Hi,

We will be launching a new format for this newsletter in the coming weeks so be on the lookout for a new look and feel and functionality! Until then, here’s what’s included in this week’s newsletter:

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1. OUR Office Hours this week

OUR Ambassadors are here to help you navigate undergraduate research. Drop by their weekly office hours either face-to-face or virtually and ask questions or get advice and support. This week’s office hour is taking place today, Monday, October 25, from 4-5pm, in Burruss Hall, Suite 104 or via zoom at: virginiatech.zoom.us/my/research (Personal ID number: 540 231 3580)

Learn about the ambassadors and find all of their Fall drop-in office hours on their webpage.

Next week's office hours will be Tuesday, November 2 from 8-9am.
2. Nobel Peace Prize Co-recipient Presenting Special Seminar TODAY- Climate Change: It’s a Relationship Problem

You are invited to TODAY’s seminar entitled *Climate Change: It’s a Relationship Problem* featuring 2007 Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient Dr. Karen O’Brien! The seminar starts at 4pm and may be attended in person, in Steger Hall Auditorium, or remotely via zoom. For More Information and to Connect Via Zoom click [HERE](#).
Learn more about the speaker and event [HERE](#).
3. **Attend the virtual West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science (WMRUGS) Research Conference- registration deadline TODAY!**

Join us for the fifteenth annual West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science (WMRUGS) Research Conference on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13.

This research conference brings together students and faculty for two days of learning and networking. Via virtual platform, students will share the story of their research projects with other college students, faculty and research scientists, as well as build their network of peers with similar interests and experiences. Attendees will also hear stimulating talks on current topics in biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, neuroscience, physics and more. Graduate school, professional school and medical school recruiters will be on hand to discuss educational opportunities with their institutions. Internship and employment recruiters will also be available to discuss opportunities with their organizations.

Click [here](mailto:https://vaigs.vai.org/undergrad-research/wmrugs) for the WMRUGS website and to register for the virtual conference. The **deadline** to register is **TODAY, Monday, October 25**.

For more information on WMRUGS, visit [vaigs.vai.org/undergrad-research/wmrugs](http://vaigs.vai.org/undergrad-research/wmrugs). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Love at [undergrad@vai.edu](mailto:undergrad@vai.edu).

4. **Deadline approaching: 2nd Annual NURVa Conference**

Please find attached the Call for Submissions for the 2nd Annual NURVα Conference, to be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, on the campus of Hampden-Sydney College. NURVα invites submissions from undergraduates in all disciplines in the categories of oral presentation, poster, or performance. Submit abstracts (750 words maximum) with one letter of support from a faculty mentor at [tinyurl.com/NURVA2022Conf](https://tinyurl.com/NURVA2022Conf). The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2021**.

**NOTE:** Virginia Tech’s Office of Undergraduate Research will cover registration fees for accepted student presenters (one per presentation) and their faculty mentor. Transportation will also be provided for the first 10 students/faculty who register for the event.
The Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia (NURVa) is a consortium of Virginia colleges and universities dedicated to supporting undergraduate research and creative activity throughout the state.

The NURVa conference is an opportunity for undergraduates in all disciplines to present their research and creative work at a statewide conference. The 2nd annual conference will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, VA. Faculty mentors are encouraged to attend. Conference registration, which includes lunch, is $25.

NURVa invites submissions from undergraduates in all disciplines in the categories of oral presentation, poster, or performance. Submit abstracts (750 words maximum) with one letter of support from a faculty mentor at tinyurl.com/NURVA2022Conf

Submission deadline is midnight, November 1, 2021

Any questions, contact Dr. David A. Salomon, david.salomon@cnu.edu.
Posters on the Hill 2022 Call for Abstracts is Open! Don't miss out on this prestigious event celebrates the impressive work of the accepted students and supports the messages of the importance of undergraduate research at the federal level.

Posters on the Hill 2022 will take place virtually. In January 2022, the dates for Posters on the Hill will be announced once the congressional agenda is released. Students must submit by December 13, 2021.

Learn more about this event and the submission process HERE.

