

State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium

Lunch and Learn Sessions

The role of research in your education and career pathways can be as varied and creative as you would like to make it. Please join us during the conference for panel discussions with graduate students from multiple disciplines discussing their research, their pathways and the ways that they connected their interests to their long-term goals.

Research Across the Disciplines

12:15 -1:00 pm Penn Pavilion Garden Room

Please join Kelly Hunter, Courtni France and Erika Dennis to hear more about how conducting research across disciplinary categories expanded their own projects and pathways.

Panelists:



Kelly Hunter: Kelly Hunter is a James B. Duke Fellow, a Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellow, and a graduate student in the joint PhD program in Public Policy and Political Science at the Sanford School of Public Policy and Department of Political Science at Duke. She also holds an M.A. in political science from the University of Utah. Hunter's research lies at the intersection of gender, international relations, and global health. Her dissertation explores the ways in which international policies, processes, and programs affect women in a local context.



Courtni France: Courtni France is in the Masters Program in Bioethics and Science Policy at Duke. She completed her undergraduate degree at Ohio State University, with a B.S. in Anthropology. After completing her degree, she served as an AmeriCorps member at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, with a focus as a tobacco cessation coach in the MacDonald's Women's Clinic. Her time at Women's Health reinvigorated her passion for maternal and infant care and furthered her interests in the social determinants of health. She currently works with the Triangle Center for Evolutionary Medicine and spent the summer in Madagascar conducting research.

Erika Dennis: Erika completed her Bachelor of Science in Health Administration at Texas Southern University and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Duke through the ABSN program. She has been part of research teams exploring issues of implementation strategy for healthcare outcome improvement and patient services delivery.

Research in Practice

12:15-1:00 pm Student Wellness Center, Room 148

What does research look like in different disciplines? How can you explore your interests and still complete your programs? Please join Tess Rogers, Matt Phillips and Kate Coulter as they share their research experiences.

Panelists:



Tess Rogers: Tess is a JD candidate at Duke University School of Law with a strong interest in the environment. She has served as President of the Environmental Law Society, and board member for the IP & Cyber Law Society and Sports & Entertainment Law Society. Prior to law school, she worked as an environmental consultant and led the west coast operations for Tri EHI where her research focused primarily on developing improved and sustainable sanitation technology for the developing world.



Matt Phillips: Matt is a JD candidate at Duke University School of Law who received his undergraduate degree in politics from Bates College. He has clerked in the Vermont Office of the Defender General and been part of research teams exploring issues of cybersecurity on individual and institutional levels.



Kate Coulter: Kate is a computational social scientist completing an Interdisciplinary Master's degree in Data Science. She received her undergraduate degree from Stetson College in Mathematics and Political Science. She has worked with research teams focused on topics ranging from international education to political strategy. She has most recently been the project manager for the American Predatory Lending and Global Financial Crisis team through Duke's Bass Connections Initiative