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Message from the Provost:



To the faculty and student participants of the University-wide Montclair State Student Research Symposium:

This event, with some 230 participants from all across the University, expresses the energy, creativity and hard work of which our students are capable under the mentorship of the faculty. Research is hard when done well and done thoroughly but its rewards can be immense, both as personal satisfaction for the job done and for the new knowledge acquired. Mastering the methods, techniques and tools of an intellectual discipline to the degree required for applying them effectively to a real-world question or problem is the essence of an empowering education. The satisfaction of knowing how to confidently apply oneself to a challenge with the techniques of a microbiologist, a sociologist, a psychologist, an accountant, an audiologist, a filmmaker, a journalist, a teacher or public health specialist, or any of a dozen other disciplinary methodologies, is the reward of a successful education and the key to opening a door into the mansion of life-long learning.

Even more satisfying and rewarding, then, is the challenge of tackling a problem with a toolbox of multiple methodologies, with an inter- or multi-disciplinary approach, either by mastering several different disciplines yourself, or by combining your own skills and efforts with colleagues trained in other disciplines. You may find that the problem cracks open more quickly and more easily when together you bring the collective weight of your individual skills to bear against it. Or together you can identify and address a question larger and more complex than any you could hope to solve individually. This is what has happened in all fields of human knowledge around us, and it happens because curious students like you are always finding creative new ways to apply the lessons of your teachers either to ancient questions (What is a just society? What are the essential qualities of a successful life? Does poetry matter?) or to previously unknown functions of nature (What are the neurological pathways that teach a bird to build a nest? Why is dark matter only observable in its effects? What exact conditions trigger an earthquake in a specific place)?

No one will ever answer these questions on their own and no one discipline will serve to do so. That is the challenge and excitement of interdisciplinary cooperation. That is the attraction and promise of this event today, where students from disciplines across the University come together to discuss and share their research on common issues.

The entire faculty of Montclair State are proud of the work you have presented and wish you the best for continued growth and mastery of those skills and achievements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Willard Gingerich". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dr. Willard Gingerich
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:20 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
University Hall Grand Hallway, 1st Floor
- 8:20 – 8:30 am **Opening Remarks: Dr. Willard Gingerich**
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
University Hall Room 1070
- 8:30 – 9:15 am **Interdisciplinary Panel Presentation**
Montclair State University Faculty Members
University Hall Room 1070
- 9:20 – 10:15 am **Poster Session Block A**
University Hall Conference Center, 7th Floor
- 10:20 – 11:40 am **Oral and Multimedia Presentations Block A**
Room assignments listed in program
- 11:45 – 1:05 pm **Oral and Multimedia Presentations Block B**
Room assignments listed in program
- 1:10 – 1:55 pm **Lunch**
Student Center Ballroom
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Poster Session Block B**
University Hall Conference Center, 7th Floor
- 3:05 – 4:25 pm **Oral and Multimedia Presentations Block C**
Room assignments listed in program
- 4:30 pm **Award Presentations and Closing Remarks**
General Symposium Awards and Closing Remarks
Outstanding Interdisciplinary Presentations and Posters
University Hall 1070

Title: **Canon fodder: The missing voice of the student in canon and curricula formation**
Presenter: Meagan DeJong Advisor: Dr. David Galef

Title: **A reevaluation of the historicity of the Ramayana through de-orientalized pedagogy**
Presenter: Sabrina D. MisirHiralall Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Rogers

4. Ecology and Earth Science – University Hall 2013 **Moderator: Dr. Paul Bologna**

Title: **Impacts of land use and land cover composition on macroinvertebrate assemblages at both catchment basin and riparian scales along the Passaic River, New Jersey**
Presenter: Michael Levinson Advisor: Dr. Meiyin Wu

Title: **Assessing the population density, size distribution, and biomass of the long-spined sea urchin, *Diadema antillarum*, in St. John, U.S.V.I.**
Presenter: Jami Luckhardt Advisor: Dr. Paul Bologna
Co-author(s): Paul Bologna, Lauren Liddy

Title: **Is soil pollution starving trees? Starch analysis of *Betula populifolia* and *Populus* spp. in an abandoned urban brownfield**
Presenter: Ariel Flood Advisor: Dr. Dirk Vanderklein
Co-author(s): Dirk Vanderklein, Karina Schafer

