



## **Undergraduate research at its finest:**

### **Portals of Discovery, inaugural undergraduate research conference**

**London, ON** - Huron University College provides students with an engaging, unique academic experience not available at other institutions. From day one, students are encouraged to pursue their passions within a community of experts.

This Friday, January 9th, undergraduate research excellence will be the focus of Portals of Discovery. Consisting of four student panels, this inaugural undergraduate research conference will showcase innovative student research on a wide range of topics, from YA culture, gender, and post-modernism.

Dr. Teresa Hubel, Chair, Department of English, has extended the invitation to the university and London communities. "Huron's students are extraordinary," she says. "This conference will feature papers on subjects as diverse as the Tragically Hip, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, Transcendentalism, and Frankenstein, among many other topics."

The intention of the Conference is to encourage students' engagement with their peers and facilitate an opportunity for them to improve their presentation skills in preparation for grad school or other post-graduate pursuits, a rare opportunity for undergraduate students.

"There will also be a lunch-time showcase of the talents of the Huron Underground Dramatic Society (HUDS) and a keynote talk from Huron's own Dr. John Vanderheide, who will speak on the comedic television show Arrested Development. Everyone is welcome to attend the entire day or parts of it," Dr. Hubel says.

The conference will take place in Huron's Great Hall from 9:00a.m. until 5:15p.m. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Meg Pirie, Communications Associate at 519-438-7224 ext.388.