
2021 Hook Award Honoree Announcement

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The Community at Christopher Newport University:

As The Society of the Severed Hand, our mission is to combat intellectual apathy amongst the members of the CNU community. As part of our efforts to acknowledge those who exemplify the Society's values, we present the annual *Hook Award* to a deserving member of the CNU faculty who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to inspiring curiosity.

This award was created to celebrate those professors who are held in high esteem by their students and who exemplify the best qualities of collegiate level educators. The true test of a professor's success is the reputation they hold with students. We select professors that have had a tremendously positive impact on both their students, and the academic spirit of the community. This award is passed from the hands of professor to professor, but the recognition is a permanent honor.

The Society of the Severed Hand is pleased to announce the most recent recipient of the Hook Award, **Dr. David Salomon**, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity and Professor in the Honors Program.

Dr. Salomon is recognized for advancing higher levels of thinking and analytical thought in CNU students. His pedagogical style is far from a passive classroom environment, and his active engagement in building the CNU Office of Undergraduate and Creative Activity has advanced vast opportunities for students to grow in intellectual inquiries.

Not only does Dr. Salomon ignite curiosity in the classroom, but he inspires and facilitates research and exploration across disciplines in his role as Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. As a professor, his students are challenged to think beyond the surface of the material and find their own connection and passion to the curriculum, effectively preventing apathy in learning. His dedication to his position as OURCA Director connects students with opportunities to become thoughtful scientists and discover their own answers to questions that interest them. His passion for academia and his own research and efforts to go above and beyond for CNU students is undeniable; we are pleased to present him with our highest award.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Salomon on this esteemed honor. We truly appreciate your contributions to our community of scholars.

Stay Curious,
The Hand

