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Journey throughout South Africa and Beyond

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Library Research Scholars
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Project Proposal

Name of Library Research Scholar: Rachel Fracasso

Project Title: Journey throughout South Africa and Beyond

Project Description: By studying abroad in Cape Town, I will discover a new part of the world that I have yet to experience, and my goal through this project is to document and organize these discoveries in an engaging way that will be interesting to others. My goal of my project is to share what I learn about South Africa in an interactive, visually appealing, educational, and engaging way. My project is photography based, and a collection of my photographs will be displayed in the Creative Studios in the Richter Library. These pictures are a representation of the most meaningful, special, surprising, and challenging parts of my study abroad experience from the Spring 2019 semester. I also will create a physical travel journal about my semester that is photography based as well but will also include written and multimedia components. The journal will be added to the Richter Library collection.

Project Justification: This project will be meaningful to me because traveling and photography are two of my biggest hobbies and I love them both. I yearn to learn more about the world that we live in and I am incredibly excited to study abroad and share my experience and information about South Africa for others to see as well.

Project Stakeholders / Team (if appropriate): Christina Larson, Ava Brillat, and Lauren Fralinger are providing mentorship and support in the formulation of my ideas and content for this project.

Project Deliverables: A physical travel journal like the one shown in special collections and photos on display in the Creative Studios.

Resources Needed: A photo printer and paper to print pictures for both the Creative Studios and journal.

Timeline:

By the end of the Fall 2018 semester, I will have a finalized project proposal and completed the first step of research that involves what I will include in my journal.

On December 31, 2018 is when I begin my travels to South Africa and hence begin the documentation of my trip and study abroad.

For the duration of my time in South Africa I will continue to document my experience through photography and journaling. The content that I photograph and journal will go into my travel journal and the printed pictures in the Creative Studios.

As I finish my semester abroad and transition into life back in the States I will decide which photographs I would like to include for display in the Creative Studios as well as the content to include in my travel journal and how I would like to organize what I learned and how I changed while abroad.

Project Reviewers:

Library Faculty Mentor: Christina Larson
Dean of the Libraries: Charles Eckman