and project management (e.g., Asana), communication (e.g., Slack), and event management (e.g., Sched).
10:10 am - 10:55 am (BHC 128)

Developing Opportunities to Integrate Undergraduate Research with Practice
Marshall Jones and Travis Conradt (Florida Institute of Technology)

Introducing research into the curriculum is important for developing empirically informed practitioners and future researchers. Opportunities for undergraduate research can be challenging due to limited funding, resources, and knowing when undergraduates are prepared. This presentation will provide examples of providing opportunities in class assignments that capitalize on applied research projects with partner organizations. Presenters will highlight specific assignment examples, which include a victim advocacy campaign project and a forensic psychology applied research project examining criminal case files. Afterward, we will incite questions and discussion on additional ways to promote integration of research and pedagogical methods for training prospective science-practitioners.

11:05 am - 11:50 am (BHC 126)

Copyright Considerations for Undergraduate Research
Sarah A. Norris (University of Central Florida)

Considerations of copyright, fair use, and intellectual property are at the core of undergraduate research, particularly as undergraduate students showcase their scholarship and creative activity in a variety of mediums – from poster presentations to digital repositories. This presentation will explore such considerations by highlighting current trends in copyright and intellectual property, as well as exploring hot topics surrounding copyright and fair use. The presentation will also discuss alternatives to traditional copyright options, such as creative commons licenses and open access publishing.
11:05 am - 11:50 am (BHC 128)

**Student Leadership in Undergraduate Research Programs**  
Anne Donnelly, Bailey Hofmann, and Muna Oli (University of Florida)

Involving students in undergraduate research office activities is a win-win arrangement. As the UF Center for Undergraduate Research staff is small, involving undergraduate students in programming significantly extends the number of students that can be impacted by the Center. For the undergraduate volunteer, this provides significant leadership opportunities. The UF Center for Undergraduate Research Board of Students is a three year old, self-perpetuating student group that boasts over 2300 members on its Facebook Page, a number that has doubled each of the last two years due to their activities. Students will describe the services they provide to CUR and the undergraduate community.

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm (BHC 126)

**From Term Paper to Conference Paper: Facilitating Undergraduate Participation in Professional Academic Conferences**  
Kelly McHugh and R. Bruce Anderson (Florida Southern College)

This presentation discusses ways to design “project courses,” namely courses where students spend a major part of the semester designing and completing an original research project. The presenters discuss various ways to implement project courses, and also discuss how to prepare students to present their finished projects at regional and national academic conferences.

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm (BHC 128)

**Undergraduate Research in STEM: Goals and Implementation**  
Jack Huang (Jacksonville University)

STEM is considered to be a key factor to determine the global competitiveness of a nation; therefore, education in STEM has become a national priority since 2012. However, the high attrition rate makes it hard to achieve the goals to produce required qualified scientists and engineers. Involving undergraduate students in research can possibly help retain more students in STEM. Setting up proper goals for undergraduate research and its implementation is critical for retention. An example of an undergraduate research program at Jacksonville University is going to be presented.
Looking for Love in All the Right Places: Building Support for Undergraduate Research
Ashley Spring (Eastern Florida State College)

Building the right support for undergraduate research is key to the growth and sustainability of undergraduate research programs. Whether a hatching program or well-established program, there is a continuous need for support in order to achieve success. Explore a variety of methods for attaining support from administration, faculty, students, the community, and financial sources.

Building Bridges or Building Walls: An Interactive Workshop on Interdisciplinary Research with Undergraduates
Christopher Leone, Judith Ochrietor, LouAnne Hawkins (University of North Florida)

Many disciplines value mastery of relatively specific methods and analyses, whereas many complex questions can only be addressed by integrating research approaches from multiple disciplines. How then do faculty help undergraduates appreciate interdisciplinary research while facilitating mastery of discipline specific skills? This interactive workshop explores these questions and helps participants devise a process to develop a meaningful undergraduate research experience that bridges disciplines and honors discipline-specific boundaries. Utilizing a case study spanning biology and psychology, participants will work to deconstruct interdisciplinary research practices and identify an underlying process for developing interdisciplinary research plans for undergraduate scholars.
2:35 pm - 3:30 pm (BHC 130)

**Seeking External Funding for Undergraduate Research**  
Marisol Ortega-Perez (University of Central Florida)

In this presentation, we intend to share the role that funding plays when undergraduate students are given the opportunity to participate in research with faculty mentors. We will familiarize conference participants with databases available to research institutions with local, federal, and foundation funding opportunities. We will explore various funding agency programs that provide information on funding opportunities for undergraduate research. For example, we will discuss opportunities through the National Science Foundation (e.g., REU, IUSE), National Institutes of Health, DOE, foundations etc. Also, we will review best practices in grant writing when the focus is undergraduate research opportunities.

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm (BHC 130)

**Debriefing**
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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA MAP
Student Union (52), Burnett Honors College (95), and Parking Garage I (formerly H) (78)
Vicinity Map and Dinner Suggestions

UCF Student Union & Campus (#1 on map)
- Asian Chao (Asian)
- Balagan (Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine)
- Chick-Fil-A (American)
- Corner Cafe (Panini’s and Wraps)
- Domino’s Pizza Express (Italian)
- Greens Salad Bar (Salad and Wraps)
- Huey Magoo’s Express (Chicken)
- Joffrey’s Coffee (Beverages)
- Knightstop (Convenience Store)
- Mrs. Field’s Bakery (Greek Cuisine and Desserts)
- Nathan’s Famous (Hot Dogs)
- Qdoba (Mexican Grill)
- Smoothie King (Smoothies)
- Subway (Sandwiches)
- Topper’s Creamery (Ice Cream)
- Wackadoo’s (Sports Bar and Grill)

University Blvd Restaurants (#3 on map)
- Applebee’s (American)
- Bento (Japanese)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Sports Bar)
- First Watch UCF (American)
- Habanero’s (Mexican)
- Lazy Moon (American)
- Logan’s Roadhouse (Steakhouse)
- 4 Rivers Smokehouse (Barbecue)
- Ruby Tuesday (American)
- Steak ’n Shake (American)

University Commons (#4 on map)
- Flipper’s (Pizza)
- Quiznos (Sandwiches)
- B2 Cafe (Sandwiches and Bagels)
- Baja Fresh (Mexican)
- Luya (Chinese)
- Sus Hi Eatstation (Japanese)

University Palms Shopping Center (#5 on map)
- Dragon Court (Chinese)
- Giovanni’s (Italian)
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