



# winter 2022 executive director's report

activities in our consortium for the past six months  
july - december 2022

# beard leadership circle class of 2022

## blc: being a department chair at a public liberal arts college @ sonoma state university / july 2022

33 department chairs and program leaders from 19 COPLAC institutions (63% of membership) attended sessions including conversations about DEI work, supporting faculty success, leading with emotional intelligence, hard conversations, and positivity. In addition, participants collaborated on mentored case studies in leadership

special thanks to the blc planning group for designing the leadership curriculum, mentoring participants, and organizing this event:

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- Quita Howard Bostic Shepherd University
- Sally Wasileski UNC Asheville



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Jennifer Anderson	Midwestern State University Texas
J.J. Arias	Georgia College & State University
Emily Asencio	Sonoma State University
Andy Breckenridge	University of Wisconsin Superior
Donna Bussell	University of Illinois Springfield
Andy Cox	University of Virginia's College at Wise
Jennifer Dawes	Midwestern State University Texas
Jennifer Deane	University of Minnesota Morris
Eric Dickson	Truman State University
Michael Dreher	Georgia College & State University
Megan Heenehan	Eastern Connecticut State University
Randall Helmstutler	University of Mary Washington
Amanda Hickey	Keene State College
Rachel Johnson	University of Minnesota Morris
Mihyun Kang	Eastern Connecticut State University
Monica Lares	Sonoma State University
Kim LeBard-Rankila	University of Wisconsin Superior
Kyuho Lee	Sonoma State University
Natasha Lekes	University of Maine Farmington
Audrey Miller	Northern State University
Shawn Mitchell	University of Montevallo
Kirstin O'Brien	Keene State College
Jeff Peterson	SUNY College at Geneseo
Shelley Rees	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Gerard Rowe	University of South Carolina Aiken
Nathan Sammons	Louisiana State University of Alexandria
Kyle Schultz	University of Mary Washington
Chelsee Shortt	Northern State University
James Vaughn	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Hannah Walters	Northern State University
Shauna Wilton	University of Alberta, Augustana
Robin Woodard	University of Virginia's College at Wise
Rob Wright	Louisiana State University of Alexandria

# undergraduate research, scholarly, and creative activity conferences

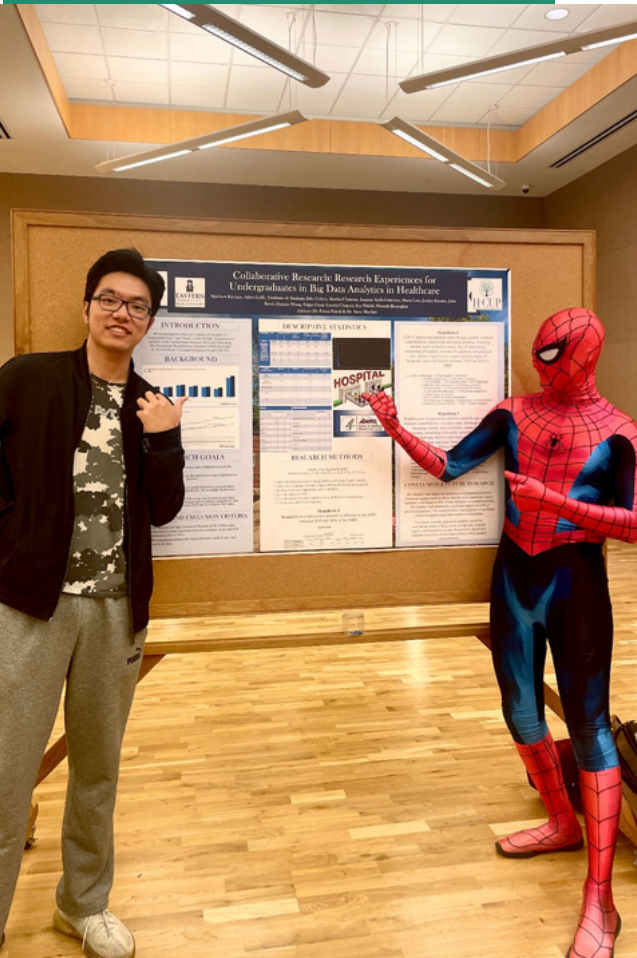
## northeast regional URSCA

hosted by eastern connecticut state university  
october 2022

41 students were invited to present, representing:

- commonwealth university of pennsylvania
- eastern connecticut state university
- keene state college
- massachusetts college of liberal arts
- ramapo college of new jersey
- suny geneseo

**19 poster and visual art presentations**  
**19 oral presentations**



## midwest/west regional URSCA

hosted virtually by  
louisiana state university of alexandria  
november 2022

12 students were invited to present, representing:

- louisiana state university of alexandria
- midwestern state university texas
- truman state university
- university of wisconsin - superior



# communities of practice

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COPLAC hosted peer to peer zoom conversations for

**marketing and communication offices**

**study abroad/study away offices**

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# Future Plans



mid-January 2023 COPLAC webinar -- impacts of ChatGPT on pedagogy

18 - 20 January 2023 AAC&U in San Francisco

21 - 22 April 2023 southeast regional URSCA @ new college of florida

11 - 13 June 2023 annual meeting @ unc asheville

22 - 24 June 2023 summer institute @ unc asheville focal group: political studies

18 - 20 July 2023 beard leadership circle @ sonoma state university

fall 2023 northeast regional URSCA

fall 2023 virtual midwest/west regional URSCA

spring 2024 southeast regional URSCA

June 2024 annual meeting @ st. mary's college of maryland

June 2025 annual meeting @ suny geneseo

June 2026 annual meeting @ UVA Wise



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