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A Message from the Director:

Thank you so much for being a part of the 7th ACU Undergraduate Research Festival. It is so exciting to see the wide variety of research being done by undergraduates here at ACU. Those of us who have been involved in planning the Research Festival are so impressed with and proud of the work that students have been doing – work that requires intellectual curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Whether you are here to present, mentor, judge entries, or learn about others’ research, I am so grateful that you are part of this day.

The Research Festival would not take place without the many hours of hard work put in by Research Festival Planning Committee. They have my deepest appreciation. Thank you also to the Honors College and Graduate School for co-sponsoring this event.

Enjoy the Festival!

Dr. Autumn Sutherlin
ACU Director of Undergraduate Research
Festival Schedule Overview

8:00 – 3:00 PM Registration
Lobby of the Hunter Welcome Center

8:30 – 9:20 AM Oral Presentations
A1. Ethics and Scripture - McCaleb Room Zone A
A2. Culture and Crises - McCaleb Room Zone B
A3. Health: Food, Aquaponics, and Smoking Cessation – Alumni Conference Room
A4. Teaching and Learning - LYNAY Classroom
A5. Health and Wellness – AT&T Theater
A6. Cultural Concerns – McCaleb Room Zone C

9:30 – 10:50 AM Oral Presentations
B1. Drama and Music - McCaleb Room Zone A
B3. SeaQuest and COMPASS – Alumni Conference Room
B4. Perspectives in History and Literature – LYNAY Classroom
B5. Law, Politics, and Peacemaking - AT&T Theater

11:00 – 11:45 AM Halbert-Walling Groundbreaking Ceremony
At the former site of Chambers Hall

11:45 – Lunch is served (Pre-registration required)
McCaleb Room Zone C

12:00 – 12:40 PM Poster Session I
Atrium of the Hunter Welcome Center

12:45 – 1:20 PM Poster Session II
Atrium of the Hunter Welcome Center

1:30 – 2:50 PM Oral Presentations
C1. Culture and Rhetoric - McCaleb Room Zone A
C3. Computers, Student Learning, and IT – Alumni Conference Room
C4. STEM Assortment: Drugs, Energy, Fuel, and Rockets - LYNAY Classroom
C5. Christianity and Scripture – AT&T Theater

3:00 – 4:20 PM Oral Presentations
D1. Biochemistry Focus McCaleb Room Zone A
D2. Math in Action – Alumni Conference Room
D3. Sex and Gender – AT&T Theater

5:30 – 6:30 Awards Ceremony and Dinner (Pre-registration required)
McCaleb Room Zone C
SESSIONS

Tuesday, March 31, 8:30 – 9:20 AM

**Session A1: Ethics and Scriptures - McCaleb Room Zone A**

- The Higher Ethics: Utilitarianism and Freedom in Three Dystopian Novels
  - James Churchill
  - Withdrawn
- The Origin and Impact of United States' Geo-Political Military Aid In The World
  - Coleton Spruill
- Transactional Reading and the Bible: What Does It Mean for Us?
  - Ashley Towe and Katlin Sehres

**Session A2: Culture and Crises - McCaleb Room Zone B**

- The Moore, Oklahoma tornado crisis
  - Audrey Gonzalez
- Toyota Gas Pedal Recall
  - Naomi Johnson
- Cultural Synthesis in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
  - McKinley Terry

**Session A3: Health: Food, Aquaponics, and Smoking Cessation – Alumni Conference Room**

- Children's Fruit & Vegetable Consumption
  - Priscilla Clayton
- Nurses' Role in Tobacco Counseling: Ending the Epidemic
  - Dulce Mancine
- Design Considerations for West Texas Aquaponics Systems
  - Francisco Teran

**Session A4: Teaching and Learning - LYNAY Classroom**

- Effectiveness of Speech Therapy Utilizing Music for the Development of Specific Communication Skills in Children with Autism
  - Christina Wise
- Choice is a tricky thing: Learning to choose in an uncertain world
  - Allison Phillips
- Politics in Eurovision Song Contest?
  - Richard Elmore

**Session A5: Health and Wellness – AT&T Theater**

- A Comparative Analysis of Satisfaction Among Post Hospital Birth and Non-Hospital Birth Mothers
  - Christina Brown
- Are Wellness Programs Beneficial for the Workplace?
  - John Daily
  - Withdrawn
- Controversy of Economic, Religious and Domestic Slum Life in Dharavi, India
  - Kelsey Kotara

