A&S STUDENT SYMPOSIUM
37TH ANNUAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022
1:00–5:00 P.M.
MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS
GOTTWALD CENTER FOR THE SCIENCES
A TRADITION OF CELEBRATING
OUR
COMMUNITY
OF LEARNERS
Welcome

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The School of Arts & Sciences at the University of Richmond is a community of faculty, staff, and students who explore, discover, and learn together. Today we gather to celebrate the creation of knowledge and to share in that new knowledge. Throughout the school year and summer, the School of Arts & Sciences supported hundreds of students in faculty-mentored research and scholarship that culminates in today’s 37th A&S Student Symposium.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19 over the past two-plus years, our resilient students and faculty have continued to look inward and outward to learn more about themselves and all of us, from the Race and Racism Project to the examination of the effects of COVID-19 on campus and abroad. As the coordinator for this year’s A&S Student Symposium, I invite you to converse with presenters and learn about artifacts dug up on campus, the battle against invasive species here in Virginia, and the impressive work of so many students and their faculty mentors. I invite you to touch a costume designed by a student for a student-directed play or be touched by an exhibit on the struggles of women in war-torn Syria. I invite you to open your eyes, your ears, and your mind.

This gathering could not have happened without the tireless work of many individuals that I hope you will see during the Symposium. Thanks to Interim Dean Dan Palazzolo, Associate Dean Kelling Donald, and the Undergraduate Research Committee for providing funds throughout the year to students and faculty to produce the work you see today. The staff of the Dean’s Office, in particular Jennifer Lo Prete, Carolyn Smart, Robert Plymale, and Liza Williams, and the staff of the Technology Learning Center are providing major logistical support for the Symposium. I wish to also thank the academic administrative support team of several departments and programs who helped in securing spaces for the event, as well as the staff of the Modlin Center for the Arts for hosting the event.

I’m particularly proud to bring the Symposium back together in person this spring, in a time of renewal and optimism. Thank you for helping us celebrate the remarkable scholarship of our undergraduate students.

Sincerely,

Eugene Wu

Eugene Wu, Ph. D.
Associate Professor of Biology and Biochemistry
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program Coordinator
Arts & Sciences Student Symposium Coordinator

COVID-19 Mitigation: All participants and visitors to the A&S Student Symposium are encouraged to wear a high quality mask where it’s practical to limit the possibility of transmitting COVID-19. If you are not feeling well or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home.
STUDENT-LED, FACULTY-MENTORED WORK

The School of Arts & Sciences remains committed to supporting undergraduate research through A&S Summer Fellowships, part of the Richmond Guarantee program. Whether it’s in the lab, the art studio, or the archives, student-led, faculty-mentored is a hallmark of the School of Arts & Sciences experience. We are proud to share and celebrate this work at the A&S Student Symposium.

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

Fragmentary Dish. Linoleum block print by Danny Saravia Romero showing the relief design on a Warwick China ceramic dish c. 1905. The dish is one of many finds excavated near Maryland Hall in 2019 and mended and studied by Danny and research teammates Emily Dixon and Lindsey Stevens in summer 2021. This linoleum block print was created with the help of Jen Thomas in the University’s Book Arts Studio.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

Image created by Eli Beech-Brown through research conducted under a NASA SERVIR grant that focuses on combining the results of a machine learning algorithm with object-based image analyses to map informal road networks from high resolution of satellite images in the Peruvian-Brazilian Amazon borderlands. This image shows deforestation in the Southwestern Amazon.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Fluorescence microscopy image of cultured cells that behave like neurons (CAD cells) taken from student research conducted in the Omar Quintero-Carmona Lab. This student research group uses these cells (CAD) as a model system to understand how cells organize and transport their mitochondria. There are a number of human diseases that result when mitochondrial transport is impaired, and this group is working to understand what genes are involved in normal mitochondrial transport.
Symposium Locations & Times

MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS  |  1:00-5:00 P.M.