Title: **Geochemical analysis of Antarctic sediment cores from Prydz Bay site for the purpose of reconstructing the paleo-environment during the Eocene-Oligocene**
Presenter: Triantafilo Miriagos Advisor: Dr. Sandra Passchier
Co-author(s): Sandra Passchier, Nicholas Tadrick

Title: **Threshold behavior of a marine-based sector of the east Antarctic ice sheet in response to early pliocene ocean warming**
Presenter: Melissa Hansen Advisor: Dr. Sandra Passchier
Co-author(s): Sandra Passchier, Boo-Keun Khim, Buhan Song, Trevor Williams

5. Counseling – University Hall 2012 **Moderator: Dr. Harriet Glossoff**

Title: **Counseling gay men of color: Understanding dating, sexual-risk taking, and microaggressions through social media**
Presenter: Carlos Flores Advisor: Dr. Leslie Kooyman

Title: **Experiences of successful African American women raised by mothers in low-income communities**
Presenter: Ebony White Advisor: Dr. Amanda Baden

Title: **A family therapist matrix for working with adolescent and sibling substance abuse**
Presenter: David Lardier Advisor: Dr. Jon Caspi
Co-author(s): Veronica Barrios, Jon Caspi

Title: **Brain-based counseling: The why and how of applying neuroscience to practice**
Presenter: Kathy Shoemaker Advisor: Dr. Harriet Glossoff
Co-author: David Lardier

Title: **Investigating the sex differences in death anxiety and emotion regulatory behavior among emerging adults**
Presenter: James Morecraft Advisor: Dr. Janice Stapley
Co-author: Janice Stapley

6. Food/Weight – University Hall 2011 Moderator: Dr. Douglas Murray

Title: **Food security in Tanzania and South Sudan**
Presenter: Saning'o Kimani Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wishnick

Title: **Chefs, nutrition, and public health: What are they modeling?**
Presenter: Kathleen Gaffney Advisor: Dr. Douglas Murray
Co-author(s): Douglas Murray, Meena Mahadevan

Title: **Shaping Elizabeth: A case study of community partnerships**
Presenter: Jacqueline Gifuni Advisor: Dr. Eva Goldfarb

Title: **Counselor values and body image in counseling**
Presenter: Kimberly Lovato Advisor: Dr. Dana Levitt
Co-author: Connie Ducaine

7. Literature – University Hall 2010 Moderator: Dr. Michele Knobel

Title: **Cannibalism, knots, and indigestion: Stomaching Shakespeare's body**
Presenter: Bryan Davis Advisor: Dr. Naomi Liebler

Title: **Sleep across different stages**
Presenter: Sue Ellen Lian Advisor: Dr. Naomi Liebler

Title: **The foreign king on an English throne: Charles I and the redrawing of Englishness in Milton's revolutionary prose**
Presenter: Courtney Van Sadars Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Miller

Title: **The portrayal of war in French theatrics: The perspectives of Eugène Ionesco**
Presenter: Cala Fils Advisor: Dr. Lois Oppenheim

8. The Office and Work – University Hall 2009 Moderator: Dr. Agatha Jeffers

Title: **On the relation between social informal learning activities and innovative work behavior in the workplace**
Presenter: Maike Gerken Advisor: Mien Segers
Co-author(s): Simon Beusaert, Mien Segers

Title: **Should introverts act more like extroverts in the workplace?**
Presenter: Rosemarie Salvatore Advisor: Dr. Todd Kelshaw

Title: **Classical Anatolian industrial device points to late-Roman adoption of automated machinery**
Presenter: Carmine Esposito Advisor: Dr. Deborah Chatr Aryamontri

Title: **The fault of the “housewives”: A historical review of how gender is related to pay, pedagogy and students in first-year composition**

Presenter: Vera Lentini Advisor: Dr. Melinda Knight

Title: **Citizens united: The effects of corporate influence on the political process**

Presenter: Brandon Citer Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

9. An International Model for STEM Student Collaboration – University Hall 2008 Moderator: Dr. Carlos Molina

Title: **100K strong in Chile for CSAM students - A model for international scientific and educational collaboration among STEM undergraduate students**

