



THE ROUND TABLE



HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN SPRING 2019 CONFERENCES

One of the advantages of being in the Honors Program is the opportunity to work closely with faculty on research projects that often result in scholarly publications and/or presentation(s) at conferences. This past Spring Semester students took advantage of this opportunity. Listed below are the conference attendance and presentations – Listed by conference

Southern Regional Honors Council

Oral Presentations

Jasmine Bouges

– “The Hurdles
of Overcoming
Racial and
Gender Bias
in Machine
Learning
and Facial
Recognition
Algorithms

Samantha Franklin, Katie
Ethridge, and Kayla Grimes –
“Feeding Habits of Cloud Forest
Neotropical Butter flies”

Megan Garity – “The Potato’s
Role in Irish Culture”

Jenna Labbie – “Damsels of
Distress: Examining Gender
in American Horror Films”

Poster Presentations

Caroline Brown – “Protein
Prenylation and Implications
in Alzheimer’s Disease”

Erica Bowen – “Photogrammetric
Method to 3D Scan Insects”

Rachel Rockas – “Strategies for

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Kindred Carrier – “Reasons for Living moderates the Relationship Between Generalized Anxiety and Suicide”

Erica Bowen - “Photogrammetric Method to 3D Scan Insects”

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Jared Patterson graduated with his Masters in Public Administration at UNG in May and also welcomed a son, Josiah, into the world last November. As of this writing, Josiah is being discouraged from becoming a Tennessee football fan.

Class of 2015

Philip Akins is in his first year of medical school at Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and reports it is going great so far. His wife Natalie and daughter Teddy are doing

Ben Darnell recently obtained his Master's and proposed his dissertation, and as of Sept. 13 had a manuscript accepted for publication in Clinical Psychological Science. He's starting applications for his clinical internship and expects to complete his PhD (at Northern Illinois University) in two years.

Jacob Dietrich graduated in May from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service Security Studies Program with an MA in Security Studies (Military Operations concentration). He subsequently graduated as part of the U.S. State Department's 199th A100 class and officially joined the ranks of the Foreign Service as a Political Officer. He and his fiancée Haley (his wife, as of Sept. 21) will be moving to Colombo, Sri Lanka this November for a 2-year posting at U.S. Embassy Sri Lanka and Maldives.

Sarah (Heape) Sawyer and husband Josh welcomed a baby boy, Jasper Dean, to the world in July. He just turned two months old and will soon be making his first trip to Dahlenega. His Aunt Emily (Heape) Burns (pictured here

with Jasper) is excited about her first nephew and visits him as often as possible as she continues to work hard at completing the Mercer University PA program.

Joshua McCausland is moving along in his PhD program at Johns Hopkins University and is very excited about the super-resolution microscopy work being done in his lab. His project involves single molecule tracking, specifically tracking a bacterial cell wall-synthesizing enzyme in *E. coli*.

Josh ran into a fellow UNG HP alum Kerry Strickland at The Biophysical Society conference in March, where both presented posters. and set aside time to catch up.

Jordan (Miller) Ragland is in her 5th year of teaching at West Hall Middle School, where she teaches 8th grade Social Studies and ELA! I recently finished my M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction!

Amy Rogers is still working at the University of South Carolina (and their new president). Amy has a new puppy (pictured) named Granger, after Hermione Granger (from Harry Potter)

Sydney Smith is still working at RL Jennings & Associates in

Molly Young completed her Master's in Occupational Therapy at MUSC, and found out that she passed her boards and accepted a job offer on the same day in early September. She will be employed at Ssd ir.rhege is d he w6 (s)-.ester at thmb(a)15.62.1 (a)15.6 (y i)-8.5 ornab3 (u)-8

Kaylee Todd is still with the University of Florida, in her 4th year of grad school in Chemistry Education. Over the summer, she presented research at the Florida Local Section of the American Chemical Society (FLACS). More recently, she finished teaching Introduction to Chemistry for the 3rd time as the instructor and "I love every minute of it." She has enjoyed tailgating and attending every home football game in the Swamp with fellow UF grad students (Kaylee is 3rd from right in the photo).

Britni Treadway
got engaged to
Andrew Kang
on August 31st.

Class of 2017

Mitch Fariss is currently working as a metadata specialist in the Woodstock Theological Library at Georgetown University – he is aiding with the cataloging of items in their rare books department. He is also beginning grad school applications and hopes to pursue a Masters in international relations or a related field.

Sarah Hosey now lives in Boulder, Colorado and is in the process of applying to master's programs in Public Policy. Her goal is to focus in Environmental Policy and do research on climate change issues.

Haley Patterson started in the PhD this semester at the University of Houston where she is studying Spanish Linguistics, and teaching an accelerated Intro to Spanish course. She also reports having already been to several Astros games wearing Braves gear.