

# THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM OF

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CHEMICAL MINDS: THE APPLICATION OF FORENSICS

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# The Undergraduate Program

## *Chemical Minds: The Application of Forensics*

Special Note: Preregistration is required some events.

### Wednesday Highlights, 26 October 2011

**Open Registration: Meet and Greet**

**Second Floor Lobby**

*Starting Wednesday 4:00 pm students can visit the welcome booth and be greeted by other undergraduate students and special guests. Attendees will receive welcome bags and information including a recommended timeline for the conference including the Forensics "Who-done-it" event.*

**The Forensics Scavenger Hunt Contest Rules Presented**

*The "Who-done-it" event will commence at 4pm and continue throughout the program with final submissions due at the Friday night social. The first, second and third place winners will be determined by a forensics committee and announced at the awards breakfast. The prizes include: 1<sup>st</sup> place, an iPad; second place, a Nook and third place, a Flip video camera.*

**Information on Local Activities**

*Welcome bags will include flyers from local venues with a local map. We are providing age restrictions and dress codes for these venues.*

### Thursday Highlights, 27 October 2011

**Open Registration**

**Second Floor Lobby**

*The undergraduate registration table will remain open throughout the day.*

**The Forensics Scavenger Hunt**

*The "Who-done-it" event will continue with clues imbedded in the activities throughout the conference.*



**ACS Career Workshops, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**

**Roanoke Room**

**Presented by ACS Volunteer Career Consultants**

***Morning Sessions 8:00 am – 12:20 pm***

***Sign up is required. (A one-time \$5 registration fee is required for these morning programs. Space may be limited so early registration is encouraged.)***

- ***"Planning a Job Search," 8:00-9:20 am***
- ***"Preparing a Résumé," 9:30-10:50 am***
- ***"Effective Interviewing," 11:00 am - 12:20 pm***

***Afternoon Sessions 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm***

***Sign up is required. (A one-time \$5 registration fee is charged for participation in any or all of these afternoon programs.)***

- ***Résumé Review, 1:00-3:50 pm***
- ***Interviewing and Mock Interviewing, 1:00-3:50 pm***

***Speed Networking, 4:00-5:30 pm Registration required (no fee)***

***Speed Networking: This activity gives the participants multiple, non threatening opportunities to put into practice important interviewing skills. Find out if you can effectively present yourself to prospective employers.***

**Undergraduate Presentations - Concurrent Sessions, 4:00-7:30 pm**

**Undergraduate Poster Session with Raffle and Light Fare.**

**James River C/D**

- **Session A posters 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**
- **Session B posters 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Undergraduate Oral Presentations, 4:00 pm -7:00 pm.**

**York Room**

***Eight oral presentations limited to 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. Participants are selected from abstracts of students with preference for the oral session.***



## Friday Highlights, 28 October 2011

**Open Registration**

**Second Floor Lobby**

*The undergraduate registration table will remain open until 11:00 am.*

**The Forensics Scavenger Hunt**

*The "Who-Done-It" event will continue with clues imbedded in the activities throughout the conference.*

**Career Event, 10:00 am -12:00 pm**

**Roanoke Room**

*Guest Speaker- Lisa Balbes "Career Search Issues for Students"  
Lisa Balbes is a consultant who presents workshops and has published on career development for scientists, including the book "Nontraditional Careers for Chemists: New Formulas for Chemistry Careers" published by Oxford University Press in 2007.*

**Free time, 12:00-3:00 pm**

**Undergraduate Poster Session with Raffle and Light Fare, 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm**  
**James River C/D**

**Session C posters 3:00 to 4:30 pm**

**Session D posters 5:00 to 6:30 pm**

**Graduate School Fair , 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**James River Ballroom**

*A raffle will occur every hour during this event. We also will have tied this event to the "Who-Done-It" so make sure to pick up your clues. Pizza will be served to segue into the "Karaoke and Pizza Party" in the adjoining room.*

**Karaoke and Pizza Party, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

**James River Ballroom**

*Karaoke and Pizza what else can we say. The contest commences for the Best Faculty Advisor and Best Undergraduate Karaoke contestant.*

**Collection of the "Who-Done-It" Entries, 10:00 pm James River Ballroom**



## Saturday's Events, 29 October 2011

Awards Breakfast, 8:00 am-10:00 am

James River Ballroom

*Registration Required*

*Breakfast Speaker, Marilyn Miller*

*Miller is an associate professor in Forensic Science at Virginia Commonwealth University. As a post-secondary educator, she teaches a wide variety of forensic science and crime scene investigation classes to both forensic science and criminal justice majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has presented and taught as part of hundreds of forensic seminars across the United States.*

*Before coming to VCU, she worked as a supervisor and forensic scientist for law enforcement agencies in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Florida. She has testified over 400 times in county, state and federal courts of law as an expert witness in the field of forensic sciences and crime scene reconstruction. She has participated in hundreds of crime scene investigations, both as an active investigator and recently as a consultant for both state and defense attorneys. Miller designed, opened and operated forensic laboratories on the West Coast of Florida.*

*Marilyn Miller will announce the Forensics "Who-Done-It" winners. The Best Advisor and Best Undergraduate singers from the Karaoke contest will also be presented with trophies at the breakfast.*

Graduate School Fair Day 2, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

James River Ballroom

**Missed the Graduate School Fair on Friday? It's not too late. The final prize raffles will be held to encourage the last minute attendee.**