BOOTH LOBBY
Symposium Check-In | Poster Presentations

COURTYARD 3:00-5:00 P.M.
King of Pops Refreshment Cart

M104 | Artist Presentations

GOTTWALD CENTER FOR THE SCIENCES  |  1:00-5:00 P.M.
Room A100 | Room A201 | Room C200

KELLER HALL  |  1:00-5:00 P.M.
Room V206 | Keller Hall Art Gallery

BOOKER HALL OF MUSIC  |  1:00-5:00 P.M.
Room B102 | Room 207 | Room 226

*University themed yard signs will mark each location.*

To support all students who are presenting in the session, please stay for the duration of each panel.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Video and photographs taken during the Symposium will be used in University publications and on the website. If you do not wish to be included in videos or photographs, please alert the photographer and/or videographer.
Artist Presentations

MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROOM M104

1:30-2:45 P.M.
SANA MOUAYD AZEM
The Story She Holds
FACULTY MENTOR: Sonja Bertucci

3:15-4:45 P.M.
SHERLEY ARIAS-PIMENTEL
“I wish I lived in a world where education is ...”
FACULTY MENTOR: Patricia Herrera, Sylvia Gale

MACLAINE BAMBERGER
Pandemic Art
FACULTY MENTOR: Megan Driscoll

KELLER HALL ART GALLERY

3:15-4:45 P.M.
MEGAN SALTERS
A Sense of Place
FACULTY MENTOR: Sonja Bertucci

CAROLE WEINSTEIN INTERNATIONAL CENTER

JULIA BRITTAINE
At the Intersection of Contagion and Connection: HIV/AIDS and Richmond’s LGBTQ+ Community
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Browder
Note: Work presented on April 21, 2022.
Oral Presentations

BOOKER HALL OF MUSIC, ROOM B102

1:00-1:25 P.M.  Richard Waller, session moderator

MAKY ESPINOZA
Pygmies and Nilotic Scenes in Roman Visual Culture: An Analysis of Proto-Racism in Colonial Othering
FACULTY MENTOR: Megan Driscoll, Agnieszka Szymanska

1:25-1:50 P.M.  Richard Waller, session moderator

HADLEY BECKSTRAND
Michaelina Wautier: Overcoming Institutional Barriers for Women Artists in Early Modern Europe
FACULTY MENTORS: Megan Driscoll, Elena Calvillo

1:50-2:10 P.M.  Richard Waller, session moderator

HADLEY BECKSTRAND
Harnett Fellow
FACULTY MENTOR: Richard Waller

BOOKER HALL OF MUSIC, ROOM B207

1:00-1:15 P.M.  Ernest McGowan, session moderator

JILLIAN YATES
Racism, Pandemics, and the GRTC
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Browder

1:15-1:45 P.M.  Ernest McGowan, session moderator

MARIA PERRY, GRACE CHAHAL, MAIA DEMITRACK, WILL KARMEN, NIKKI MAY
Race and Racism Project
FACULTY MENTOR: Ernest McGowan, Melissa Ooten
Oral Presentations

1:45-2:15 P.M. Ernest McGowan, session moderator

RAZAN KHALIL, CHRIS MITCHELL, KAITLYN O’LEARY, NY’ASIA FLOWERS, LAUREN OLIGINO
Race and Racism Project
FACULTY MENTOR: Ernest McGowen

2:30-2:45 P.M. Monika Siebert, session moderator

SHIRA GREER
“Freer and More Human:” Latin American Liberation Theology, Violence, and Fugitivity
FACULTY MENTORS: Armond Towns, Abigail Cheever

2:50-3:05 P.M. Monika Siebert, session moderator

MOLLY KATE KREIDER
“He Seemed to Watch the Slow Flowing of Time Beneath Him:” Temporality, Narrative Time, and the Southern Gaze in Light in August
FACULTY MENTOR: Peter Lurie

3:05-3:30 P.M. Monika Siebert, session moderator

REDA ANSAR
Postcolonial Pakistan: Mohsin Hamid
FACULTY MENTOR: Monika Siebert

4:00-4:15 P.M. Elizabeth Outka, session moderator

MAYA LIEBERMAN
Blurred Realities: “AIDS Plays” in American Theatre
FACULTY MENTOR: Elizabeth Outka