6. Research Opportunity: Robotics and Sensorimotor Control Lab

Dr. Netta Gurari is recruiting a student to join the Robotics and Sensorimotor Control Lab. The recruited student will join an interdisciplinary research team of clinicians, engineers, and neuroscientists in performing a scoping review. The recruited student will read papers on how tactile perception is assessed in individuals post stroke and extract information of interest. This project is an excellent opportunity particularly for a junior who is interested in learning more about fundamental research techniques and wants to build skills in reviewing research studies, analyzing scientific data, and preparing a manuscript for submission to a journal. This project will require a minimum one-year commitment, spanning January 2022-December 2022, with the possibility to continue beyond in other lab research projects. Knowledge of systems and behavioral neuroscience, human anatomy, and human physiology are desired, in addition to an interest in clinical applications. The student will be supported to apply for summer funding and in the development of future grant applications. If interested in this volunteer research role, please send an email to Dr. Netta Gurari <gurari@vt.edu> and include your resume and/or unofficial transcript.

7. Recruiting Peer Career Advisors

Career and Professional Development (CPD) is looking for first- and second-year students to join the Spring 2022 cohort of the Peer Career Advisor (PCA) Program. Peer Career Advisors are undergraduate students who are trained to assist with a variety of areas in the career planning process, to have a strong understanding of the available CPD resources, and to help guide students based on individual needs. Check out our website for more details and qualifications to apply. Register via Handshake to attend one of our optional information sessions on Wed. Oct. 20 (virtual) from 6-7PM or Fri. Oct. 22 (in-person) from 2:30-3:30PM at the Smith Career Center. Applications open on Mon. Oct. 11 and are due by Fri. Oct. 29 by 11:59pm. Click here to apply.
Contact PCA Program Coordinator Ms. Alyssa Henderson at ahenderson@vt.edu or 540-231-6241 if you have additional questions or need accommodations to apply or to attend an information session.

8. Medical School Admissions Advantage Registration is Open

The Medical School Admissions Advantage, a networking event for VT students and representatives from allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, will take place on Zoom on Sunday, November 7, 2021, from 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Meet and learn from representatives of various medical schools in several ~15 minute small-group conversations. This year, the event will be hosted virtually via Zoom. This is a great opportunity to learn about various medical schools and find out what they look for in applicants.

Registration for this event is now open. Please register here by October 29th at 4 p.m.

Please note that this is a professional commitment and that by signing up, you are agreeing to attend. Check your calendar before signing up; make sure you are not taking this opportunity away from another student as space is limited.

We hope to accommodate ~150 students for this event. However, please be aware that if student interest exceeds our capacity, we may need to place some students on a waitlist. After the October 29th sign up deadline, you will receive an email from us confirming your registration or notifying you of a waitlist placement.

**DATE:** Sunday, November 7th, 2021  
**TIME:** 5:45-8:00 p.m. (you are expected to arrive on-time and remain for the event's duration)  
**LOCATION:** Zoom - link will be sent to confirmed registrants  
**DRESS CODE:** Business PROFESSIONAL attire  
**DEADLINE:** Sign-ups active through Friday, October 29th, 2021 at 4 pm
9. New Course this Spring: Culture of Sustainability Lab

New course Spring 2022 VT Honors College: UH3504 - Culture of Sustainability Lab. Students will engage in an undergraduate research project on cultural & social aspects of sustainability. Research in partnership with VT Office of Sustainability will contribute to Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment.
10. Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) with US Department of Energy

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students and recent graduates to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by providing research experiences at the Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories. Selected students participate as interns, to perform research, under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists or engineers, on projects supporting the DOE mission. Applications are due January 12, 2022 5:00 PM ET.

[Click Here to Learn More]

11. FBI Counterterrorism and Forensic Science Research Unit (CFSRU) Opportunity

The Counterterrorism and Forensic Science Research Unit (CFSRU) Visiting Scientist Program (VSP) will expose you to a research environment in a high security government facility and provide an opportunity to perform research in areas of interest unique to law enforcement and national security. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.
12. Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program with Department of Navy

NREIP provides an opportunity for college students to participate in research at a Department of Navy (DoN) laboratory during the summer. The goals of NREIP are to encourage participating college students to pursue science and engineering careers, to further their education via mentoring by laboratory personnel and their participation in research, and to make them aware of DoN research and technology efforts, which can lead to employment within the DoN. Applications due **November 1, 2021**.

13. Student Poster Competition- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference

The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) is thrilled to announce that its 77th Annual Conference will be held in-person at the Sheraton Grand Chicago on Wednesday, May 11 through Friday, May 13, 2022. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and participate in the premier forum for the exchange of advances in public opinion and survey research.

The best student poster is one of the categories in the All-AAPOR poster contest.

All abstracts should be submitted electronically by **Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**. Learn more **HERE**.

14. Calls for Papers in Literary Studies and Related Fields

A directory and call for papers site for conferences at all levels in literary studies and related fields (includes graduate conferences).

