A Tale of Two CUREs: Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences and Online Information Literacy Instruction



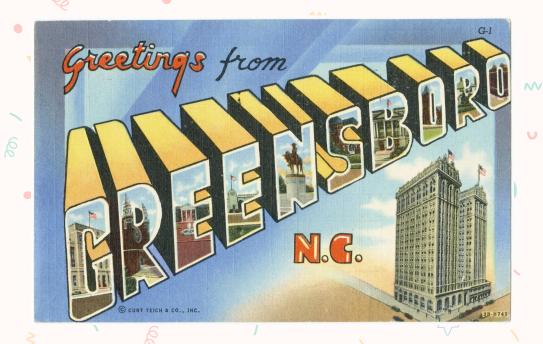
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We acknowledge that the land we are gathered on has long served as the site of meeting and exchange amongst a number of Indigenous peoples, specifically the Keyauwee and Saura. We also want to acknowledge the long history and lasting legacies of slavery on these lands.

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## CURE = Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience

- CUREnet definition:
  - "A project that engages whole classes of students in addressing a research question or problem that is of interest to the scientific community\*." ("What is a CURE?")
- \*A more inclusive definition might use "a disciplinary community" rather than "the scientific community."

## Why undergraduate research?

- Undergraduate research is one of 11 high-impact educational practices (identified by George Kuh (2008) and promoted by the Association of American Colleges and Universities).
- "The goal is to involve students with actively contested questions, empirical observation, cutting-edge technologies, and the sense of excitement that comes from working to answer important questions" (Kuh, 2008).

## Why don't all undergraduate students; engage in research?

### **Barriers for students**

- Awareness of existing opportunities
- Awareness of the benefits of research experiences
- Awareness of norms associated with scientific research
  Perceived barriers of
  - interactions with faculty
    Financial and personal barriers

(Bangera & Brownell, 2014, pp. 602-603)

### Faculty selection barriers

- Assessment of mentorship effectiveness and preference for the "best" students based on metrics like GPA
- Unconscious bias can lead to selection preferences based on race, gender, and socioeconomic status

(Bangera & Brownell, 2014, pp. 603-604)

## A CURE for undergraduate research barriers?

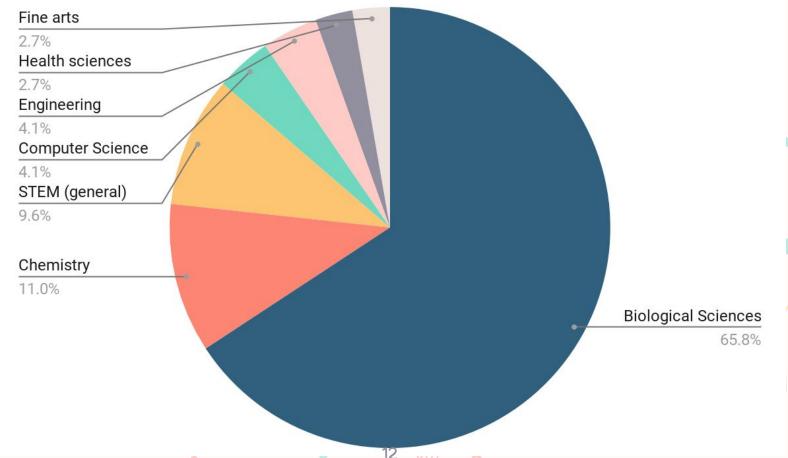
According to Bangera & Brownell (2014), "A solution to this bottleneck is to restructure the first entry point into research" (p. 604). The authors that requiring CUREs in lower-level or introductory courses, which can serve as a gateway to independent, faculty-led undergraduate research experiences can reduce some inequities in access to these experiences (pp. 604-605).

## CUREs/research internships (Auchincloss et al., 2014, p. 30) w

	CUREs	Research internships
Mentorship structure	One instructor to many students	One instructor to one student
Enrollment	Open to all students in a course	Open to selected or self-selecting few
Time commitment	Students invest time primarily in class	Students invest time primarily outside of class

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## Where do we find CUREs?



## Even more simplified... $\sim$ Fine Arts 2.7% STEM 97.3%

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## What else does that literature show?

- CUREs are being integrated throughout undergraduate curricula, from introductory (and even specifically first-year courses) to upper-level laboratory courses.
- There seems to be an increased interest in exploring the impact of CUREs at minority-serving institutions, Hispanic-serving institutions, and with specific cohorts of underrepresented students.
   Literature search included several articles.

co-authored by undergraduate students.