**Session A6: Cultural Concerns – McCaleb Room Zone C**

- Cultural Awareness in Study Abroad
  - Annie Bailey
- Tolerance in Toledo, Spain between Muslims, Christians, and Jews in 711-1031
  - Kendra Oregon
- Conservation or Cultural Dominance?: Ecotourism in the Himalayas
  - Brooks Mendenhall
Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 – 10:50 AM

Session B1: Drama and Music - McCabe Room Zone A
ACU Theatre Spring 2015 Season Dramaturgy
Diego Gonzalez, Sarah Yarbrough, and Braden Clark
Change Your Fate: A Rhetorical Analysis of Disney's Pixar's Brave
Allison White
An Examination of Gender Roles and Suicide in Shakespeare's Plays
Alyssa Johnson
A Comparison and Analysis of "Come away, death" from Twelfth Night as set to music by Roger Quilter and Gerald Finzi
Marc Gutierrez

Session B2: Biology Cluster: Aeromonas, Mammals, and More - McCabe Room Zone B
Inhibition of ER Ca2+ release or the p38 SAPK inhibits UPR signaling and apoptosis activation during moderate ER stress
Tina Johnson
Isolating Aeromonas from Precipitation and the Atmosphere
Kathryn Preston
Determining the effect of clpA in the Natural Transformation ability of Aeromonas salmonicida
Kristen Clemons
Small Mammals of Guandera Biological Reserve, Carachi Province, Ecuador and Comparative Andean Small Mammal Ecology
Rachel Ritchie
Patterns of D-Loop Sequence Variation in Thomomys (RODENTIA: Cricetidae)
John Iragena, Nathaniel Dougherty, and Amberly Grothe

Session B3: SeaQuest and COMPASS – Alumni Conference Room
The monitoring of environmental conditions for SeaQuest
Zhaojia Xi
SeaQuest / E906 Shift Alarm System
Noah Kitts
Design of Drift Chamber 05 for the COMPASS II experiment
James Mallon
Building a new Drift Chamber for COMPASS
Megan Cromis
Wiring the new COMPASS Drift Chamber
Lacey Medlock

Session B4: Perspectives in History and Literature – LYNAY Classroom
The Views of Blood in Renaissance Europe
Adam Lubbers
Milky White Ink and the Black Clown Hoof: Écriture feminine in Abdellah Taïa’s Un mélancolie arabe
Spence Horner
Prophet, Poet, or Madman an evaluation of William Blake
Daniel Edwards
The Boxer Rebellion: A Holistic Approach
David Wall
The Sleeping Giant of Monotheism
Richard Elmore

Session B5: Law, Politics, and Peacemaking - AT&T Theater
Various Federal Laws and Their Effects on Identity Theft and Data Breaches in the United States
Tyler Salter
The Effect of Cultures on Management Styles
Judith Morales

The Solid South: Campaign Issue Strategies in the 2014 Southern Senate Races
Caleb Orr

The Weight of Identity in Peacemaking
Nicole Ramos

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Halbert-Walling Research Center Groundbreaking
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Tuesday, March 31, 11:45 – 12:40 PM

Lunch: McCaleb Room Zone C (Pre-registration required)

Tuesday, March 31, 12:00 – 12:40 PM

Poster Session I: Hunter Welcome Center Atrium

The Power of "Charge": Lessons in Leadership at the Goodspeed
Lauren Fertig

Caught in the Crossfires: The Effect of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict on the Nations' Children
Bethany Richardson

Social Media Jealousy
Kylie Richter, Alexandra Gartley, BrieAnna Hawkins, and Brandon Clements

This Avoidance is Stressing Me Out! How Avoidance Contributes to Test Anxiety in a College Population
Hannah Anderson, Mackenzie Harrington, and Morgan Watten

Child Life Specialist Impact on Family Stress Resilience: A Parent’s Perspective
Katie Bell

Feelings of Shame: A Consideration of Abuse and Mental Illness
Lindsay Palmer, Lauren Pratt, and Maci Smith

Water Disputes Between Israel and its Islamic Neighbors
Sarah Young and Caleb Laster