4:20-4:40 P.M. Elizabeth Outka, session moderator

JOSIE HOLLAND
World-Making, Queer Temporality, and Alternative Futurism in Speculative Fiction
FACULTY MENTOR: Nathan Snaza

4:40-5:05 P.M. Elizabeth Outka, session moderator

SEJONG TAKENAKA
How Writing in Young Adult Fiction is Used for Family, Academia, and Social Identities
FACULTY MENTOR: Elisabeth Gruner

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Oral Presentations

BOOKER HALL OF MUSIC, ROOM B226

2:30-2:45 P.M.  David Brandenberger, session moderator

HANNAH LEVINE  
The Ford Foundation and Central America  
FACULTY MENTORS: Nicole Sackley, Timothy Barney

2:45-3:00 P.M.  David Brandenberger, session moderator

JOHN LIANG  
An Investigation on Andrei Vlasov and the Russian Liberation Movement  
FACULTY MENTOR: David Brandenberger

3:00-3:15 P.M.  David Brandenberger, session moderator

JANIS PARKER  
Framing Capital Punishment in Virginia History  
FACULTY MENTOR: Pippa Holloway

3:15-3:40 P.M.  David Brandenberger, session moderator

JOHN JONES SPENCER  
Noble Pagans and Satanic Saracens: Literary Portrayals of Islam in Medieval Italy and Iberia  
FACULTY MENTORS: Joanna Drell, Sydney Watts

4:00-4:25 P.M.  Michelle Kahn, session moderator

CAMERON DONEZ  
The Limits of Absolutism; The Second World War in Yugoslavia and German Ideological Insufficiency  
FACULTY MENTORS: Michelle Kahn, David Brandenberger

4:25-4:50 P.M.  Michelle Kahn, session moderator

CHARLES TABOR  
Moctezuma and the Emergence of a Historical Dialogue in Sixteenth-Century New Spain  
FACULTY MENTOR: Manuella Meyer

4:50-5:15 P.M.  Michelle Kahn, session moderator

CARLY KESSLER  
Building Back Greener  
FACULTY MENTORS: Eric Yellin, Abigail Cheever
KELLER HALL, ROOM V206

1:00-1:20 P.M. Yvonne Howell, session moderator

ALEX PISTOLESI
Paralleli tra la retorica del fascismo di Mussolini e il populismo di Salvini (Parallels between Mussolini’s fascism and the populism of Salvini)
FACULTY MENTOR: Lidia Radi

1:20-1:40 P.M. Yvonne Howell, session moderator

TEJA KINNEY
The Geographer Drank His Globe Away: A New Translation From Russian
FACULTY MENTOR: Yvonne Howell

2:30-2:50 P.M. Tom Mullen, session moderator

LOGAN JONES-WILKINS
Ecuador’s Bumpy Road to Modernity
FACULTY MENTOR: Tom Mullen

2:50-3:15 P.M. Tom Mullen, session moderator

CALVIN HOGG
Reigen: Disorienting Sex and Disease
FACULTY MENTOR: Caroline Weist

3:20-3:45 P.M. Tom Mullen, session moderator

REIDE PETTY
The Vivifying Gifts: Sincerity and the Semiotic Construction of Cholera in Pushkin’s Boldino Works
FACULTY MENTOR: Yvonne Howell

4:00-4:20 P.M. Mary Finley-Brook, session moderator

ROBERTO CHIA-BALMACEDA
The Costs to our Communities: An Environmental Justice Analysis on the Development of the Mountain Valley Pipeline
FACULTY MENTOR: Mary Finley-Brook
4:20-4:40 P.M. Mary Finley-Brook, session moderator

FRANK HANSON
*Energy Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa*
FACULTY MENTOR: Mary Finley-Brook, Guoping Huang

4:40-4:55 P.M. Mary Finley-Brook, session moderator

JASSIEM KONRAD
*The Belt and Road Initiative: Railway Projects in Nigeria*
FACULTY MENTOR: Mary Finley-Brook