Presenter: Zareen Rahman Advisor: Dr. Mika Munakata

Title: **CRISPR/Cas System in genome engineering**

Presenter: Michael Young Advisor: Dr. Carlos Molina

Title: **The application of the CRISPR/Cas9 system in cancer**

Presenter: Justin Vercellino Advisor: Dr. Carlos Molina

Co-author(s): Bushra Ali, Maria Teresa Gomez

Title: **CRISPR-Cas9 in neuroscience**

Presenter: Shakeera Walker Advisor: Dr. Carlos Molina

Co-author(s): Valeria Labra, Andres Fuentes

Title: **CRISPR/Cas9 plant genome editing**

Presenter: Nashali Ferrara Advisor: Dr. Carlos Molina

Co-author(s): Nicole Jaronsky, Javier Villacreses

Title: **CRISPR-Cas systems and their potential applications in microbiology**

Presenter: Pamela Jumbo Advisor: Dr. Carlos Molina

Co-author(s): Alejandro Olmos, Stephanie Slevos

10. Chemistry Part I – University Hall 2007 Moderator: Dr. Henk Eshuis

Title: **Conformational dynamics of substituted tetrahydropyrans: A computational analysis**

Presenter: Robert Booth Advisor: Dr. Marc Kasner

Title: **A theoretical study of the factors that contribute to the conformational energy of six-membered rings**

Presenter: Maryam Abdulsalam Advisor: Dr. Marc Kasner

Co-author(s): Rabih Balilli, Rofe Baello, Robert Booth, Sandeep Suresh

Title: **A computational study of the contributions to the relative stability of the axial and equatorial conformers of d-glucofuranose**

Presenter: Rabih Balilli Advisor: Dr. Marc Kasner

Co-author(s): Maryam Abdulsalam, Rofe Baello, Robert Booth, Sandeep Suresh

Title: **Accurate interaction energies using the random phase approximation for problematic dispersion-bound complexes**

Presenter: Craig Waitt Advisor: Dr. Henk Eshuis

Oral and Multimedia Presentations

Block B: 11:45 am – 1:05 pm

1. Arts/Music – University Hall 2006

Moderator: Dr. Yi Luo

Title: **Bridging the 2nd and 3rd dimensions**

Presenter: Evans Mbai

Advisor: Dr. Lauren Carr

Title: **Ancient Greek acoustic technology: The extraordinary case study of epidaurus**

Presenter: Alexander Campbell

Advisor: Dr. Deborah Chatr Aryamontri

Title: **Auditory learning in drosophila**

Presenter: Brianna D'Elia

Advisor: Dr. Julian Keenan

Co-author(s): Claudia Ko, Alexa Decker

Title: **Music works**

Presenter: Darlyne Janvier

Advisor: Dr. Eric Miller

2. Government/Law/Politics – University Hall 2004

Moderator: Dr. Steven Leigh

Title: **A debilitated democracy: Ecuador's encounter with presidentialism and populism**

Presenter: Mishella Romo

Advisor: Dr. Tony Spanakos

Title: **Israeli strategy: Miscalculations in the second Lebanese war**

Presenter: William Twisdale

Advisor: Dr. Brian Smith

Title: **Lived experiences of women service members transitioning into civilian life: A qualitative study**

Presenter: Meghan Reppert

Advisor: Dr. Harriet Glosoff

Title: **Humane approaches for the treatment of Central American minors entering the US border**

Presenter: Debora Cubias

Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

3. Linguistics – University Hall 2002

Moderator: Dr. Helenrose Fives

Title: **Swear words in American English: A corpus based study**

Presenter: Michael Ramos

Advisor: Dr. Susana Sotillo

Co-author: Sarah Zughbi

Title: **Karaoke for accent reduction**

Presenter: Liubou Shefarevich

Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Howell

Title: **Assessment and feedback: Examining the relationship between self-assessment and blind peer- and teacher-assessment in TOEFL writing**

Presenter: Meghan Bratkovich

Advisor: Dr. Helenrose Fives

7. Environmental Issues NY-NJ – University Hall 2013
Moderator: Dr. Stefanie Brachfeld

- Title: **Sediment mobility in New York bight apex and Its environmental implications**
Presenter: Vicky Sekkas Advisor: Dr. Sandra Passchier
- Title: **Analysis of water quality in New Jersey**
Presenter: Kaitlyn Scrudato Advisor: Dr. Haiyan Su
- Title: **Assessing the impact of bureaucracy and illegal collection of fossils on paleontological resources**
Presenter: Jeff Nuccetelli Advisor: Dr. Gregory Pope
- Title: **Temporal and spatial relationship of adult and Planula chrysaora quinquecirrha Barnegat Bay, NJ**
Presenter: Dena Restaino Advisor: Dr. Paul Bologna
Co-author(s): John Gaynor, Paul Bologna, Robert Meredith
- Title: **Relationship between particle size, extracellular enzymes, and heavy metals**
Presenter: Diane Hagmann Advisor: Dr. Nina Goodey
Co-author(s): Eleanor Ojinnaka, Thamanna Misbah, Danielle Le Roux

