2022 CURL Spring Conference Program: Text-Only Version

# Introduction

Welcome to the 6th annual CURL Spring Conference on April 8, 2022!

After a difficult couple of years, we are finally able to gather and celebrate together in person… but this time, we’re online too!

CURL was established to promote a culture of personalized mentorship and research collaboration at Huron. For years, we’ve worked to meet these goals through Fellowships, Travel Bursaries, conferences, and workshops, but the pandemic created new challenges (and opportunities): without meeting in person, how could we engage with as many students as possible? How could we make our programming more accessible? More inclusive?

Our answers: more projects. Fewer restrictions. Options for student participation that could be in-person or online, live or on-demand. Most importantly, content that was shaped by Huron students themselves. In keeping with these principles, we’ve added Research Skills Bursaries, CURL’s Academic Collaborators, the CURL newsletter, and this very conference to our programming.

Just like Huron, the CURL Spring Conference is the best of all the worlds, and we couldn’t be more proud of the students who helped propose, develop, plan, and moderate this event.

Enjoy... and welcome back!

# Directions

Please enter at the Burnlea Walk and Western Road intersection and follow the signs to park in the permit lot. Then, please head towards the New Academic Building! The Student Activity Centre is located on the first floor, at the end of the hallway to the left.

Room H112 has been reserved for conference attendees looking for quiet time. The room is adjacent to the Student Activity Centre.

Washrooms are located to the left of the Student Activity Centre.

# Schedule – Panel

**10:00 AM: Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement**Dr. Irene Cheung, CURL Steering Committee Member

**10:05 AM Research and Mentorship in Undergraduate Research Learning**

Moderator: Ivania Salmeron

Panelists: CURL Fellow Ethan Coleman, CURL Fellow Babette Norton, Dr. Stephen Van Hedger, Dr. Sawako Akai

**10:45 AM Break**

# Schedule – Lightning Talks

Moderator: Dr. Mike Kottelenberg

**10:50 AM Queer Poetry as an Act of Resiliency**

By CURL Fellow Kit Roffey

**11:00 AM Impact of SABLA on Intimate Partner Violence in India**

By Mekhalaa Muraly

**11:10 AM Japan’s After-Work Drinking Culture in a Post-Covid World**

By CURL Fellow Elijah Stone

**11:20 AM The Black Press: American Foreign Policy Towards Ghanaian Independence**

By Nikesh Mehta Spooner

**11:30 AM Break**

**11:40 AM The Role of Ideas in Changing Public Policy:**

**COVID-19, Wellbeing Politics, and Beyond**

By Matthew Chasmar

**11:50 AM Adolescent Risk Behaviour:**

**Peer Relationships, Brain Development, and Sensation Seeking**

By Ana Luiza Miranda Guimaraes

**12:00 PM Defining Shinrinyoku Architecture in the Modern Urbanized Environment**

By CURL Fellow Babette Norton

**12:10 PM From Human to Vermin:**

**An Examination of the Connection Between Dehumanization and Mass and Willing Participation by Ordinary People in Genocide**

By Alyssa Kaminski

**12:20 PM Break**

# Schedule – Research Fair

**12:30 PM CURL’s Inaugural Research Fair**

Guests: Dr. Jennifer Epp, Dr. Marina Palaisti, Dr. Irene Cheung, Dr. Mike Kottelenberg, Babette Norton, Elijah Stone.

We invite you to freely browse mentorship-related info booths headed by Huron professors and CURL Fellows. Ask your burning questions: what are mentorships like? How can you find one? What opportunities are available right here at Huron?

**1:20 PM Closing Remarks**

Dr. Irene Cheung, CURL Steering Committee member

**1:30 PM Free time—catch up and socialize!**