Selfies: Evidence of Narcissism, Sociability or Insecurity?
Savannah Hipes

GMOs: Europe vs. North America
Imani Morris, Hannah Carter, and Savannah Johnson

Assimilation of Chin Burmese Refugees in the U.S.
Deanna Romero, Rachel Williams, and Nicole Ramos

The Correlation Between Education and Child Marriage in Bangladesh
Kelsey Kotara, Valerie Kocsis, Brooke Crisp, Jill Baker, and Traci Bricka

Requirement for the SWR1 complex and Nap1 chaperone after TBP association in Saccharomyces cerevisiae
Julia Taylor and Tim Kang

Investigating the Intraspecific Genetic Variation of Mentzelia bursitisima (Loasaceae)
Abigail Rogers and Angela Adhikari

An animal biodiversity survey in Runnels County, a preliminary study
Darby Thornton, Leslie Morrell, and Anthony Kocher

Reconstructing the Paleoniche of Prosopis glandulosa (Honey Mesquite)
Mike Keenan
Pre-Prandial Vinegar Ingestion Improves Two-Hour Glucose Control in Older, Type II Diabetics More Than Post-Prandial Walking
Sarah Taylor

Wire Tension Measurements and Analysis for the New COMPASS Drift Chamber
Vicente Rojas Aguirre

Inspection of anode and field wires for the COMPASS drift chamber, DC5, with Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope
Sonia Cyuzuzo

Time-Clamped, RPE-Matched Treadmill Activity and Interactive Video Game Dancing Differ in Step Count But Not Heart Rate Response
Cara Loveland

Phylogenetic Species Analyses In Thomasomys (Rodentia : Cricetidae)
Bryan Lim Yew Tian, Ian Gunn, Denise Naude, and Joseph Ayunde

The Role of the tapY1 Gene and Natural Transformation in Aeromonas
Christina Lee

Tuesday, March 31, 12:45 – 1:20 PM

Poster Session II: Hunter Welcome Center Atrium

Biopsychosocial factors impacting positivity and resilience in individuals undergoing cancer treatment
Kaitlin Pegoda

Influence of Religious Upbringing on Views of Women in Leadership
Cara Buenz

Patterns of Conflict and Disaffiliation in Churches Among Traditionalists and Egalitarians
Megan Brackenbury, Matthew Hoard, and Allison Lamberth

Physiological Response to “Wicked” Problems Under High or Low Need for Closure
Taylor Munden, Daniel Edwards, Caleb Carr, Jesse J. Luna, Nathan W. Daniels, and Zachary Shakelford

Dark Humor: The Dark Triad and Humor Styles
Andrew Vun and Selina Thornton

Don’t Feed the Trolls: Correlating the Dark Triad and Internet Trolling
Sarah Kirby and Kyle Levenick

Do You Like Me?: Affirmation Sensitivity on Social Media
Mackenzie Harrington and Jesse Luna

Finding Food: Venezuela’s Severe Shortages
Chandler Gum, Katy Escott, and Meagan Songer

Impact of Mobile Technology on Student Attitudes, Engagement, and Learning
Victoria Sun

Human Identity: From Story to Science — Withdrawn
Catherine Blakemore, Hannah Anderson, and Trevor Thompson

Experiencing Professional Development Through Lesson Study
Jaclyn Barker

The Role of RecA in the Natural Transformation of Aeromonas salmonicida
Jacob Woods and Grace McNair

Phylogenetic Relationships in Mentzelia section Bicuspidaria (Loasaceae)
Tabitha Lewis, William Morales, and Samuel Nix

The effect of organic fertilizers in urban raised bed gardens
Reece Wells, Kevin Watson, and Anna Curby

The Need for Reporting Metabolic Sampling Interval in Publication: An Example Using Maximal VO2 Values and Running Economy
Chase Harbach, Sarah Taylor, and Logan Smith

The Impact of Simulated Altitude on Selected Elements of Running Performance
Logan Smith and Heather Johnston
The Effects of Remaining Hydrocarbons on Ecological Succession and Vegetation Following Bioremediation of a Crude Oil Spill
Nathan Neill

Quantifying Wolbachia and Spiroplasma Infection Rates in Monarch and Queen Butterflies
Lydia Brown and Jamie Thompson

An Analysis of Genetic Relationships Between North American and South American Populations of Tadarida brasiliensis
Kimberly Burt and Michael Ramirez