8. God and the Bible – University Hall 2012
Moderator: Dr. Glen Gill

- Title: **God's word and the realm outside time and space**
Presenter: Robert Barrows Advisor: Dr. Glen Gill
- Title: **The oceanic leviathan**
Presenter: Kerrin Graul Advisor: Dr. Glen Gill
- Title: **Logos, tricksters: The women of the Bible**
Presenter: Caroline Smith Advisor: Dr. Glen Gill

9. Evaluation – University Hall 2011
Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Urban

- Title: **Challenges in international evaluation research: Preparation, protocols, and process**
Presenter: Victoria Illnick Advisor(s): Dr. Jennifer Urban, Dr. Miriam Linver
Co-author(s): Rebecca Jensen, Marisa MacDonnell, Lauren Gama, Veronica Barrios, Lisa Chauveron
- Title: **Composing professional partnerships: A space for dialogue across the professional continuum**
Presenter: Auriela Selimi Advisor: Susan D'Elia
Co-author(s): Ashley Rillo, Nicole Arencibia, Stephen Malone
- Title: **Teacher research through evaluation rubric**
Presenter: Kristin Trabona Advisor: Dr. Michele Knobel
Co-author(s): Candice Chiavola, Francesca Ciotoli

2. Gender – University Hall 2008

Moderator: Dr. Sangeeta Parashar

Title: **The increasing complexity of gender stereotypes in Shakespeare's tragedies**
Presenter: Solmaaz Houtan Advisor: Dr. Naomi Liebler

Title: **Investigating the differences in motivation, attitude, and behavioral intention between Hispanics and Non-Hispanics soccer fans across gender lines**
Presenter: Ana Silva Advisor(s): Dr. Yam B. Limbu, Dr. Ricard Jensen
Co-author(s): Shirley Layme-Sosa, Scott Du Barry, Paul Tarnawski

Title: **How woman's empowerment affects domestic violence in Pakistan**
Presenter: Muhammad Raza Advisor(s): Dr. Bradley Van Eden-Moorfield
Co-author: Linda Baron Cortes

3. Health/Mental Health – University Hall 2007

Moderator: Dr. Sandra Lopez-Baez

Title: **The cell signaling effects of EGCG-stearate on HSV-1 infected vero cells**
Presenter: Valerie Paschalis Advisor: Dr. Quinn Vega

Title: **Handling the halves: Unilateral hand clenching as a method for studying brain lateralization**
Presenter: Mark Zuppichini Advisor: Dr. Ruth Propper

Title: **Autism: Defending those who don't know any better**
Presenter: Thomas Kingeter Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

4. Social Media – University Hall 2006

Moderator: Dr. Ricard Jensen

Title: **A virtual communication revolution: Analysis of the use of social media by organizations**
Presenter: Saba Akram Advisor: Dr. Yi Luo

Title: **Super Bowl ad effectiveness**
Presenter: Juliet Mendez Advisor: Dr. Yam B. Limbu
Co-author(s): Amy Luque, Lynda Okeke, Kessia Williams

Title: **Does stadium atmospherics really matter? Examining the associations between sports stadium atmospherics and fans behavioral intentions**
Presenter: Jarrell Lozada Advisor(s): Dr. Yam B. Limbu, Dr. Ricard Jensen
Co-author(s): Rick Santos, Garrett Rees

Title: **Are major league soccer fans really different from major league baseball fans: A comparative study of fan behavior**
Presenter: John Ratta Advisor: Dr. Ricard Jensen
Co-author(s): Victoria Dewart, Michael Corozine, Logan Amato

Title: **Does social media influence football fan behavior? Evidence from MetLife Stadium's social media campaign**
Presenter: Tringa Hoti Advisor(s): Dr. Yam B. Limbu, Dr. Ricard Jensen
Co-author(s): Chang Kim, Marta Hanaka, Artem Yevtushenko

