

SOURCE 2020 UPDATE



Valpo Students, Faculty, and Staff,

On behalf of the SOURCE Planning Team, I would like to announce the first-ever Virtual SOURCE 2020, which will take place on Thursday, May 14. A total of 85 undergraduate and graduate student submissions were accepted for presentation at SOURCE. These represent the work of almost 200 Valpo students! We are excited to be able to celebrate the research and creative work of these students throughout the 2019-20 academic year—in a new way. Here's an overview of the day's events:

10:00 a.m. Opening keynote address, Professor Lara Pudwell,

Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics

11:00 a.m. Session 1: Q & A with student presenters

12:00 p.m. Session 2: Q & A with student presenters

1:00 p.m. Lunch break

2:00 p.m. Session 3: Q & A with student presenters

3:00 p.m. Closing remarks, Professor David Rowland, Dept. of Psychology

Student presenters will be uploading presentation files and short audio files which will be accessible from the SOURCE website by May 8. Attendees will be able to view and listen to these presentations in advance of the conference, and then join a Google Meet session for each presentation on the day of the event to interact with the student authors. Links for the opening and closing addresses and for each student session will be posted on the SOURCE website as well. Student presenters will also have the opportunity to meet with reviewers the week after SOURCE to get personal feedback on their presentations.

The end of the spring semester is often somewhat anticlimactic. Students finish class projects and take final exams, faculty grade them, and then we all disperse. This year we feel

especially badly for graduating seniors who will be unable to process in a traditional commencement ceremony. So I invite the Valpo community to use SOURCE to celebrate the end of the 2019-20 academic year together and to honor the work done by all of our student presenters. Students are encouraged to forward the link to the SOURCE website to their family members who might like to see their work.

You can read an overview of SOURCE, the 2020 schedule, and a list of the presentation titles and abstracts by following links at the SOURCE website:

https://www.valpo.edu/undergraduate-research/source/

I invite you all to help make SOURCE 2020 a memorable celebration of Valpo student work!

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