



# Research Day 2012

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN

*...a Forum  
of Discovery*

*April 6th, 2012*

*Student Activities Center, 12:00-5:00 pm*

**Friday April 6, 2012**  
**12-5 pm**

**Oral Presentations**

SAC Mezzanine  
1:00-3:30 pm

**Session 1**

**Dr. Edward Callen, Presiding**

**1:00 A Stage Production: Franny and Zooey**

Ellice Whatley, English major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Miller

**1:20 A Marriage of Two Popular Nanofabrication Methods, Physical Vapor Deposition and Electroless Deposition, for the Development of a Novel SERS-SEIRA Substrate**

Rachel Strickhouser, Chemistry major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Chad L. Leverette

**1:40 African Americans and the United States Legal System**

Ryan Adams, History major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Maggi Morehouse

Break – 10 minutes

**Session 2**

**Dr. Tom Mack, Presiding**

**2:10 A Putative Functional Model of Type II Copper Nitrite Reductase**

Alexander Brugh, Chemistry major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerard Rowe

**2:30 Determining the Prevalence of the Improper Use of Citations and Sources at Regional Science Fairs and Conferences**

Brittany Cheeks, Secondary Education major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Vieyra

**2:50 Packaging Poe**

Leah Stanley, English major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tom Mack

**3:10 The Development of Social Relationships in Captive Male Giraffa camelopardalis**

Amanda Steffen, Biology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Vieyra

## Poster Session

SAC Lobby

12:00-3:30 pm

(All posters will be on display from 12:00-3:30 pm with authors present from 2:00-3:30 pm.)

- (RD-1)      **Synthesis of a Diels-Alder Cycloadduct, 8-aza-1,4-oxidobicyclo[4.3.0] non-2-ene, Using Trityl Chloride as a Steric Buttress**  
David Dragano, Chemistry major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nandeo Choony
- (RD-2)      **The Orion Molecular Cloud**  
Brady Morris, English major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stelios Kapranidis
- (RD-3)      **Gluten Free and Autism**  
Alisha Frazier, Nursing major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thayer McGahee
- (RD-4)      **Response Interference and Activity-Based Anorexia in Rats**  
Nicole Streeb, Psychology/Business Management Major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Edward Callen
- (RD-5)      **The Effect of Lifestyle on Cognition in Aging**  
Christa Armfield, Psychology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Echo Leaver
- (RD-6)      **Examining the Combined Impact of Hurt Disposition and Dispositional Jealousy on Emotional, Cognitive, and Behavioral Outcomes of Jealously Experiences**  
Abigail Mojica, Psychology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura N. May
- (RD-7)      **Women's Perceptions of How Having a Child as a Teenager has Impacted Their Lives**  
Rebekah LeMay, Psychology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Keri Weed
- (RD-8)      **Level of Executive Function Predicts Tendency to Perseverate**  
Crystal Hamilton, Psychology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Dawn Morales
- (RD-9)      **Using the Sleeping Beauty Transposon to Deliver HIV-1 Tat-dependent GFP**  
DeAnndra Pickens, Biology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Jackson

- (RD-10)     **Short Interfering RNAs Successfully Down-Regulate the HIV-1 Transactivator of Transcription in a Transient Luciferase Assay**  
Alexander S. Jureka, Biology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Jackson
- (RD-11)     **Cloning of Pro-Apoptotic tBid into the Tat-Dependent Plasmid, pU3R**  
Priscilla Simon, Biology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Jackson
- (RD-12)     **Comparing the Abilities of siRNA and Hammerhead Ribozymes to Reduce Vif Expression in a Cell Model**  
Madison Sweet, Biology major  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Jackson

**Awards Ceremony: SAC Mezzanine, 4pm**

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