5. Terrorism/Brutality – University Hall 2004

Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Emery

- Title: **Angelo M. Codevilla’s adaptation of the just war theory in American foreign policy: Dealing with terrorism**
Presenter: Kamila Kolodynska Advisor: Dr. Brian Smith
- Title: **Codevillian approach: Understanding the “ends” of terrorism**
Presenter: Travis Gross Advisor: Dr. Tony Spanakos
- Title: **The savage killings of Albinos in Tanzania: Rooted in ignorance, hatred, discrimination and superstitious beliefs**
Presenter: Seraphine N'zue-Agbadou Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Hadis
- Title: **The role of men in the perpetuation and eradication of female genital mutilation**
Presenter: Mame Kani Diop Advisor: Dr. Pearl Stewart
- Title: **Reawakening the past: The unforgettable trauma of the French Holocaust**
Presenter: Julie Rimerman Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Emery

6. Astronomy and Physics – University Hall 2002

Moderator: Dr. Marc Favata

- Title: **Nonlinear gravitational-wave memory from merging binary black holes**
Presenter: Goran Dojcinoski Advisor: Dr. Marc Favata
- Title: **Gravitational lensing of light near black holes**
Presenter: Nicholas Drywa Advisor: Dr. Marc Favata
- Title: **Modeling gravitational waves from elliptical binaries**
Presenter: Blake Moore Advisor: Dr. Marc Favata
- Title: **On the 3-dimensional fluid-structure interaction of flexible fibers in a flow**
Presenter: Ryan Allaire Advisor: Dr. Bogdan Nita

7. Chemistry Part 2 – University Hall 2025

Moderator: Dr. Henk Eshuis

- Title: **A novel fluorescent sensor for cations with an additional PET pathway to suppress protons signals**
Presenter: Lesly Gomez Advisor: Dr. Saliya De Silva
- Title: **Ionic liquid fluorescent sensors for cations**
Presenter: Jaelene Torres Advisor: Dr. Saliya De Silva
- Title: **Expression and purification of a potential antifolate target, dihydrofolate reductase from B. Malayi**
Presenter: Karla Sanchez Advisor: Dr. Nina Goodey
Co-author(s): Romy Perez-Abraham, Ulrich Gubler, John Siekierka, Nina Goodey

Poster Presentations

Block A: 9:20 am – 10:15 am

(Alphabetical by Presenter's Last Name)

Graduate Award Nominees for Poster Presentations

Title: Investigative analysis on ancient marble rock at the Villa of the Antonines (A60)

Presenter: Salvatore Zerbo

Co-author(s): Stefanie Brachfeld, Gregory Pope, Deborah Chatr Aryamontri, Laying Wu, Timothy Renner

Advisor: Dr. Stefanie Brachfeld

Title: Is early adolescent self-regulation associated with the 5 Cs of positive youth development? Findings from Scottish youth (A11)

Presenter: Lisa Chauveron

Co-author(s): Miriam Linver, Jennifer Urban, Veronica Barrios, Lauren Gama, Rebecca Jensen, Victoria Illnick, Marisa MacDonnell

Advisor(s): Dr. Miriam Linver, Dr. Jennifer Urban

Title: SLP graduate students' perceived preparedness to work with culturally and linguistically diverse populations (A43)

Presenter: Melissa Rotsides

Co-author: Valerie Johnson

Advisor: Dr. Valerie Johnson

Undergraduate Award Nominees for Poster Presentations

Title: Progress on the design and synthesis of alternate substrates and inhibitors of indole-3-glycerol phosphate (A4)

Presenter: Robert Barrows

Advisor: Dr. Dave Konas

Title: FDA and the First Amendment effects on off-label drug marketing (A51)

Presenter: Monica Stanislawczyk

Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

Title: Effect of black tea extract on Herpes Simplex Virus Type-2 infection of A549 cells (A1)

Presenter: Anum Aftab

Advisor: Dr. Sandra Adams

Title: Eye-tracking fixation variation and interaction between verb boundedness and adverb type (A2)

Presenter: Froogh Aziz

Advisor: Dr. David Townsend

Title: **Design of knapsack cryptosystems using certain t-superincreasing sequences (A3)**
Presenter: Rob Rexler Baello
Co-author: Donald Coleman
Advisor: Dr. Aihua Li

Title: **Progress on the design and synthesis of alternate substrates and inhibitors of indole-3-glycerol phosphate (A4)**
Presenter: Robert Barrows
Advisor: Dr. Dave Konas