## Restaurants

### Bistro Bobette

- **Lunch: Tue - Fri: 11:30am - 2:30pm**  
**Dinner: Mon - Sat: 5:00pm - 10:00pm**
- **DRESS CODE: Casual Dress**

### Urban Farmhouse

- **Mon-Thurs: 6:30am to 9pm**  
**Fri: 6:30am to 10pm**  
**Sat: 7:30am to 10pm**  
**Sun: 7:30am to 9pm**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**

### Morton's Steakhouse

- **Dinner nightly Mon.-Sat. 5:30pm-11:00pm; Sun. 5:00 pm-10:00 pm; Lounge opens nightly 4:45 p.m.**
- **Valet Parking Available**
- **BUSINESS CASUAL/ DRESS CONSERVATIVELY**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**

### Sine' Irish Pub & Restaurant

- **NO COVER CHARGE**
- **21+ ONLY**
- **MUST WEAR COLLAR SHIRT**
- **Wed- karaoke; Thu/Fri- Music;**
- **Sun-Thu: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Fri-Sat: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.**

### Dora Brazilian Grill

- **Mon-Fri: 5pm to 10pm**  
**Sat: 4pm to 10pm**  
**Sun: 12pm to 6pm**
- **Fri/Sat- NO COVER CHARGE**
- **NO DRESS CODE**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**



### **Europa Italian Café**

- **Mon.-Fri., open at 4:30 pm; Sat.-Sun., open at 5:30 pm; Bodegas Lounge: Wed.-Sat. 4:30pm until 2 am**
- **DINNER ONLY**
- **DRESS CODE: Business Casual**

### **The Hard Shell**

- **Lunch: Mon. – Sat. 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner: Mon - Thur. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**  
**Fri.-Sat. 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 5pm to 9pm.**  
**Brunch Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**
- **NO DRESS CODE**

### **Cha Cha's Cantina**

- **Everyday after 9pm**
  - **21+ WITH VALID ID**

### **Buffalo Wild Wings**

- **Everyday after 8pm**
  - **AGE LIMIT: 21+**
- **Mon-Sun 11a.m. to 1:30 a.m.**

### **Bottoms Up**

- **Open 11:00 am**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**

### **Gutenberg**

- **\*MUST TRY Raspberry Mocha\***
- **NO AGE LIMIT**
- **NO DRESS CODE**

### **Fish Bowl**

- **Mon-Sun: 11am to 2am**
- **HAPPY HOUR: Mon-Fri: 3pm-8pm**
- **DRESS CODE: Casual**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**

### **Lucky Buddha**

- **Mon-Sat: 5pm to 2am**
- **DRESS CODE: Smart Casual**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**

### **Starbucks (Omni Hotel)**

- **Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**



- **DRESS CONSERVATIVELY**

**The Market (Omni Hotel)**

- **Breakfast: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Sat. 8:00 a.m. to Noon**
- **Lunch: Mon.-Fri. Noon to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sat. Noon to 2:00 p.m.**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**
- **DRESS CONSERVATIVELY**

**Barlowe's Terrace at Omni Hotel**

- **Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. to 10:30a.m.**
- **Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Dinner: Mon.-Sun. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.**
- **NO AGE LIMIT**
- **DRESS CONSERVATIVELY**

**Fast food options** –Arby's and Starbucks are located in the James Center attached to the hotel; other options are located on Main St. one block north of the hotel between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> St. including:

- **Padows (1009 Main St.)**
- **SubCentral (1110 Main St.)**
- **Hunan Chinese (1112 Main St.)**
- **Coppola's Deli (1116 Main St.)**
- **JoJo's Pizza (1201 Main St.)**
- **Quiznos (1203 Main St.)**
- **Subway (1209A Main St.)**
- **Cuppertinos NY Bagels and Deli (1215A Main St.)**



## Attractions

### Canal Walk

Richmond's Canal Walk features four centuries of downtown Richmond's history depicted through fascinating historic medallions, statues, and exhibits. Stretching 1.25 miles along the James River and the Kanawha and Haxall Canals, the Canal Walk has multiple access points at nearly every block between 5th and 17th Streets in Richmond's River District.

### Brown's and Belle's Island

With the James River running through downtown Richmond, this island serves as a wonderful spot to observe a stretch of urban waterway. The park, a stone's throw from downtown, is connected to the popular Canal Walk. Festivals, concerts and art displays are common attractions.

**Hours:** Open sunrise till sunset

**Admission:** Free

**Location:** Bottom of 12th Street (on the James River)

### Canal Cruise

- **Thursday-Saturday: Noon – 7 p.m.; Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.**
- **Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$5**

### Shadows of Shockoe Tour

**Saturday, October 29 7:30 pm and 9:00 pm**

**<http://hauntsofrichmond.com/tours.htm#shadows>**

### Poe Museum

- **TUES-SAT 10am-5pm**
- **ADULTS: \$6, STUDENTS: \$5, SENIOR CITIZENS: \$5**
- **NO PHOTOGRAPHS**
- **Guide tours begin on HOUR; Ex) 4:00 begin; 5:00 begin**

### Holocaust Museum

- **Mon-Fri: 9am – 5pm; Sat: 11am – 5pm; Sun: 11am – 5pm**
- **NO oversized objects and bags**
- **NO cameras**
- **NO food/drinks/candy**

**Tredegar Iron Works - Named for the famous iron works at Tredegar, Wales, Tredegar Iron Works opened in 1837 and stood as Richmond's foremost business concern for more than a century. 490 Tredegar Street.**

