



RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP QUARTERLY

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April is always a time of celebration in academia. As we approach the end of the 2024-2025 academic year, we are excited to recognize our faculty and students' success throughout the year. This month we celebrated research at the Highlander Blitz event, will host our 34th Annual Student Engagement Forum April 29-30, and will celebrate folks who have submitted external awards and folks who won external awards on April 30 1-4pm (program at 2pm) in Kyle 340. We also share resources for funding, authorship support, and additional on-demand CITI research trainings. Finally, as we look to the summer months, be sure to mark your calendars for the Summer Institute in Research and Creativity May 15-16 and kick off your summer project at Selu!

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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Anthony Guidone, Principal Investigator, Assistant Professor, History

About Dr. Anthony Guidone

Dr. Anthony Guidone received his Ph.D. in American History from George Mason University. His research interests include early American history, New England history, and the history of commerce and exploration. He is currently preparing a book titled *The Empire's City: A Global History of Salem, Massachusetts, 1783-1820*. This book shows how the social, cultural, and economic development of Salem was shaped by the city's trade with Asia in the early years of the United States. He has also completed research projects in Virginia history including digital exhibits on slavery and the descendants of George Mason IV and on the overlapping histories of higher education and civil rights in 1960s Fairfax, Virginia. He teaches classes on early American history, Virginia history, and digital history at Radford.

Dr. Guidone's Project and the Digital Platform



Abstract

Earlier this year, Dr. Guidone and his undergraduate students successfully won a SEED grant to pilot a project that examines the relationship between slavery and medicine in Appalachia through building a digital archive of one of Dr. John Haller's medical ledgers. This digital archive will draw on the PI's training in early nineteenth-century history, digital history, metadata. Outcomes from this project will be used to further development the research into an external grant application to the Commonwealth History Fund (CHF) of the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC).

Student Success

Student Researchers Shine at the 2nd Annual Highlander Research Blitz

On April 3rd, the **2nd Annual Highlander Research Blitz** was hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship (OURS) and the Office of Graduate Affairs, the event provided an exciting platform for students to showcase their research in a fast-paced, engaging format.

For many Undergraduate students, the event was more than a competition - it was a celebration of their hard work and the research community they have built. Chloe Burt, a junior biology major and first-place winner, reflected on the atmosphere of the evening: *"I genuinely loved the atmosphere that was created. All of the contestants have been chatting about our research, and it's been a fun event. It is a celebration more than a competition."*



Undergraduate Researchers (from left to right): 3rd place, Annelise Britton, 1st place, Chloe Burt and 2nd place, Lauren Rosa

Graduate students also made a strong showing at the Blitz, bringing forward compelling research that reflected both academic depth and real-world relevance. MaKayla Dulaney earned 1st place for her exploration of dating apps and attachment styles in *Dating Apps and Attachments: Anxiety and Avoidance in Modern Romance*. Jeff Wolfe took 2nd place with his research on *Understanding Cross-neurotype Communication*, while Kalyn Stiles claimed 3rd place for *Balancing the Equation: Setting Boundaries for a Sustainable Life*. Their presentations not only showcased a wide range of graduate research but also sparked meaningful conversations across disciplines.

We congratulate all of the Undergraduate and Graduate participants for their outstanding contributions and look forward to seeing even more bold and creative scholarship at next year's competition.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)

OURS is thrilled to announce this year's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship winners! Out of 39 applicants, we were able to fund 20 different students to conduct research throughout the summer months

[Full list of SURF awardees](#)

Research Resources

Set up a Research Consultation with our Partners in RadfordU Libraries

A wise biologist once said that spending an hour in the library before beginning a project is worth a week in the lab. Hone your research strategies and other library research skills for spring and summer projects by booking an appointment with a librarian for either yourself, a research assistant or a full research group to learn some of the following skills:

- Finding, evaluating, and using sources
- Getting started with citation management tools (e.g. Zotero)
- Leveraging AI research tools ethically and effectively
- Literature tracking
- Searching for tests, measures, or instruments
- Identifying prospective journals for publication
- Developing course-integrated library research assignments

Contact a McConnell or RUC Librarian to set up a consultation

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

Remember, anyone with a Radford email can join the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) for free! Click here to activate your memberships. CUR is a great source for:

- Professional Development - Workshops, webinars, and leadership training
- Publication & Presentation Opportunities - Venues for showcasing student research
- Networking & Collaboration - Connect with peers and potential research partners
- Advocacy & Resources - Tools to integrate research into teaching and secure institutional support



Council on Undergraduate Research

Looking for authorship ethics support?

The Authorship Project has resources for faculty, staff and students on responsible authorship practices

More information on the Authorship Project

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Your Research, Our Support: Funding Help Starts Here

Do you have an idea for a project but need to find funding? Please reach out to the Office of Sponsored Programs at tcruise@radford.edu and we will gladly help you! In the meantime, please check out our Funding Page on our [website](#) to learn more about other resources.