Title: **Designing a learning trajectory for the classification of quadrilaterals (A5)**
Presenter: Debasmitta Basu
Advisor: Dr. Nicole Panorkou

Title: **Infants' comprehension of spatial prepositions (A6)**
Presenter: Amrita Bindra
Co-author(s): Omaris Garcia, Delores Ponton
Advisor: Dr. Laura Lakusta

Title: **The ventriloquist effect increases under response deadline (A7)**
Presenter: Sanjay Advani
Advisor: Dr. Yoav Arie

Title: **Combined approach to word-finding intervention: A case study (A8)**
Presenter: Kelsey Burke
Advisor: Dr. Valerie Johnson

Title: **Effect of synthesis conditions on the spectroscopic properties of 5,10-methenyltetrahydrofolate (A9)**
Presenter: Michael Caulfield
Co-author: Jeffrey Wahome
Advisor: Dr. Johannes Schelvis

Title: **Effect of "only" on prosodic focus marking (A10)**
Presenter: Elizabeth Chalmers
Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Howell

Title: **Is early adolescent self-regulation associated with the 5 Cs of positive youth development? Findings from Scottish youth (A11)**
Presenter: Lisa Chauveron
Co-author(s): Miriam Linver, Jennifer Urban, Veronica Barrios, Lauren Gama, Rebecca Jensen, Victoria Illnick, Marisa MacDonnell
Advisor(s): Dr. Miriam Linver, Dr. Jennifer Urban

Title: **Green tea *Camellia sinensis* inhibitory effects on the biofilm formation in *Staphylococcus aureus* (A12)**
Presenter: Christopher Chen
Co-author(s): Hassan Tahir, Paul Levinsky
Advisor: Dr. Lee Lee

Title: **Citizens united: The effects of corporate influence on the political process (A13)**
Presenter: Brandon Citer
Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

Title: **Neuroscience and counseling: An integrative approach (A14)**
Presenter: Thomas Conklin
Co-author: Kathy Shoemaker, Marie Daverio
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Lopez-Baez

Title: **Infants' comprehension of source and goal path terms in motion events (A15)**
Presenter: Kelsey Conlon
Co-author(s): Felicia Apito, Jessica Ardis, Daphne Labropoulos, Jessica Bury
Advisor: Dr. Laura Lakusta

Title: **Addressing environmental concerns of hydraulic fracturing in urban areas of western Pennsylvania using GIS (A16)**
Presenter: Jason Darley
Co-author: Danlin Yu
Advisor: Dr. Danlin Yu

Title: **Covert contrasts in typical and remediated productions of /r/ (A17)**
Presenter: Lauren Dioguardi
Advisor: Dr. Elaine Hitchcock

Title: **Eighth Amendment violations in prisons and how it affects mentally impaired inmates (A18)**
Presenter: Fatou Diop
Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

Title: **Annotation of novel bacteriophage genomes from New Jersey soil (A19)**
Presenter: Schyler Edwards
Co-author(s): Ericah Ligsay, Emily Adams, Sheetal Agarwal, Shefa Alkhalaf, Joseph Ambrose, Telia Anderson, Alex Binness, et al.
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Adams

Title: **Conformational motions associated with ligand binding to with Apo and Holo DHFR (A20)**
Presenter: Ryan Foley
Advisor: Dr. Nina Goodey

Title: **An interdisciplinary approach to the solitary confinement and its ramifications on the Eighth Amendment (A21)**
Presenter: Paola Garcia Alzate
Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

Title: **Getting a kick out of sports marketing - How MSU students developed smart promotion and sales strategies for the New York Red Bulls (A22)**
Presenter: Valerie Iaccarino
Advisor: Dr. Ricard Jensen

Title: **How does the theory of planned behavior affect the possibility of becoming pregnant out of marriage? (A23)**
 Presenter: Sydney Joice-Casey
 Advisor: Dr. Christopher Donoghue

Title: **Effect of pH on Cry-DASH UV-damaged DNA repair activity (A24)**
 Presenter: Pamela Jumbo
 Advisor: Dr. Yvonne Gindt

Title: **Cooperation of authority (A25)**
 Presenter: Nathan Kemper
 Advisor: Meredyth Appelbaum, AuD

Title: **Effects of telicity on syntactic reanalysis in reduced relative clauses (A26)**
 Presenter: Ryan King
 Advisor: Dr. David Townsend

