JAMES J. KOPP FIRST-YEAR RESEARCH AWARDS 2017-18

About the Awards
These awards were created to highlight the value of good research techniques, reward scholarly research that develops a thoughtful and methodical approach to the research process, and demonstrate how scholarly research develops the critical thinking, reading, writing and speaking skills that are an integral part of a liberal arts education. The awards are given in memory of our much-missed library director, Dr. James J. Kopp, who taught in the Core program for many years and was an impassioned researcher and scholar in his own right.

Application Instructions
Beginning on Friday, April 13th, first-year students may apply online via the library website. Required application materials must be received by Sunday, May 6, and include:

- The application form and online research summary. Applicants should consider the following questions when writing a research summary:
  1. How did your research question evolve during the semester?
  2. What aspects of the research process were easily accomplished?
  3. What obstacles did you face in your research process and how did you overcome them?
  4. How did you determine which were your most important sources, and how did you find them?
  5. How has your understanding of the research process changed since you began this project?
- The research paper in pdf format OR a link to the digital project if the research project did not result in a paper.
- Permission to display the winning paper or project in the library and also to add a copy of it to the Library Collections and make it available online. Electronic access to the project will be restricted to current students, faculty and staff of Lewis & Clark College.
- Recommended: Additionally, applicants are encouraged (but not required) to solicit a Faculty Statement of Support from their E&D instructor. Applicants should discuss this with their instructors beforehand and may elect, when they complete the online application process, to have an email sent to their instructor that will invite them to submit the Statement of Support through an online survey. Faculty will be notified by May 9 if student has requested a Statement of Support and they will be invited to fill out the survey. All survey responses must be received by May 31.

Evaluation Criteria
The Research Awards will be open to projects 1) produced in the second semester of Exploration & Discovery and 2) satisfying the evaluation criteria (below). Successful candidate projects will:

- Make explicit and significant use of library research resources, services and collections.
• Demonstrate an ability to identify, locate, select, evaluate, and synthesize information from scholarly research resources.
• Evince explicit critical methods of research and inquiry.

The evaluation committee will consider overall quality and whether and to what degree a project fulfills the above criteria. Research projects may include a wide diversity of methods, topics, genre and approaches. For example, projects may incorporate not only written but oral work, posters, and digital media. The committee may evaluate both single projects and portfolios.

Timeline
The application period will begin on Friday, April 13, 2018. Required application materials must be submitted by Sunday, May 6. Faculty will be notified if a student has completed an application and requested a Faculty Statement of Support. Faculty will submit statements of support via online survey, which will be emailed to faculty and must be completed by May 31, 2018. The evaluation committee, consisting of two librarians and two faculty members, will evaluate the submitted work during the summer. Winners will be notified by June 30, 2018.

Publicity, Award Display and Archive
The Library will promote the award on its website, in instruction sessions in E&D classes and in communication with faculty teaching E&D. Watzek Library may put the winning entry on display in the Library, and may also add a digital copy to the library collection and make it available online. Electronic access to the project will be restricted to current students, faculty and staff of Lewis & Clark College.

Contact
Questions or comments regarding the James J. Kopp First-Year Research Awards may be directed to the Service Desk at librarian@lclark.edu, 503-768-7285.