

To: Faculty Senate

From: M. Leigh Lunsford, Chair, Senior Honors Research Committee

Subject: Annual report of the Committee

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I am happy to report that eight students completed all requirements for Senior Honors Research by May, 2011:

- **Meghan E. Banton**, Anthropology, faculty director James Jordan
- **Benjamin Bilodeau**, Chemistry, faculty director Melissa Rhoten
- **Robert Bressin**, Chemistry, faculty director Christopher Gulgas.
- **Jeffery Everhart**, English, faculty director John Miller
- **Andrea Irby**, Chemistry, faculty director Sarah Porter
- **Brian Pratt**, Political Science, faculty director Scott Cole
- **Stephanie L Roddenberry**, Finance, faculty director Frank Bacon
- **John-Harwood Scott**, Chemistry, faculty director Sarah Porter

Jeffery Everhart and Stephanie Roddenberry were slated for graduation in December 2011 and thus were not in the May 2011 Commencement Program but are in the May 2012 Commencement Program.

Ten students started Senior Honors Research in the fall of this academic year and nine are currently completing their projects. The following students are expected to complete the program by May, 2012:

- **Brandon Caracciolo**, Finance, faculty director Bennie D. Waller, Jr.
- **Samantha Drake**, English, faculty director Robert Lynch
- **Alyssa Foley**, History, faculty director David Coles
- **Oliver R. Garland**, History, faculty director William Harbour
- **David Hockenbury**, Economics, faculty director Scott Wentland
- **Mary Catherine Hoyt**, Economics, faculty director Raymond Brastow
- **William R. Nixon III**, Finance, faculty director Frank Bacon
- **Stephanie Skipp**, History, faculty director William Holliday
- **Ian Triplett**, Economics, faculty director Scott Wentland

Ian Triplett is slated for graduation in December 2012 and thus will not be in the May 2012 Commencement program.

The following student began Senior Honors Research in the spring of this academic year is expected to finish in December 2012:

- **Timothy M. Smith, Jr.**, Biology, faculty director David Buckalew

The proposal deadline for Senior Honors Research for next academic year is Wednesday, April 25, by 5:00 p.m. The Committee will meet on Thursday, May 3, to hear students present their proposals and to officially confer Senior Honors on those students above who successfully defend their theses.

The Senior Honors Research Committee also made some minor revisions and updates to the Undergraduate Catalog entry for the Senior Honors Research program which were approved last April by the Senate. The new entry is in the current academic year catalog. The committee would like to see the catalog entry streamlined with much of the content placed on-line. Both the PR department in charge of Longwood's webpage and Ms. Kim Wingo have been contacted regarding establishing a webpage for the Senior Honors Research program. It is hoped a page will eventually be created and it will have quick links to guidelines for students and faculty as well as sample proposals and lists of previous Longwood students who completed Senior Honors Research.

This spring semester the library contacted the chair of the Senior Honors Research Committee and has offered their services for students conducting Senior Honors Research. In particular, Greenwood Librarians are offering research support for students working on honors theses as follows:

- They are available by appointment for in-depth research consultations: [http://www.longwood.edu/library/help/appt\\_form.htm](http://www.longwood.edu/library/help/appt_form.htm). Outcomes for these one-on-one sessions include:
  - Strategies that yield relevant search results
  - Effective use of the Library's resources
  - Research techniques for compiling a comprehensive bibliography
- They are also offering to check thesis papers for consistency of citation.
  - Papers must be in to the library five business days before the student needs it back to make further revisions.
  - Librarians will indicate problem areas with citation, but they will not correct citation entries, so students should allow enough time to make any necessary edits before submitting their final draft.
  - Librarians are happy to work with either electronic or print drafts.

Questions regarding these services should be directed to Mark Lenker ([lenkermn@longwood.edu](mailto:lenkermn@longwood.edu)). All students who are currently conducting Senior Honors Research have received this information. The information was also sent in a broadcast message to faculty in case their students who will be submitting a proposal for senior honors want to use the services.

Finally, in an attempt to make the thesis more official, and in line with other institutions, this year the committee is testing a Senior Honors Research Defense Approval Form which will include the name of the student and their thesis, the signatures of the Senior Honors Research Committee liaison, the faculty advisor, the three committee members, and the chair of the Senior Honors Research Committee. It is hoped this form will be placed in the bound copy of the thesis that goes to the library. The form is absolutely not required. The committee is interested to determine if any of the students use this form.