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GOTTWALD SCIENCE CENTER, ROOM A100

1:30-1:50 P.M. Jonathan Richardson, session moderator

RYAN SYKOWNY
*The Effects of Demolition Projects on Rat Activity in Urban Areas*
FACULTY MENTOR: Jonathan Richardson

1:50-2:15 P.M. Jonathan Richardson, session moderator

KATHRYN GRAGE
*Iterative Forecasting Models Create Accurate Predictions for the Near-Future Spread of an Invasive Insect Pest*
FACULTY MENTORS: Jonathan Walter, Kristine Grayson

2:30-2:55 P.M. Linda Boland, session moderator

LEAH GHAZALI, ARIANA SOSA
*Deletion of Alternative Ribosomal Proteins in Mycobacterium smegmatis*
FACULTY MENTOR: Sladjana Prisic

2:55-3:20 P.M. Linda Boland, session moderator

JULIETTE COPELAND
*Phytochemicals and Neurodegeneration*
FACULTY MENTORS: Melinda Yang, Kristine Nolin
Oral Presentations

3:20-3:45 P.M. Linda Boland, session moderator

JEAN GONZALES
Reactive Oxygen Species and Cysteine Modulation of Inwardly-Rectifying Potassium Channels
FACULTY MENTOR: Linda Boland

4:00-4:25 P.M. Omar Quintero-Carmona, session moderator

KATHRYN REDA
The Cytoskeleton, Mitochondria, and Charcot Marie Tooth Syndrome
FACULTY MENTOR: Omar Quintero-Carmona

4:25-4:50 P.M. Omar Quintero-Carmona, session moderator

JOSEPH RHODENHISER
Myosin-XIX Patterning on Mitochondria: A Super-resolution Microscopy Approach
FACULTY MENTOR: Omar Quintero-Carmona

Gottwald Science Center, Room A201

1:30-1:45 P.M. Mike Norris, session moderator

GWYNETH WELSH
The Topology of Exceptional Points
FACULTY MENTOR: Lipan Ovidiu

1:45-2:00 P.M. Mike Norris, session moderator

JACK RECKNER
A Chemical and Electrochemical Approach to CO2 Reduction
FACULTY MENTOR: Michael Norris

2:00-2:20 P.M. Mike Norris, session moderator

JULIA VIDLAK
Synthetic and Computational Study of Bis(phosphino)pyrrole Ligands and Their Transition Metal Complexes
FACULTY MENTOR: Miles Johnson
Oral Presentations

2:30-2:55 P.M. Prateek Bhakta, session moderator

**KAYLA LAMBERT, NATE LEVY**
*Modeling Kidney Function*
FACULTY MENTOR: Lester Caudill

2:55-3:20 P.M. Prateek Bhakta, session moderator

**LANDIN BARNEY**
*Dependence of Index of Refraction of Rare-Earth Metal Oxides with Temperature*
FACULTY MENTOR: Mariama Dias

3:20-3:45 p.m. Prateek Bhakta, session moderator

**IOANA-ANDREEA CRISTESCU, YING ZHU**
*Generating Optimal Liver Allocation System*
FACULTY MENTOR: Prateek Bhakta

GOTTWALD, ROOM C200

1:00-1:20 P.M. Nicole Maurantionio, session moderator

**KAMENE MANG’OKA**
*Poverty Porn in the Rhetoric of Ford’s Foundation Philanthropy*
FACULTY MENTORS: Timothy Barney, Nicole Sackley

1:20-1:40 P.M. Nicole Maurantionio, session moderator

**JORDYN LOFTON**
*Aesthetics of the Old South: Why Contemporary Plantation Weddings Still Exist*
FACULTY MENTOR: Nicole Maurantionio