## **About UNCG**

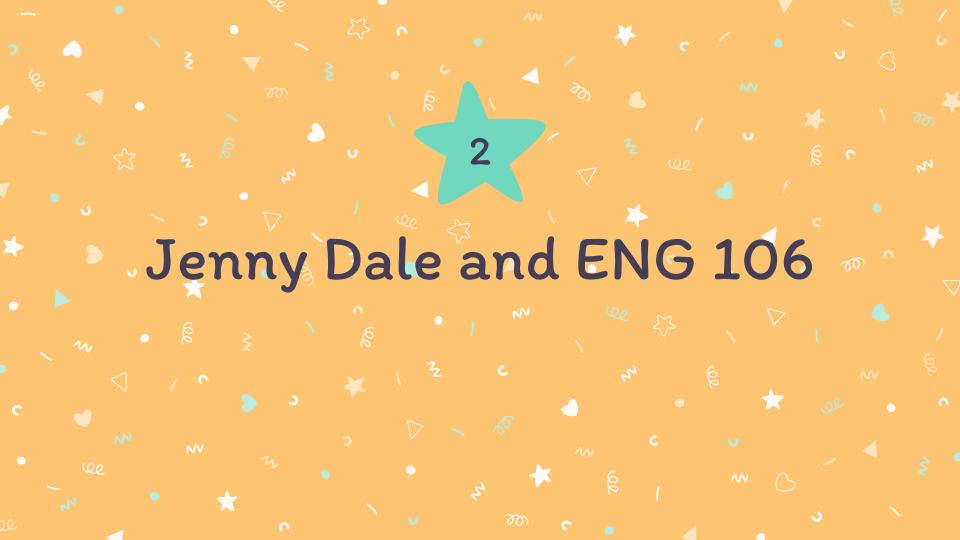
- Classified as a comprehensive doctoral research university with "high research activity" and as a community-engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation.
- Minority-serving institution
  - About 16,000 undergraduate students, with 93% coming from the state of NC Over 50% Pell eligible

## **CUREs at UNCG**

2017: UNC System Undergraduate Research Award granted to a cross-institutional team led by the director of UNCG's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Office. Their goals were to develop and promote development of CUREs, create a network of developers, and create a system-wide CURE summit for students, faculty, and administrators. (see <u>press release</u>) 2018: UNCG received funding from the Mellon Foundation "for transformative initiatives aimed at increased participation of humanities undergraduates in research."

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(see <u>press release</u>)



## ENG 106: Introduction to Poetry (Spring 2020)

- Course overview:
- Mostly non-major course
- General education Literature marker
  - Two sections of the course in Spring 2020 were Mellon-funded
  - These sections were Writing Intensive and limited to 25 students

### CUREs in the Humanities

- So far, there has been very little scholarly research published about CUREs in the humanities.
- Practitioner resources are available, including:
  - Resources from CURAH (Arts and Humanities Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research)
    - Mellon initiative resources from Trinity University
       Undergraduate Research in the Arts and Humanities

## Potential Humanities CURE projects

- Exhibits (MacInnes, 2018; Sand et al., 2017)
- Digital humanities sites (creation or contribution)
   (MacInnes, 2018)
- Transcribing manuscripts or curating/cataloging collections (MacInnes, 2018)
- Virtual conferences (<u>CURAH editorial team, 2020</u>)

## How it started...

The original plan as of January 2020:

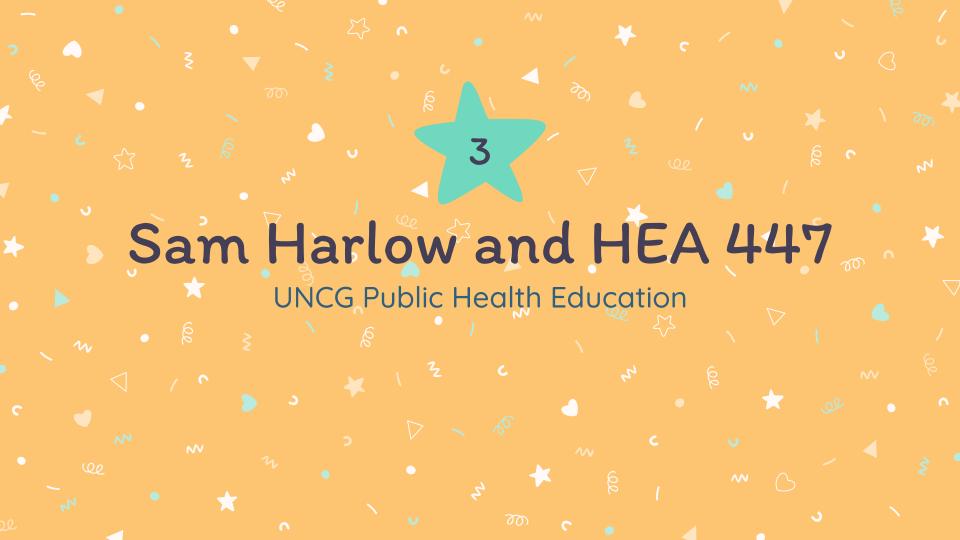
- Two face-to-face library instruction sessions
  - One focused on finding poetry reviews, one on evaluating and finding other secondary sources
- One face-to-face visit to the Special Collections and University Archives
- A student-created physical exhibit featuring
   recommendations from the Kirby-Smith poetry
   collection