Title: **Predicted pattern of bone loss in long-term spaceflight (A27)**
 Presenter: Daphne Labropoulos
 Co-author(s): Frederick Bonato, William Thorton, Andrea Bubka
 Advisor: Dr. Frederick Bonato

Title: **Green tea polyphenols inhibit biofilm formation in streptococcus mutans (A28)**
 Presenter: Paul Levinsky
 Co-author(s): Christopher Chen, Hassan Tahir
 Advisor: Dr. Lee Lee

Title: **Investigation of the oligomeric structure of cryptochrome using fluorescence (A29)**
 Presenter: Mengqi Li
 Advisor: Dr. Yvonne Gindt

Title: **Comparative analysis of MMP20 gene in different mammals (A30)**
 Presenter: Israa Maani
 Advisor: Dr. Robert Meredith

Title: **How a team of MSU students created a sports ticket sales strategy in 24 hours: What we learned from taking part in the sports marketing association national case study (A31)**
 Presenter: Alexis Marrero
 Co-author: Sean Ferris
 Advisor: Dr. Ricard Jensen

Title: **A Hedonic study of the surrounding contaminated area of Liberty State Park and the environmental qualities present (A32)**
 Presenter: Rachel Maynard
 Co-author(s): Pankaj Lal, Gregory Pope, Bernabas Wolde, Pralhad Burli
 Advisor: Dr. Pankaj Lal

Title: **Crossing boundaries in undergraduate Biology education (A33)**
Presenter: Jason McManus
Co-author: Dirk Vanderklein, Mika Munakata
Advisor: Dr. Mika Munakata

Title: **Somali Piracy (A34)**
Presenter: Thina Minya
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wishnick

Title: **Eating rates (A35)**
Presenter: Ann Nduati
Co-author(s): Diana Thomas, Corby Martin
Advisor: Dr. Diana Thomas

Title: **Defying all odds: Understanding the ability of heavily contaminated soil to sustain life (A36)**
Presenter: Eleanor Ojinnaka
Co-author(s): Danielle Le Roux, Thamanna Misbah
Advisor: Dr. Nina Goodey

Title: **Suspensions in high school and their association with drug use (A37)**
Presenter: Duygu Payidarol
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Donoghue

Title: **Cloning and expression of Cryptochrome proteins from Arabidopsis thaliana (A38)**
Presenter: Mendelssohn Philippe
Advisor: Dr. Jim Dyer

Title: **A comparison of backpack load carriage with and without a hip strap (A39)**
Presenter: Loren Pigman
Co-author(s): Steven Leigh, Peter Hosick
Advisor: Dr. Steven Leigh

Title: **Diel habitat utilization of fish and decapod species in Great Lameshur Bay, St. Johns, USVI (A40)**
Presenter: Elizabeth Pudlak
Co-author: Matthew Cheung
Advisor: Dr. Paul Bologna

Title: **How to find toddlers with cognitive disabilities in another country (A41)**
Presenter: Paula Roa
Co-author: Katherine Lee
Advisor: Dr. Peter Vietze

Title: **Assessing phosphorus storage in sediments of Lake Hopatcong (NJ) (A42)**
Presenter: Alessandra Rossi
Co-author(s): Kevin Olsen, Marco Finocchiaro, Matthew Del Ciello, Meiyin Wu
Advisor: Dr. Meiyin Wu

Title: **SLP graduate students' perceived preparedness to work with culturally and linguistically diverse populations (A43)**
Presenter: Melissa Rotsides
Co-author: Valerie Johnson
Advisor: Dr. Valerie Johnson

Title: **Foraging efficiency of immature *Blattella germanica* and *Blattella germanica* in simple and complex environments (A44)**
Presenter: Stefania Ruiz
Advisor: Dr. Scott Kight

Title: **Listeners perception of Voice Onset Time (VOT) (A45)**
Presenter: Colleen Russell
Co-author: Kristen Shubeck
Advisor: Dr. Elaine Hitchcock

Title: **A lithologic and geomorphic analysis of the Kittatinny Ridge, Appalachian Mts. (A46)**
Presenter: David Sharpe
Advisor: Dr. Joshua Galster

Title: **Characterization of full-length candidate genes captured by Helitrons (A47)**
Presenter: Kaitlyn Socha
Co-author(s): Priscilla Cordova, Juned Ahmed, Amanda Ezeiruaku
Advisor: Dr. Chunguang Du