1:45-2:00 P.M. Nicole Maurantionio, session moderator

**HAYLEY SIMMS**
*James River Plantations Research Project*
FACULTY MENTOR: Nicole Maurantionio
Oral Presentations

2:30-2:50 P.M.  Stephen Long, session moderator

GEORGE ESTRADA
Aquinas and Suarez on Law
FACULTY MENTOR: Kevin Cherry

2:50-3:15 P.M.  Stephen Long, session moderator

KEVIN GOU
Predicting Migration in the Sahel
FACULTY MENTOR: Stephen Long

3:15-3:30 P.M.  Stephen Long, session moderator

HANNAH GRACE HOWELL
Rhetorical Invention and Iconographies of Protest in La Casa de Papel
FACULTY MENTOR: Paul Achter

4:00-4:15 P.M.  Jennifer Erkulwater, session moderator

HANTANG QIN
Examining the Initial Government COVID Response Between the US and Australia
FACULTY MENTOR: Maia Linask

4:15-4:40 P.M.  Jennifer Erkulwater, session moderator

SANDEEP KUMAR
Exploring Heterogenieties in COVID-19 Spread and Management
FACULTY MENTOR: Jennifer Erkulwater
Poster Presentations

All poster presentations will be held in the Modlin Center for the Arts Booth Lobby. To locate specific posters please consult poster layout map in this program.

MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

1:15-2:15 P.M.

CAMERON KEELEY-PARKER
Investigations of the Role Cerium Plays in Catalysis and Antimicrobial Activity
FACULTY MENTOR: Dominique Williams
POSTER #1

ANDREW COOK, CAROLYN FALCO
Detecting the Influence of Arginine Methylation on Ded1 in vivo and in vitro
FACULTY MENTOR: Angie Hilliker
POSTER #2

RACHEL PAK
Development of a Next Generation Matrix Model for Rickettsia parkeri in Amblyomma maculatum (Gulf Coast tick)
FACULTY MENTOR: Jory Brinkerhoff
POSTER #3

MIKAYLA QUINN
Bryophytes of Goochland County
FACULTY MENTOR: John Hayden
POSTER #4

PARKER ERNST
Assessing Human Influence on Ranavirus Infections in Vulnerable Turtle Populations
FACULTY MENTORS: Jennifer Sevin, Jory Brinkerhoff
POSTER #5
POSTER PRESENTATION FLOORPLAN

ALL POSTER PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS BOOTHS LOBBY

Poster Presentations
POSTER SESSION 1: 1:15-2:15 P.M.

ALEX ROBERTSON
Assessing Movement of Freshwater Snails Between Rock Pools with Spray Paint Mark-Recapture
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristine Grayson
POSTER #6

WESLEY TSAI
Analyzing Reference Panel Size in Searching for Human Genetic Continuity
FACULTY MENTOR: Melinda Yang
POSTER #7

ANNA LIU
The Effect of EGCG on RAW 264.7 Macrophages’ Immune Response When Challenged with Woodsmoke
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones
POSTER #8

ALBERT WU
Beta-Adrenergic Receptor Signaling Reduces Pro-Inflammatory Signaling and Promotes the M2 Phenotype in the RAW264.7 Macrophage Cell Line
FACULTY MENTOR: Krista Stenger
POSTER #9

TONY IANNIELLO
Genetic Continuity of Human Populations in South Asia
FACULTY MENTOR: Melinda Yang
POSTER #10

EMILY BREW
Examining The Inflammatory Effects of Woodsmoke on Murine Macrophages
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones
POSTER #11

DOMINIQUE PHAM
Seed Bank Dynamics of the Emerging Invasive Species: Wavyleaf Basketgrass (Oplismenus undulatifolius)
FACULTY MENTOR: Carrie Wu
POSTER #12
Poster Presentations

Poster Session 1: 1:15-2:15 P.M.