We will work with you each step of the way to a successful proposal submission. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Finding Funding Opportunities
- Preparing Budgets
- Providing Templates (if applicable)
- Editing Proposals
- Connecting you with a Hanover Research Consultant to help with Methodology Design
- Providing assistance with the Internal Routing Process
- Completing and submitting the applications (via mail or electronically)
- Negotiating Awards

We try to help alleviate the administrative burden of proposal preparation so you can focus on the technical aspects of the proposal. **Please contact our office to schedule an appointment today to begin the proposal process!**

Graduate Student Travel Awards

Graduate students presenting at conferences and participating in research activities are encouraged to apply. The Graduate Student Travel Award can help cover costs related to travel, registration, or accommodations up \$500 per student, per year. Submit applications to gradaffairs@radford.edu

[Graduate Student Travel Awards Application](#)

Private Funding Opportunities

Are you looking for grant funding to support your research or creative activities? Did you know that private and non-profit foundations can offer alternative funding options especially during this time of uncertainty in the federal government. Whether you are in education, the sciences, healthcare, humanities or a performing artist, private sponsors provide wonderful sources of funding for faculty - regardless of what stage they are in with their research careers. Please schedule an appointment with Sponsored Programs to discuss the many options that could be available to you through these private sources by emailing [Tom Cruise](#).

Here are just a few opportunities from the private sector that are available:

Jeffress Trust Foundation

The Jeffress Trust program focuses on research addressing the root causes of systemic barriers to health equity for the state of Virginia. The shift in funding priority was made after an intensive landscape assessment of the health needs and funding initiatives available to Virginia. The program provides funding to support research activities in Policy, Systems, and Environmental change strategies (PSE strategies) Analysis, Program/Practice Analysis, and General Research.

[Jeffress Trust Foundation](#)

Commonwealth Health Research Board

The Commonwealth Health Research Board (CHRB) was established as an independent body to provide financial support from the Commonwealth Health Research Fund in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance, for research efforts that have the potential of maximizing human health benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth Health Research Board

The Spencer Foundation

The Spencer Foundation has been a leading funder of education research since 1971 and is the only national foundation focused exclusively on supporting education research. Their goals are to:

- Invest in education research that is transformative, methodologically rigorous, and helps create a better society
- Support high-quality education research training
- Broaden the diversity of scholars and scholarship in education research
- Strengthen the impact of education research for improving educational practice.
- Make education research more accessible to public audiences

The Spencer Foundation

The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

The Foundation shares the stories of all Virginians - or, better yet, find ways for people to share their own stories. They want Virginians to connect with their history and culture and, in doing that, they hope we will all better understand one another. Founded in 1974, they are one of fifty-six humanities councils created by the US Congress with money and support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (www.neh.gov) to make the humanities available to all Americans.

The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

The Virginia Commission for the Arts

Established in 1968, the VCA is the state agency dedicated to investing in the arts of Virginia. Through allocations made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts (www.nea.gov) and the General Assembly, the VCA utilizes investments to empower arts leaders, educators and practitioners. In doing so, they create a virtuous cycle of those who not just participate in and appreciate the arts, as stated in our enabling legislation, but those who serve as change agents and advance the Commonwealth of Virginia. VCA offers three different types of funding options

Project Based: These grants build strong collaborations with arts organizations and Virginia municipalities, providing unrestricted funding to support their missions;

Impact Grants: These grants offer project-based funding to drive meaningful change through the arts, enriching communities and educational institutions across the state; OR

Artist Roster Engagement: These non-competitive, rolling grants leverage the Artist Rosters to connect Virginia organizations and schools with accomplished teaching and performing artists.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Creative Grant Seeking in a Challenging Landscape Webinar presented by Hanover Research



Thursday, April 24th, 12:00-12:45 PM

In the current funding landscape, many grant seekers cannot afford to focus all their efforts on just one or two federal programs. This webinar will showcase, through real-world examples, how a blend of innovative strategies and resourceful grant seeking - such as exploring foundations or effectively communicating impact - can provide Principal Investigators with promising opportunities, even in the face of an evolving environment.

[Register Now](#)

Unable to attend? Register and Hanover Research will send a copy of the recording and slides after the webinar.

Summer Institute in Research and Creativity

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Watch your email for more information and a registration link for this in-person event!

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

The competition opening means you now have seven months to write your best application, as the due date will be **September 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM EDT (UTC-4:00)**. While this is a generous amount of time for a grant-writing exercise, perhaps the most important step is this first one you will take: choosing one award among [the 380+ opportunities](#) for your application. You can only apply for one award per year/competition cycle, so you will need to choose wisely.

