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## e-Newsletter

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### **Interview with Ethan Ankrum, Social Science Division Representative**

**Could you first provide a little background on yourself—your institution and role(s) there, for example?**



My name is Ethan R. Ankrum (he/him), and I am currently an advisor in the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of Washington, Seattle Campus. Previously, I served as the research program manager for Creighton University (Omaha, NE) and their Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship. I am also a member of the University of Washington's Barry Goldwater and Fulbright review committees, which I serve on annually.

**How long have you been mentoring undergraduate research?**

I'm a freshman to mentorship with only about 3-4 years with me. But I've loved every single moment of supporting students in having a similar or better research experience than me when I was an undergrad.

**What influenced you to join CUR?**

The current director for undergraduate research here at UW, Sophie Pierszalowski, played a huge role for me. But, even more this was a reflection of my research experience as an undergraduate student and participating in a first-of-its-kind research lab at a rural, private, small, midwestern university. You don't have to be well-past your doctorate to start supporting students and I wanted to be that person. Getting involved in support undergraduate research, I saw CUR as an excellent source to learn and grow among similar and differently minded individuals.

### **Social Science Division Fall Meeting**

The Social Science Division Fall 2024 meeting is scheduled for October 17, 5-6pm ET. Your input is very important, so please plan to attend on Zoom.

Zoom Link:

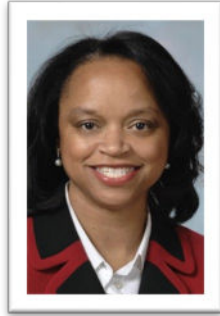
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7426714037?pwd=VW9qbHJjRnN6bVlxV0J6anRRZm1FUT09&omn=81995046468>

Meeting ID: 742 671 4037

Passcode: 326371

## Upcoming Opportunities and Deadlines

*The Social Sciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research provides networking opportunities, activities, and resources to assist administrators, faculty members, students, practitioners, mentors, and others in advancing undergraduate research.*



Jeanetta Sims, Social Science Division Councilor has organized a panel at the National Communication Association Conference with multiple CUR Social Science Division members presenting. Jennifer Edwards, Social Science Division Representative, will be facilitating.

**Theme: Communication for Greater Regard - Conference**

**Dates: November 21 - November 24, 2024 - Conference**

**Location: New Orleans, LA. Presentation Title: Greater Regard for Impacting Student Engagement, Career**

Preparation, and Institutional Success through Undergraduate Research.

**NCUR 2025** will take place April 7-9, 2025, in Pittsburgh in partnership with Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education. The submission window opens September 10, 2024.

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