### How it went...

- One face-to-face library instruction session focused on finding poetry reviews
- One face-to-face visit to the Special Collections and University Archives
- A student-created (with lots of librarian support) virtual exhibit featuring recommendations from the Kirby-Smith poetry collection



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- UNCG CAS: Best Practices and Useful Tips in Canvas
- UNDS CAS: Carvas Guides

Welcome to a guide on how UNCG Libraries can help instructors in Carvas. This guide is Intended for UNCG instructors teaching in Canvas. Please see below about each page in this guide. If you have any questions or suggestions about the library in Canvas, please small the UNCG Online Learning Librarian siharlow@uncq.edu.

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Library Resources Tab: this page explains the "Library Resources" tab available in all banner fed Canvas courses at UNDG.

Librarian Role: this page goes over how to add a "Librarian" into your Canvas course.

Canvas Commons: this page explains the Canvas Commons area and lays out what library and OER resources are available in Canvas Commons.

Library Integration: this page covers what LTI and embedding options are available in Canvas, including permalinks, streaming film, Gale products, and Wiley Researcher Academy.

Content Creation: this page gives examples of the kind of content that librarians can create in Canvas.

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## HEA 447 and Information Literacy Grant

- Fall 2019, already CURE based
- Online, Asynchronous, experienced instructor with the course and online learning
- Won UNCG Libraries Information Literacy
   Stipend
- Tools used: H5P, Group Discussions, Canvas
  Studio

## · HEA 447 and Research Assignment

- ► HEA 447: Income, Social Status, and Health
- Final assignment was to create a group annotated bibliography on a health disparity or exposure related to income and social status in the United States
- Interactive Video from both their librarian to explain the search process and then students searching on their own

## Alternatives to Canvas Studio

- EdPuzzle
- ► H5P
  - Panopto need institutional license
- Other free screen recording tools at your university that your students can use!

### Library Resources and Canvas Studio Activity

Hello All! My name is Sam Harlow and I am the Public Health Education librarian for UNCG.



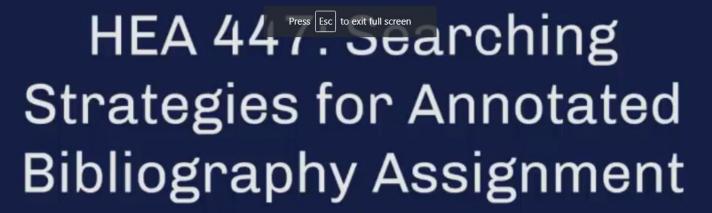
Here is me with my family this summer. I have been the Public Health Education Librarian for over 2 years, and I am also the Online Learning Librarian - so I am excited to be working with this online class.

Your professor and I worked together to create resources for you to better search for scholarly articles for your HEA 447 annotated bibliography assignment. If you check out the Library Resources tab in the course navigation on your left, I provide you resources on finding articles, creating keywords, and more on the research process.



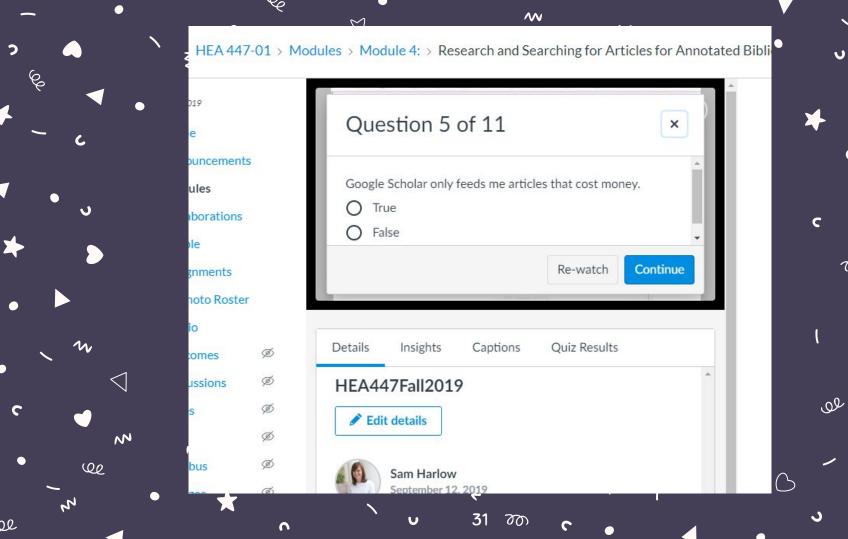
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By Samantha Harlow Public Health Education Librarian