**Click Here to Learn More**
15. American Association for the Advancement of Science 2022 Annual Meeting

The AAAS Annual Meeting offers a unique, exciting, interdisciplinary blend of more than 120 scientific sessions, plenary and topical lectures, flash talk sessions, e-poster presentations, and an international exhibit hall. Each year, the community of leading scientists, educators, policymakers, and journalists gathers to discuss cutting-edge developments in science, technology, and policy.

The 2022 AAAS Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, and online, February 17-20. Advance registration rates are available now through January 24, 2022, 5 PM EST.

Click Here to Learn More


The focus of the 2021 CEL Convention is leadership that prioritizes the holistic practice of literacy instruction. Just as educators are counseled to pursue a whole-child approach when teaching, literacy leaders are charged to consider the whole person when leading.

The CEL Annual Convention will be held virtually November 21-22, 2021. Registration is now open.

Click Here to Learn More

17. Call for Abstracts - Rubber Division, ACS 201st Technical Meeting

Join the leading researchers and innovators in the rubber/elastomer industry and share your expertise with our Spring Technical Meeting attendees!

Rubber Division, ACS is now accepting online abstract submissions for our 201st Technical Meeting to be held April 26-28, 2022 in Warrensville Heights, OH at the Marriott Cleveland East in the popular Beachwood area.

Featured topics for this meeting:
Nanoscale Characterization of Rubbery Materials & Composites
Computational Chemistry & Multiscale Modelling
Structure & Physics of Elastomers
Friction of Rubber at Interfaces
Winter Performance in Passenger Tires
Recycling & Reprocessing of Rubber
Seals & Dynamic Sealing

Abstract Deadline: **November 6, 2021**

Learn more and submit your abstract [HERE](#).

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**18. University Libraries Offers New Inclusive Data Workshop Series**

The University Libraries is hosting an inclusive data workshop series that will discuss Census 2020 data, how to use it, and its impact on public policy surrounding inclusion and diversity. All workshops are open to anyone, regardless of research experience. For more information, contact Nathaniel Porter at [ndporter@vt.edu](mailto:ndporter@vt.edu).

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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**19. Materials researchers: Shared instrumentation lab available for use**

The Materials Characterization Laboratory (MCL) is a shared research facility that provides access to a range of instrumentation for materials characterization free of charge to Virginia Tech students, faculty, and staff. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

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**20. Division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance’s Fall Investigator Series**

The Division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance’s Investigator Series events provide researchers Responsible Conduct of Research training credit hours towards the National Institute of Health’s 8-hour in-person training requirement. [Click Here to Learn More](#)
21. National Undergraduate Presentation and Paper Opportunities

Please note that this list is constantly being updated as new opportunities become available and is presented by deadline and not in order of receipt.

NOTE: A "call" is academic-speak for an invitation to submit your work to be considered for presentation at a conference or in a journal or maybe for some kind of competition. So, a "call for papers" means that a professional organization or similar body is asking people to submit original, scholarly articles for review and consideration for a publication (www.quora.com). An "abstract" is a short summary of a research project so a "call for abstracts" usually implies that you will be submitting a short summary of your research project in order to be considered as a presenter at a conference.

- **Call for Proposals**, International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals, Utah Valley University | **Deadline November 1, 2021**
- **Call for Abstracts**, April 2022 Technical Meeting, Rubber Division, American Chemical Society | **Deadline November 6, 2021**
- **Call for Abstracts**, 2022 Indigenous Borderlands in North America Symposium, University of New Mexico | **Deadline November 10, 2021**
- **Call for Proposals**; “Literary Geographies: Space, Place, and Environments”; Conference on Christianity and Literature, Biola University | **Deadline November 15, 2021**
- **Call for Proposal**, The Conference on Christianity and Literature, Literary Geographies – Space, Place, and Environments | **Deadline: November 15, 2021**
- **Call for Submissions**, Second Railroads in Native America Gathering and Symposium | **Deadline December 15, 2021**
- **Call for Papers**, The Reed Undergraduate Journal of Existentialism, St. Olaf College | **Deadline January 31, 2022**
- **Call for Papers**, 2022 Virtual International Conference on Social Media and Society | **Deadline January 31, 2022**
- **Call for Submissions**, JOSHUA: Journal of Science and Health, University of Alabama | **Deadline February 28, 2022**

22. National Undergraduate Internship and Research Opportunities

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- **Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program** | **Deadline November 1, 2021**
Have a great week!

Best,
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