

To: Faculty Senate

From: Sarah Porter, Chair, Senior Honors Research Committee

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Subject: Annual report of the Committee

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I am happy to report that four students have completed all requirements for Senior Honors Research this year:

- **Jessica Clark**, Anthropology, faculty director Jim Jordan (Dec. 2014 graduate)
- **Savannah Barnett**, Chemistry, faculty director Andrew Yeagley
- **Jessica Woodard**, Finance, faculty director Frank Bacon
- **Kelsey McDonald**, Economics, faculty director David Lehr

The following two students are still awaiting final approval from their committees:

- **Jason Tsai**, Anthropology, faculty director Doug Dalton
- **Sarah Nuckolls**, Chemistry, faculty director Andrew Yeagley

The Committee met during exam week to hear students present their proposals and to officially confer Senior Honors on those students above who successfully defended their theses. Three students presented proposals and all three proposals were accepted.

The committee anticipates changes to the website and the catalog entry to be forthcoming in the next academic year. We will add a grade requirement for completion of the 499 course and add explicit timelines to clarify the process for students and advisors. The committee also discussed the idea of a worksheet and/or coaching program to help students and advisors stay on track for completion of the writing component of the program. I am hopeful that we can bring some of those ideas to fruition in the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the Senate for allowing me to continue serving on this committee and acting as the chair.