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RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, CREATIVE WORK:
INSPIRING *Convergence* AT URI

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
BALLROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

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PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 am Arrival and Continental Breakfast – Ballroom

9:00 am Opening

Donald H. DeHayes, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

President's Welcome

David M. Dooley, *President*

9:20 am Plenary: My Journey and Evolving Views on Convergence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works

Peter Snyder

*Vice President for Research & Economic Development, and Professor of Biomedical Sciences, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
Scholar-in-Residence, Rhode Island School of Design*



Professor Snyder received his doctorate in clinical neuropsychology and behavioral neuroscience from Michigan

State University in 1992, following a residency at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center (New York, USA). Dr. Snyder was awarded the 1992 Wilder Penfield Fellowship by the American Epilepsy Society and the Epilepsy Foundation of America, and he served as a Clinical Neurosciences Fellow in the NIMH Clinical Research Center for the Study of Schizophrenia at Hillside Hospital (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) in 1992 and 1993.

Dr. Snyder serves as the Senior Associate Editor of *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, and as the Editor-in-Chief for *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring* (an

open access journal of the Alzheimer's Association). Dr. Snyder manages a robust research program, he publishes regularly within this field, and he has delivered over 200 presentations at international scientific conferences. His academic interests span across a range of topics in neuropharmacology, neurophysiology, history of neuroscience and research ethics; and his clinical interests are currently focused on the topics of aging and dementia.

Just prior to coming to URI, Dr. Snyder served as the Sr. Vice President & Chief Research Officer for the major affiliate teaching hospitals of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University (Providence, RI). Currently, Dr. Snyder is the Vice President for Research & Economic Development at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Snyder also serves as a Scholar-in-Residence at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Dr. Snyder is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Div. 40, Clinical Neuropsychology; Div. 6, Behavioral Neuroscience), and his most recent book (2015) focuses on the management of scientific integrity within academic medical centers.

Audience participation: Questions?

10:15 am Conversations with URI Faculty from Cross Disciplinary Research Projects – Ballroom

Facilitator:

Justin Wyatt, *Associate Director, Harrington School of Communication and Media & Assistant Professor, Communication Studies and Film Media*

- **Commemoration and Study of Slavery in Rhode Island**
Marcus Nevius, *Assistant Professor, History*
Robert Dilworth, *Professor Art*
Deborah Baronas, *Artist, Baronas Art*
- **Visualization of Science with Art**
Susanne Mendon-Deuer, *Professor, GSO*
Geoffrey Bothun, *Professor, Chemical Engineering*
Marta Chiarri-Gomez, *Professor and Department Chair, FAVS*

- **Science Communication and Marketing**

Navindra Seeram, *Professor, Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science*

Christy Ashley, *Associate Professor, Business,
Research Associate (in Pharmacy)*

Hang Ma, *Research Associate, Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science*

Audience engagement – What processes have worked for you?

Questions of project representatives?

11:45 am

Introduction and Objectives for Café Salon Conversations

Travis Williams, *Associate Professor and Department Chair, English
and member of Summit planning committee*

12:00 noon

**Café Salon Discussions on Convergence Research Topics
with Lunch**

*Please take your lunch from the buffet in the Ballroom Gallery area to one
of the discussions below. Beverages & Coffee/tea bar in each room.*

Questions to consider in your discussions:

- What would it look like for URI to take leadership in this area?
- How does work in this topic open up research/scholarly activity across disciplines? - Who is already working on this topic?
- What is the right breadth of areas to be covered?
- What are the University's strengths that would build out this topic well?
- What areas of the topic would be a main focus for URI?

**#1 Remediation of plastics and micro-plastics from the world's
oceans - technological, policy and economic impact, community
education, experimental approaches for retrieval and
processing, analyses of interventions**

Café A – ground (1st) floor by fireplace

Facilitators:

Susanne Mendon-Deuer, *Professor, GSO*

Geoffrey Bothun, *Professor, Chemical Engineering*

- #2 Food behavior, food politics, and the historical culture of food (obesity, food deserts, famine, diversity issues)**
Commuter Lounge – 3rd floor
- Facilitators:**
Kathleen Gorman, *Director, Feinstein Hunger Center*
Ingrid Lofgren, *Associate Professor, Nutrition and Food Sciences*
- #3 The sociological and humanistic problem of “fake news,” as it applies to all subjects, including scientific research and theories in the public sphere.**
Ballroom – front tables
- Facilitators:**
Andrée Rathemacher, *Professor, Librarian*
Amanda Izenstark, *Professor, Librarian*
- #4 The politicization of research and researchers; university researchers as “the enemy”**
Ballroom – rear tables
- Facilitators:**
Jay Walsh, *Executive Director, AAUP*
Miriam Reumann, *Teaching Professor, History*
- #5 Science communication: The politicization and censorship of scientific information**
193 Degrees Coffeehouse (main floor at end of hallway)
- Facilitators:**
Sunshine Menezes, *Associate Clinical Professor, Natural Resource Sciences*
Jeremiah Dyehouse, *Associate Professor, Department Chair, Writing & Rhetoric*

#6 How can arts and humanities research/creative work support literacy, creativity, critical thinking, and wellness as lifelong habits?

Café B- ground floor (1st floor)

Facilitators:

Travis Williams, *Associate Professor & Department Chair, English*

Christian Gonzales, *Assistant Professor, History*

#7 Climate Change - a multidimensional issue considering the human, societal, local, global implications and scientific issues (especially given the report from the IPCC, which has just made dire predictions)

Room 300, Senate Chambers

Facilitators:

Rod Mather, *Professor & Department Chair, History*

Judith Swift, *Professor, Communication Studies*

and Director, Coastal Institute

#8 Addiction: Social, Cultural, and Medical Implications

Lobby seating area/Main Lounge area (adjacent to info desk)

Facilitators:

Jeffrey Bratberg, *Clinical Professor, Pharmacy Practice*

Nichea Spillane, *Assistant Professor, Psychology*

2:00 pm **Dessert** - Ballroom

2:20 pm **Closing with Vice President Snyder** - Ballroom

- Overview of important topics discussed in breakouts
- How will URI support this work in the future?
- If any of these projects were to move forward - Sign on to other research projects that you wish to contribute and be part of in the future (*Sign-up Sheets found at registration table*)

3:00 pm **Program ends**

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