We encourage you to take a look at the online application and the [application page](#), which offers plenty of guidance on how to best spend your seven months to write a Fulbright U.S Scholar application. The application does not require you to work in one sitting, so the sooner you start working online, the sooner you can see your progress.

The job on the Fulbright Scholar Outreach and Recruitment team is to help you apply, assisting with everything from award choice to the online application. Feel free to visit them during their office hours where they can answer your questions live. You may also reach out to them via email. Each of the regional inboxes below reaches a real, live, Fulbright staff member who can answer your questions:

- [East Asia and the Pacific Awards](#)
- [Europe and Eurasia Awards](#)
- [Middle East and North Africa Awards](#)
- [South and Central Asia Awards](#)
- [Sub-Saharan Africa Awards](#)
- [Western Hemisphere Awards](#)

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Application

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ismael Betancourt, Assistant Provost for Global Education and Engagement, at ibetancourtvelez@radford.edu.

CITI Research Training

Did you know that CITI Research Training educational and training materials is not just for IRB or IACUC research?

CITI's focus areas also include courses in ethics, research, meeting regulatory requirements, responsible conduct of research, research administration and other topics pertinent to the interests of member organizations, individual learners, and society.

Please take advantage of other training materials offered to you through our CITI program.

- Responsible Conduct of Research (based on research discipline)
- Getting Started with Grant Writing: An introduction
- Data Management for SBE Research

If you are interested in learning more about the training opportunities provided by CITI, please contact Anna Marie in the Research Compliance Office at 540-831-5290.

Other Professional Development Opportunities and Resources

We are pleased to offer training resources to all faculty, students and staff who are interested in grant writing, as well as managing grants. Please take advantage of our videos and other resources. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to Tom Cruise, Director of Sponsored Programs, at tcruise@radford.edu or by calling 540-831-5479.

Sponsored Programs Training Resources

Did you know?

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Radford University is a member of ICPSR (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research), a leading resource for social science data. It houses a vast collection of datasets, making it a valuable tool for researchers across various disciplines. ICPSR also provides classroom exercises, resources for students, as well as training and support for data analysis and research methods, helping researchers to make the most of the data. Check out everything ICPSR has to offer!

ICPSR's Newly Released Data

Subscribe to ICPSR's email updates

Social Media Analytics & Research Technology (SMART) Lab

Have you heard about the incredible Social Media Analytics & Research Technology (SMART) Lab at Radford? It's the go-to hub for students and faculty looking to bring their research ideas to life. Whether you are just starting a class project or already deep into a study, the SMART Lab offers the support and space to move your work forward.

There's no need to have it all figured out. From brainstorming ideas and developing research questions to collecting and analyzing data, the team at the SMART Lab helps guide student and faculty researchers through every step. They're ready to talk through ideas, help build a plan, and offer personalized feedback along the way.

Located in Hemphill Hall 3021, the SMART Lab is led by Dr. John Brummette and supported by graduate assistants Kirsten Cecil, Hanna Phipps, and Brooke Stiles. The lab is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offers one-on-one meetings, research support, and planning guidance.

Coming Soon

Sponsored Programs is in the process of updating our website to provide helpful resources for researchers who need assistance with the development of a **data management plan (DMP)**. Included on our website will be access to a SMP Tool which is free, open-source, online application that helps researchers create DMPs. The DMP Tool provides a click-through wizard for creating a data plan that complies with funders' requirements.

Many funding agencies require data management plans as part of a grant proposal application. Even if you are not seeking funding for your research, documenting a plan for your data is always the best practice so Sponsored Programs will soon have valuable resources on our website at your disposal!

Upcoming Events

The 34th Annual Radford University Student Engagement Forum

The Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship (OURS) is excited to announce the dates for the 34th Student Engagement Forum. We welcome ideas for discipline or course-based sessions

and are happy to plan those as requested. Submissions are invited from all disciplines, including oral presentations, poster sessions, visual arts exhibitions, e-portfolios, panels, performing arts presentations, and more. Presentations accepted at other conferences are also encouraged.

The Student Engagement Forum will take place **April 29-30, 2025**. Check out the OURS Student Engagement Forum webpage to see the schedule and to ensure timely submission of your project.

Student Engagement Forum - Schedule at a Glance

Faculty Awards Ceremony

Please Save the Date for the Faculty Awards Ceremony, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our colleagues! This special event will honor T&R and AP faculty members who this year were awarded external funding, internal SEED grants, Faculty Professional Development Leave, University Awards, Dalton Eminent Scholars, as well as folks who submitted external awards.

This ceremony will take place on **April 30, 2025** in Kyle 340 from 1-4pm.

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For a full listing of upcoming research presentations and events, please visit Radford's 2024-2025 Events Calendar

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