Educational Highlights: I have been a part of the Honors College at the College of Charleston since my first semester. Coming into college, I knew that I wanted to major in anthropology and history, but I was unsure as to what exactly I wanted my focus to be. After studying abroad at Queen’s University Belfast in Northern Ireland during my sophomore year, I realized that I was deeply interested in women and gender in the Irish context. When I arrived back at the College I sought out Dr. Quinn and we have been working together for over a year now on my bachelor’s essay project.

Research Focus or Project: My bachelor’s essay examines prostitution in Ireland and Northern Ireland from the mid-1800s up to today. It looks at the ways in which these women were represented and how this in turn has affected Irish women and prostitutes today in modern Ireland. Specifically, I am examining how Irish society has constructed the notion of the “prostitute” and the socio-cultural implications of this construction. I also did an independent study with Dr. Delay in the history department on the ways in which the Irish and Northern Irish courts utilized gendered critiques when charging female abortionists in the mid-twentieth century. This paper was recently presented at the 2017 Southeastern Women’s Studies Association conference.

Future Plans: I am using a gap year in order to apply for graduate school. I hope to eventually obtain a Ph.D. in history and continue my study of women and gender in Ireland. I am confident that the skills I have gained in my anthropology courses will help bring an interdisciplinary approach and perspective to my future work.