

**Committee on Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS)
CURS Funding Spring 2011 Final Report**

Faculty Member:	Heather Abdelnur, History, Anthropology & Philosophy
Amount of Award:	\$299.00
Student(s) Involved (if any):	Samantha Borders; Jeffrey Toomey; Victoria Worsham; and Frank Schmidt
Specific Outcomes:	Student presented their major research papers from the Fall 2010 Colonial Latin America course at the 14 th Annual Conference on the Americas at Georgia Perimeter College in Clarkston, Georgia as one of only two undergraduate panels at the conference.
<p>Discussion and Comments: The students had been prepped on the expectations for this presentation, which included 12-15 minutes of speaking time and Powerpoint presentations for each, though Jeffrey Toomey showed overhead images in lieu of a slide show. After driving the two of the students in my vehicle to Clarkston and meeting up with others who came on their own, we registered and received vouchers for the conference banquet luncheon and awards ceremony. Jeffrey Toomey won first prize for the best undergraduate research paper submission, which came with a cash prize and certificate! Afterward, the students did their hour long panel presentation, to a diverse crowd of faculty and students. They had some great questions, most especially for the imagery of Victoria's presentation with requests for her sources for future classes; Jeffrey Toomey held himself very confidently to a barrage of questions about his assessment of a major Latin American rebellion for which former rapper Tupac Shakur was named. All around a very successful venture—great experience for the students none of whom had ever presented in a conference before, and a great opportunity to shine the ASU affiliation for the panel and the student award.</p>	