Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Paige Gesicki
Major: American Studies
Minor: Gender Studies
Class Level: Senior
Home State: Chester, N.J.
Project Title: The Evolution of Romantic Relationships in the Civil War Era
Project Cities: Washington, D.C., New York, Chester, N.J.

“Gender imbalances in the Civil War era are a topic that we rarely hear about today. My research has taken me to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Chester, N.J. I’ve learned about the roles of women during the war and the challenges they faced.”

Matthew Coyne
Major: English
Class Level: Senior
Home State: Fallsburg, N.Y.
Project Title: A New Look at the Origins and Early Writing of The Cold Mountain Review
Project Cities: Boone, N.C.

“I chose to study The Cold Mountain Review (TCMR) because it is a literary journal that was founded in my home state. My research has taken me to other locations to gather information and to continue my studies.”

Stephanie DePrez
Major: Film, Television, and Theatre Music
Class Level: Senior
Home State: Guido, N.C.
Project Title: The Cult of Wisdom: The Persistence of the Enlightenment
Project Cities: San Diego and Los Angeles

“Studying the history of Enlightenment is a way to understand how we think about things like knowledge and wisdom. My research has taken me to San Diego and Los Angeles to meet with experts in the field.”

Josef Kuhn
Major: Program of Liberal Studies
Class Level: Senior
Home State: Pittsburgh
Project Title: The Burden of Abolition: Abolishing the Bocheh in Modern America
Project Cities: South Bend

“Studying the Bocheh has been a fascinating journey. It’s important to me to understand the role of the Bocheh in modern American culture.”

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