Title: **Infants' categorization of goal and source events (A48)**
Presenter: Danielle Spinelli
Co-author(s): Moira Anthony, Amanda Quinn, Katie Wiseman
Advisor: Dr. Laura Lakusta

Title: **Effect of BK channel inhibition on PC12 cell migration (A49)**
Presenter: Carola Springer
Co-author: Michael Young
Advisor: Dr. Elena Petroff

Title: **A bioinformatics study of HSV glycoprotein structure and ligand binding of EGCG and EGCG-stearate (A50)**
Presenter: James Stamos
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Title: **Common dietary concerns of residents at a rehabilitation facility as evidenced by patient satisfaction surveys (A52)**
 Presenter: Stephanie Suhai
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Title: **Crude and pure green tea polyphenols as a novel approach to inhibiting biofilm formation in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (A53)**
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Title: **Caribbean sea sponge diversity and size distribution: A new age biofilter (A58)**
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Title: **A profiling study to determine the susceptibility of erythromycin and green tea polyphenols on *Bacillus megaterium*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Mycobacterium* (A59)**
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Title: **Lipophilic green tea polyphenols as promising control agents for endospore germination in *Bacillus cereus* (B2)**

Presenter: Bushra Ali

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Title: **Isolation and characterization of novel *Mycobacterium* bacteriophage and *Arthrobacter* bacteriophage from New Jersey soil (B3)**

Presenter: Joseph Ambrose

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Title: **What is causing the over population of sea nettles and jellyfish in the ocean waters of Barnet Bay? (B4)**

Presenter: Victoria Anderson

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Pope

Title: **The ping-pong effect: Extinction dynamics in stochastic populations with migration (B5)**

Presenter: Alexa Aucoin

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Advisor: Dr. Eric Forgoston

Title: **Systems evaluation in practice: A case study (B6)**

Presenter: Veronica Barrios

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Title: **The study of Y127A mutation on dihydrofolate reductase (B7)**

Presenter: Sarah Cho

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Title: **Modeling the surface of shore attached sand ridges, Mantoloking, New Jersey (B8)**

Presenter: Daniel Ciarletta

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Title: **Neuroscience and counseling: An integrative approach (B9)**
Presenter: Thomas Conklin
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Advisor: Dr. Sandra Lopez-Baez

Title: **The female presence on United States juries and its impact on criminal case decisions (B10)**
Presenter: Kelly Degen
Advisor: Dr. Ian Drake

Title: **Measures of handedness (B11)**
Presenter: Kyle Dodd
Advisor: Dr. Ruth Propper

Title: **The effect of pitch on size perception of circles and dogs (B12)**
Presenter: Melissa Espin
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Title: **Using graphical processing units for computing optimal band selection in hyperspectral data (B13)**
Presenter: Michael Estwanick
Advisor: Dr. Stefan Robila

Title: **Microbial diversity of different sized aggregates in metal contaminated soils (B14)**
Presenter: Yanina Figuereo
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Krumins

Title: **RET dependent transcriptional changes of cell signaling proteins in neuroblastoma cells (B15)**
Presenter: Elizabeth Flores
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Title: **Soil water sources for non-native species Japanese knotweed, Phragmites and Multiflora rose (B16)**
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Title: **Utilizing CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technique to eliminate target sequence from ICER promoter in Zebrafish (Danio rerio) (B17)**
Presenter: Cory Haluska
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Title: **Project DASH: (Divas Against the Spread of HIV/AIDS): Results of a pilot study on HIV risk and mother-daughter communication among African American daughters with HIV+ mothers (B18)**

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Presenter: Matthew Khan

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Title: **A cost-benefit approach towards New Jersey coastal protection and replenishment practices, using hedonic modeling (B61)**

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Title: **The impact of biased fact finding on abortion rights (B24)**

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Title: **Seagrass wrack as a potential benthic-pelagic link in Barnegat Bay, NJ (B25)**

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Title: **The legal and economic implications of eminent domain in the United States (B27)**
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Title: **Love that dirty water: Potential microbial diversity in on-street Manhattan hot dog water (B28)**
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Title: **Power lines: More foe than friend (B34)**
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Title: **A proposed study of millennial preservice mathematics teachers' cultural experiences and implications for instruction (B49)**

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Title: **It's all mental: Collegiate student-athletes and suicidal ideation (B53)**
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