



*Christopher Newport University*

# **SUMMER SCHOLARS**

*July 28, 2022: Closing Reception  
(DSU Ballroom)*

*August 17, 2022: Faculty/Administration Showcase  
(Peebles Theater Lobby)*

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With thanks to Provost David Doughty, Vice Provost David Heddle, Administrative Assistant Michael Baux, OURCA Assistant Rachel Locke, and all the dedicated CNU faculty mentors

- Julianne Bieron, *"You Call It Honor, We Call It Dishonor": Counterstorytelling & Confederate Monuments in Isle of Wight County, Virginia*, Dr. Brooke Covington (English)
- Colin Bunn, *Farming and Philosophy*, Dr. John Thompson (Philosophy and Religion)
- Daniel Calvano, *Histological and molecular techniques examining protein expression in brains of mouse models of autism*, Dr. Jessica Burket (Molecular Biology and Chemistry/Neuroscience)
- Eliza Fitzpatrick, *Climate Change, Ecology and Identity among the Virginia Tribes*, Dr. Christopher Loy (Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology)
- Reagan Connelly, *"Off to Dixie and Adventure": The Dakota War and Civil War Diaries of George W. Buswell*, Dr. Jonathan White (Leadership and American Studies)
- Ian Conner, *Photomultiplier Tube Characterization for CLAS12 at Jefferson Lab*, Dr. William Phelps (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Cynthia Craig, *The Abortion Attitudes of Young Millennials*, Dr. Michelle Barnello (Political Science)
- Hannah Crawley, *Into the Heart of Darkness: The Dark Tetrad and the Four Factors of Empathy*, Dr. Gayle Dow (Psychology)
- Meagan Dewsbury, *Curating The Josephine L. Hughes Special Collection*, Mr. Steve York and Mr. Matthew Shelley (Tribble Library)
- Samuel Dickinson, *Atlantic White Cedar (AWC) vs. Salt*, Dr. Rob Atkinson (Organismal and Environmental Biology)
- Summer Duba, *Investigating Body Shape Variation and Change in Zoarcoidei Fishes*, Dr. David Collar (Organismal and Environmental Biology)
- Keelin Scanlon Dvorak, *Plato's Story of Creation*, Dr. Betsy Jelinek (Philosophy and Religion)
- Daniel Ferrante, *Exploring Gravitational Lensing with Gravlens*, Dr. Jessica Kelly (Mathematics)
- Colin Goodpasture, *Dulce Est Desipere In Loco: A Comparative Analysis of Horace's Odes 1.3 and 4.12*, Dr. Jana Adamitis (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures)
- Courtlan Grinder, *The Effect of Temperature on Fast-Start Performance of Striped Killifish*, Dr. Jessica Thompson (Organismal and Environmental Biology)
- Caroline Hayes, *Geoscience, Archeology, and History: The Holocaust in Eastern Europe*, Dr. Richard Freund (Philosophy and Religion)
- Abigail Heimbach, *Understanding Rho-1 and its involvement in DTC migration of C. elegans*, Dr. Chris Meighan (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Shaun Henry, *Workplace Bullying: A Black Eye on American Employment Law*, Dr. Linda Ficht (Accounting and Finance)
- McKenzie Hurley, *Revolutionary Russia and The Birth of Modern Terrorism: Ideologies and Motivations*, Dr. Deirdre Harshman (History)
- Luke Jackson, *Wishing to Be The Discovery of What Is: Plato on the Nature and Aims of Law*, Dr. Brent Cushner (Leadership and American Studies)