Betty Duan
The Evolutionary History of the Derived ADH1B Alleles
FACULTY MENTOR: Melinda Yang
POSTER #13

Daisy Brooks, Ashley Fallas
Characterizing the Agrobacterium/Plant Interface
FACULTY MENTOR: B. Daniel Pierce
POSTER #14

Janhavi Bhalerao
The Effects of Effort-Based Reward Training and Chemogenetic Activation of the Lateral Habenula on Behavioral and Neuroendocrine Responses in Stressful Contexts
FACULTY MENTORS: Kelly Lambert, Jacy Jacob
POSTER #15

Nhyira Asamoah
Toxicity of E-Cigarettes
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones
POSTER #16

Michael Bambha
Analysis of Phosphinopyrrole Isomers and Their Complexes
FACULTY MENTOR: Miles Johnson
POSTER #17

Ramsey Goodner
Synthesis of 2,3-dihydroisoxazoles from ketones and N-benzyl nitrones
FACULTY MENTOR: Wade Downey
POSTER #18

Travis Greene
Using Halogen Bonding to Detect Opioids
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #19
HELEN XIA
Addition of indoles to nitrones via Friedel–Crafts silyloxyaminoalkylation
FACULTY MENTOR: Wade Downey
POSTER #20

BENJAMIN SOLOMON, MASON ORTIZ
Exploration of Structural and Chemical Properties of New Transition Metal Complexes of 2-Pyridynaphthyridine Ligands
FACULTY MENTORS: Emma Goldman, Raymond Dominey
POSTER #21

NAM PHAM
Can Inductive Effects be Quantified through Halogen Bonding: A Computational Assessment for Aromatic Systems
FACULTY MENTOR: Kelling Donald
POSTER #22

KARTHIK LALWANI
Sintering-Based In-Situ Synthesis and Characterization by TEM of Noble Metal Nanoparticles for Ceramic Glaze Color Control
FACULTY MENTORS: Leo Leopold, Ryan Coppage
POSTER #23

CAITLIN SALES
Determining the Medial Axis Structure for V-wall and Parabolic Model Under Multiple Controls
FACULTY MENTOR: Jeremy LeCrone
POSTER #24

KARTIKEY SHARMA
Markov Chains and the Degree Sequence Problem
FACULTY MENTOR: Prateek Bhakta
POSTER #25
ANDRÉ SHANNON, NIKITA MOROZOV, ANGELA STEFANOVSKA, CHRIST ATHIOGBEY, VI PHAM, GRANT SZAJDA, OHENEBA BERKO
Explaining Automated Voice Processing Systems
FACULTY MENTOR: Douglas Szajda
POSTER #26

LOGAN WEST, HECTOR GOMEZ, RILEY PLACE, ANNA FRISBIE
Dead Wolf to Red Wolf: Virginia Reintroduction
FACULTY MENTORS: Peter Smallwood, Todd Lookingbill
POSTER #27

CLAIRE KING, NINA VANATTA, CHARLES MILLER, MORGAN MALSTEAD
Breathe Easier: A Multi-Pronged Approach to Evaluating and Addressing Disparities in Air Quality, Urban Heat, and Accessibility in Richmond
FACULTY MENTOR: Todd Lookingbill
POSTER #28

ELI BEECH-BROWN
Using Planet Data and Google Earth Engine to Automate Mapping of Informal Roads in the Amazon Borderlands.
FACULTY MENTORS: Stephanie Spera, David Salisbury
POSTER #29

DELANEY DEMARET
Tracking and Analysis of Socio-Environmental Impacts of Informal Road Building in the Amazon Borderlands
FACULTY MENTORS: Stephanie Spera, David Salisbury
POSTER #30

ALLISON WALTERS
Longitudinal Trends in Mental Health Among University of Richmond Students
FACULTY MENTORS: Rick Mayes, Peter LeViness
POSTER #31

ISRAA DRAZ, ANDREW BRADY, HENLEY SMITH, MILES GOLDMAN, VY BUI
Difference Sets with Symmetric Difference Properties
FACULTY MENTOR: James Davis
POSTER #32
Poster Presentations

POSTER SESSION 1: 1:15-2:15 P.M.

