



The Center for Undergraduate Research is pleased to offer the inaugural issue of the new open access online UF Journal of Undergraduate Research. This spring, under the guidance of the UFJUR Editor, Michelle Leonard, UF JUR migrated to the Florida Open Journal System, to enhance accessibility and visibility of the superior undergraduate research being conducted by UF students. We have elected to publish articles in each issue from a diverse group of fields, representing the Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business, Education, STEM and Medicine.

This issue also introduces the new UFJUR Editor, Michelle Leonard, a tenured Associate University Librarian in Marston Science Library. Professor Leonard assumed the role of Editor following Dr. Creed Greer, a longtime UFJUR Editor who stepped down this year.

UF JUR is thankful for the team of graduate students who agreed to serve as peer reviewers in their area of expertise. These reviewers are listed in each issue. This added an important element to the double blind review process, providing students and faculty with valuable feedback on each submission. In addition, a select few of graduate students volunteered to serve as copy editors.

We encourage you to take a look at what our students have accomplished this past year. UF JUR will continue to publish three issues per year. Any UF Undergraduate who is interested in submitting to UFJUR, look for the annual April 1<sup>st</sup> submission date.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne E. Donnelly". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

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