Determination of Environmental Impact of Urbanization in Abilene Based on Changes of Soil Conditions and Plant Types
Jaime Gordon, Alex Buckel, and Dayna Roe

Tuesday, March 31, 1:30 – 2:50 PM

Session C1: Culture and Rhetoric - McCaleb Room Zone A
Do We Value Commitment? A Rhetorical Analysis of New Girl
Bailey Care

The Power of the Pant Suit: A Rhetorical Analysis of Hillary Clinton's Campaign Dress
Kalyn Prince

Earth Speaks: Environmentalism and the Music of John Luther Adams
Austin Lemmons

The Building Blocks of Society: An Analysis of Messages in The Lego Movie
Abby Ayers

What's Black and White and Read Online?
Madeline Orr and Marissa Jones

Session C2: “Time” for Physics: “Exciting” - McCaleb Room Zone B
Improved Excited-State Interaction Potentials for Alkali-Rare Gas Pairs and Their Application to Alkali Laser System Development
Christopher Campbell

Measuring the number of protons in a particle accelerator pulse using light
Anthony Brown

Building Detectors to Study a New Phase of Matter
Cecily Towell

Improved Timing Instruments for Particle Identification
Hannah Hamilton

Laser Transport System for Calibration of the NIFFTE Time Projection Chamber
Aric Tate

Session C3: Computers, Student Learning, and IT – Alumni Conference Room
Security for the Internet of Things
Alicia Clark

Securing an Organization: Prioritized Steps
Alani Peters

Improving Automated Feedback for Programming Courses
Roger Gee

An Innovative Technique for Measuring Concept Mastery
Kayla Holcomb and Nevan Simone

Session C4: STEM Assortment: Drugs, Energy, Fuel, and Rockets - LYNAY Classroom
Distributed Drug Discovery: Synthesis of Unnatural Amino Acids as Potential Antimalarial Drugs
Amanda Dugan
Energy Harvesting via Piezoelectric Generators for Smart Devices
Kyle Bowling

Comparison of Two Biologically Derived Disaccharides for Use in Sugar-KNO3 Rocket Fuel
Daniel Whitefield

Computational Optimization of Model Rocket Flight and Experimental Analysis
Christopher Campbell

Session C5: Christianity and Scripture – AT&T Theater

John Calvin and the Ecclesiastical Government in Geneva
Parker Pollard

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica
Dominique Rideout

Esau, Edom, and Christian Identity
Ethan Laster

The Gentile Mission Revealed in Acts 2
Joseph Prince

An Intertextual Study of Acts 20:17-38 and the Septuagint
Garrett Lane

Tuesday, March 31, 3:00 – 4:20 PM

Session D1: Biochemistry Focus - McCaleb Room Zone A

New Osmium Carbonyl Clusters with Dicarboxylate Ligands
Soo Hun Yoon

Searching for an interaction between E. faecalis' Fusion and Synthase proteins, of the mevalonate pathway, through the use of FRET
Ana Arango

Microbial Diversity and Antibiotic Production in Sorcerers Cave
David Sanderson

Novel role of the yeast Spn1 protein in DNA Damage Repair
Rachael Carstens

Formulation Predictivity: A Design of Experiments
Barret Davidson, Drew Dossett, and Grayson Hurst

Session D2: Math in Action - Alumni Conference Room

Pinochle Families: An Application of Combinations of Multisets with Finite Multiplicities
Jordan Miller

How to Solve "Lights Out!"
Christian Lovins

Operations With Rational Numbers and Algebra Readiness
Jaclyn Barker

The Effect of Non-Normally Comparing Confidence Intervals On Two Populations
Cindy Mazariegos

Are High School Proofs Childproof? A Lesson Study on Mathematical Proof
Janessa Beach

Session D4: Sex and Gender - AT&T Theater

Mother Ganges Wept: Rape Culture and Sexual Violence in India
Maggie McAlister

Women and Power in the Church, Family, and Work Setting
Elizabeth Watters

Women’s Rights in Iran’s Legislative Documents: A Critical Analysis of the Constitution, Civil, and Penal Code
Joyce Schuster

A Demographic Case Study and Comparative Analysis of Sexual Violence and Texas Bordertowns
Savannah Hostetter
Young adults’ use of texting shorthand on Facebook
Hailey Hendricks

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Awards Ceremony and Dinner in the McCaleb Conference Room Zone C (Pre-registration required)

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