LILY DICKSON, THOMAS SPIKER
Discontinuous Medial Axis Structures: Dubins Car
FACULTY MENTOR: Jeremy LeCrone
POSTER #33

SOPHIA HARDTEN, CHLOE SECKART
An Evaluation of the Other-Race Effect Through the Attentional Blink
FACULTY MENTOR: Cindy Bukach
POSTER #34

ANNA MARSTON
Demographic Disparities in College Students' Psychological Adjustment During COVID-19
FACULTY MENTOR: Karen Kochel
POSTER #35

CAM SMITH, BRIANNA CHARLETON, JASMIN RUBIERA
Do Autistic Traits in Typically Developing Individuals Impact the Structural Encoding of Faces as Measured by the N170 Component
FACULTY MENTOR: Cindy Bukach
POSTER #36

ALEXIA REHLING
Coping Strategies of Grieving and Bereaved Students
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
POSTER #37

JARED BRASSIL
Awareness of Partisan Bias in Political Decision-Making
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
POSTER #38

LINDSAY EVERHART
Do Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives Cause More Harm Than Good for LGBTQ+ Employees?
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
POSTER #39
Poster Presentations

POSTER SESSION 1: 1:15-2:15 P.M.

CLAIRE MCLAM, SAMPSON VALDEZ
Error Monitoring and Clinical Perfectionism: Relation of Neural Processing to Two Proposed Dimensions of a Standardized Assessment
FACULTY MENTOR: Cindy Bukach
POSTER #40

ISABELLA HOLMGREN
Falling for Moses: The Role of Stroop Inhibition and Language Expertise
FACULTY MENTOR: Matthew Lowder
POSTER #41

MAMIE ZIEGLER
What Does “Avoidance Mode” Feel Like? The Effect of Avoidance Awareness on Negative Affect
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Knouse
POSTER #42

LIV CLAYTON, LUCY PATTERSON
Circumstances Influencing Likelihood to Become and Organ Donor
FACULTY MENTOR: Camilla Nonterah
POSTER #43

AMARA NWANGWU
Barriers in Access to Care and Depressive Symptoms – The Role of Race/Ethnicity and Gender
FACULTY MENTOR: Camilla Nonterah
POSTER #44

LEON ZHENG
Virginian News Coverage on Undocumented Immigrant Health
FACULTY MENTOR: Miguel Diaz-Barriga
POSTER #45

PAIGE WILLIS
Lighting the Lavender Scare
FACULTY MENTORS: Maja White, Johann Stegmeir
POSTER #46
TED CORL
*Investigating the Redox Activity of Cu2+ Present in MEMO1*
FACULTY MENTORS: Julie Pollock, Leo Leopold
POSTER #1

SYDNEY ROBINSON
*Ruthenium Based Complexes in Photo-Activated Chemotherapy*
FACULTY MENTOR: Julie Pollock, Michael Norris
POSTER #2

EMILY WARD
*Characterization of Hypothetical Proteins in Proteus Mirabilis*
FACULTY MENTOR: Jonathan Dattelbaum
POSTER #3

SAI POLURI
*Analogs of 8-oxo-2'-deoxyguanosine*
FACULTY MENTOR: Michelle Hamm
POSTER #4

HANNAH PARKER
*Metabolic Map and Genetic Disorders*
FACULTY MENTOR: Julie Pollock
POSTER #5

BRITTANY JOHNSON
*Genetic Continuity in the Yellow River Basin*
FACULTY MENTOR: Melinda Yang
POSTER #6

JESSICA GAROFALO
*Investigation of the VirA Linker Domain to Characterize its Phenol Interactions*
FACULTY MENTOR: B. Daniel Pierce
POSTER #7
KRISTEN STARKS  
*Investigation of the Effects of N-Acetylcysteine on Neurodegeneration in Drosophila Models of Spinocerebellar Ataxia 3*
FACULTY MENTOR: John Warrick  
POSTER #8

SARENNA ENRIGHT  
*Epithelial Cell Inflammation Induced by Woodsmoke*
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones  
POSTER #9

MORGAN ABDO  
*MLST of B. burgdorferi*
FACULTY MENTOR: Jory Brinkerhoff  
POSTER #10