- Zachary Kempf, *The Establishment and Early Years of the Department of War*, Dr. Phillip Hamilton (History)
- Levi Langolf, *Pedagogical Methods in Elementary-level Aural Skills*, Dr. Chelsey Hamm (Music)
- Reuben Laryea, *The Effects of Linkers: Towards Anticancer Drug Development*, Dr. Kathryn Cole (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Samantha Le, *The Overexpression of the Snakeskin gene and its effect on protein aggregation in Drosophila*, Dr. Anna Salazar (Molecular Biology and Chemistry/Neuroscience)
- Madeleine Lorenger, *Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry for People who are not Biologists, Chemists, and Biochemists*, Dr. Lisa Webb (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Michael Lowry, *Glitch Rate in the LIGO Detectors Over Longer Periods of Time*, Dr. Marissa Walker (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Jack Lynam, *Clinical entity extraction using machine learning and domain knowledge*, Dr. Samuel Henry (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Joshua McCloud, *The Application of the Raspberry Pi in Artificial Intelligence*, Dr. Costa Gerousis (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Sean McEachin, *Framework For Automating the Detection of Branding Element Similarity*, Dr. Priya Deshpande (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Emery Moore, *The Generalization of Learned Behaviors in Rats*, Dr. Matthew Campolattaro (Neuroscience)
- Celina Paoletta, *Quantification of Alpha & Beta Acid Profiles of Hop Cultivars as a Function of Growth Region*, Dr. Ronald A. Quinlan (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Madison Payne, *Understanding Teacher Reactions to A Shifting Social and Legal Landscape: Educators' Perceptions of Laws Limiting Teaching of Race, Sexuality, and Other Social Identities*, Dr. Jane Rochmes (Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology)
- Dylan Pruitt, *Digitization of historic topographic maps to extract the spatial evolution of the Patios de Vecinos in La Línea, Spain*, Dr. Federica Bono (Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology)
- Brisa Rasmussen, *Visual Discrimination Learning in Male and Female Rats*, Dr. Olga Lipatova (Neuroscience)
- Caitlyn Russ, *Alcohol-related behaviors in mice lacking tau protein*, Dr. James Bogenpohl (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Nicholas Russo, *Composite Nanomagnetite-Immobilized-Zeolite on the Surface of Biochar for the Magnetic Solid Phase Extraction of Pb(II)*, Dr. Tarek Abdel-Fattah (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Clara Salazar, *The Genetic Modification of Ideonella sakaiensis Through Bacterial Transformation*, Dr. Todd Gruber (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Alexandra Sears, *Revenge and Gender in Inns of Court Plays*, Dr. Jessica Apolloni (English)
- Kelsey Shearon, *Knowledge-base Integration for Biomedical Information Extraction*, Dr. Samuel Henry (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Michael Sparks, *Weather, Income, and Living Standards in the Early American Republic*, Dr. Frank Garmon (American Studies)
- Caden Stark, *Developing Algorithms for Characterizing Slowly Varying Noise in LIGO Gravitational-Wave Detectors*, Dr. Marissa Walker (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)

- Lauren Stone, *Conceptualization and Realization of Theatrical Design: Associate Scene Design Work for TheaterCNU's Production of The Spitfire Grill*, Dr. David Shuhly and Professor Tanya Sweet (Theater and Dance)
- Chloe Sullivan, *A Social History of North Africa During the Second World War: the U.S. State Department's Handle on Public Perception*, Dr. David Stenner (History)
- Katherine Wagner, *Interfacial Affinity of Pyruvate in Reverse Micelles*, Dr. Joshua Patterson (Molecular Biology and Chemistry)
- Jackson Walker, *Real-time migration schemes of Virtual Network Functions in Fog Computing*, Dr. Nazli Siasi (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)
- Chloe Younce, *Bridgerton's Paratextual Influence on Social Media: Televisual Fandom and Media Convergence on TikTok*, Dr. Michaela Meyer (Communication Studies)
- Carter Young, *Mapping Food Security, Food Justice, and Food Sovereignty: A Scoping Review of Urban Agriculture Research*, Dr. Federica Bono (Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology)
- Alexander Zannelli, *Automated Analysis of Gravitational Wave Data in Response to Fast Radio Bursts*, Dr. Ryan Fisher (Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering)

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