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### Since this is a group discussion, each group has its own conversation for this topic. Here are the ones you have access to:

- · Housing and Mental Health
- · Food [in]security and Sleep

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- Employment and Substance use (Alcohol/Tobacco)
- · Education and Physical Activity/Obesity



Search Skills Application Activity

Purpose: This (ungraded) activity is part of your Annotated Bibliography prep. It allows you to put into practice the information literacy skills you gained from Sam Harlow's tutorial.

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### Task:

- 1. Your group leader will create a search video in studio (formerly Arc) using some search terms related to your topic that will help you gather results for your annotated bibliography project.
  - Post your video from Studio (blue icon above) to the Canvas discussion, make sure that you select the comment feature so your peers can comment during your video.
- 2. Each group member will then comment on the search video created by the team leader. Comments should include things such as:
  - · How the search could be improved,
  - o What else, using Sam's guidance, would help (i.e. looking beyond titles), or
  - o Questions they have about how the team leader came up with some of the results, etc.

The goals for this activity are to make sure everyone in the group is on the same page of understanding about productive tools for searching, to get you interacting around searching for articles about your topic, and to dig deeper than just the first results that populate.



## Assessment of HEA 447

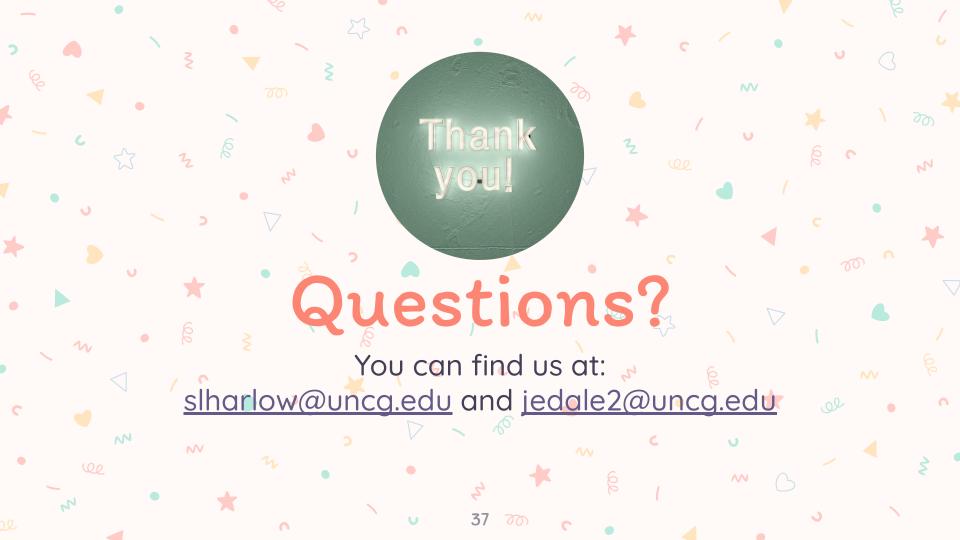
A Google Form of questions was sent out to assess the activities used in the CURE HEA 447 class

What I have learned from HEA 447 module and activities using the searching strategies provided by the UNCG library is how to process my research using their data provided. This improved my knowledge of researching the database. Also using the quick search tab in navigating my research topic. Researching using the PEO and key words from the library database help

with my group annotated bibliography assignment.

I feel like I got a better sense of what to look for in the articles and journals. I know that there is a large window for time an article is published, but I was able to find more relevant stuff this time around than before, with the suggestions about searching. I found a lot of articles to choose from versus what I have found in the past that I felt I had to choose the best of the worst. This time I had to actually pick the best of the best, which is just as hard!

I learned about how to navigate the site and access the resources I needed. I learned which resources were best for the assignment and the purpose of these tools. I learned different search terms and that some papers, although promising are not the sources I needed. I learned that I learn best through video. I learned that there is a correct and incorrect way to approach an annotated bibliography.



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