Undergraduate scholars presented their research on some of the most vital issues facing our times, from sexual assault on campus to the notorious M-13 gang. Their audience was made up of members of the Utah State Legislature.

We’re proud to say that 10 of those enthusiastic scholars are affiliated with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. They exhibited their work at the annual Research on Capitol Hill event March 5 at the Utah State Capitol Building.

The annual event demonstrates the important research coming from undergraduates of the top two research universities in this state: Utah State University and the University of Utah.

It also demonstrates the breadth of research programs that are part of Utah State Humanities and reinforces the value of state-funded higher education.

Here are the CHaSS students presenting this year:

**Daniel Bertrand, History**

Mentor: Dr. Susan Cogan

Building the Medieval Trebuchet

**Tori Bodine, Math and Statistics, BS in Political Science**

Mentor: Dr. Jeannie Johnson

Implications of Emerging Technologies for Law Enforcement and its Impact on Public Trust

**Levi Cragun, Criminal Justice**

Mentor: Dr. Jason Leiker

**Madison Elliott, Social Work**

Mentor: Dr. Jessica Lucero

The Influence of Neighborhood Cohesion on Homelessness in Cache Valley, Utah

**Taya Godfrey, Sociology**

Mentor: Dr. Mehmet Soyer

Feminism in Fracking: An Analyzation of Women’s Activism Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing

**Cassidy Gummersall, Communication Studies**

Mentor: Dr. Matthew Sanders

Between Commercial and Nonprofit: Narratives of Social Businesses

**Hannah Penner, Political Science**

Mentor: Dr. Jeannie Johnson

Cultural Traits of Salvadoran Gangs Offer Chance for U.S. to Weaken MS-13

**Spencer Sproul, Political Science**

Mentor: Briana Bowen

Fake News!: Russian Disinformation Targets Cognitive Biases in Physical and Cyber Mediums

**Elizabeth Starrett, Psychology**

Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Roark

The Art of Seduction: College Male Perceptions of Sexual Willingness

**Casey Trout, Sociology (Environment and Society)**

Mentor: Dr. Courtney Flint

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