AMARA TAYLOR, IVY DE SOUZA  
*Air Pollution and it’s Affects on the Immune System*
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones  
POSTER #11

AIYAH ADAM  
*Mechanisms Underlying Dravet Syndrome*
FACULTY MENTOR: Colleen Carpenter  
POSTER #12

NESSA OKOROANYANWU, LESLEY BOADU  
*Carcinogen Effects on Epithelial Cells*
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones  
POSTER #13

JEAN AZAR-TANGUAY  
*Spin-Flip CCSD Characterizations of Heteroaromatic Pyrrole Diradicals*
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish  
POSTER #14
Catherine Bayas
Investigating Molecular Interactions of MEMO1 with SRC and Estrogen Receptor Alpha
FACULTY MENTOR: Julie Pollock
POSTER #15

Mimi Viestamkul, Alexsas Mwango Misoka
Incorporation of dCTP and dATP opposite OdG and analogues with KT R677A
FACULTY MENTORS: Michelle Hamm
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Kingsley Dwomoh, Zach Rome, Felix Minami
Continuous Flow Synthesis of Polyfunctionalized Pyrroles
FACULTY MENTOR: Emma Goldman, Raymond Dominey
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Leon Zheng, Juliette Copeland
Antimicrobial Natural Products
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristine Nolin
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Zena Abro, Vicky Osenga
Synthesis of Biaryl Phosphatrane Ligands for Transition Metal-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions
FACULTY MENTOR: Miles Johnson
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Sebastian Mendoza-Gomez
Spin Flip TDDFT/CCSD Characterization of FURAN
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #20

Camryn Carter
Interference of the hACE2 and SARS-CoV2 RBD interaction with Repurposed Molecules
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
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HELENE LEICHTER  
The Sculpting of ‘The Veiled Lady’  
FACULTY MENTOR: Alicia Diaz  
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KATHRYN GRAGE  
Iterative Forecasting Models Create Accurate Predictions for the Near-Future Spread of an Invasive Insect Pest  
FACULTY MENTORS: Jonathan Walter, Kristine Grayson  
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VIOLET JETTON, DOMINIQUE PHAM  
Mapping and Analyzing the Distribution of Wavy Leaf Basket Grass  
FACULTY MENTORS: Carrie Wu, Beth Zizzamia  
POSTER #24

ANNA FRISBIE  
The Potential Effects of Transboundary Road-Building in the Southwestern Amazon Shared by Peru and Brazil  
FACULTY MENTORS: Stephanie Spera, David Salisbury  
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WILLIAM HEINLE  
Deforestation in Multiuse Protected Areas in Madagascar  
FACULTY MENTORS: Sandra Joireman, John Scrivani  
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CHARLES MULLIS  
FACULTY MENTOR: Todd Lookingbill  
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WILLIAM DAVIS  
Transmediality of S.T.A.L.K.E.R.  
FACULTY MENTOR: Yvonne Howell  
POSTER #28
OLIVIA BARLOW, YUNZE WANG, YIXUAN ZHAO, DITRICK MWALONGO, AAMY BAKRY, HANNAH LI
Towards a Mathematical Model of the Effect of Inhaled Toxicants and Antioxidants on the Inflammatory Response
FACULTY MENTORS: Marcella Torres, Kathy Hoke
POSTER #29

ELEAZER AFOTEY
FINTEC in Ghana
FACULTY MENTOR: Douglas Szajda
POSTER #30

MILES GOLDMAN, ISRAA DRAZ, YUHAN ZHOU, IVANA FILIPOVIC, HENLEY SMITH, ANDREW BRADY, MEREDITH SCHULTEN, VY BUI
Difference Sets, Designs, and Relative Difference Sets
FACULTY MENTOR: Jim Davis
POSTER #31

ANNA FORTUNATO, DYLAN HOOPER
Space Race to the Curved Base: Discontinuous Medial Axis Structures in Various Obstacle Spaces and Control Models
FACULTY MENTOR: Jeremy LeCrone
POSTER #32

ERIN BURNS
Driving is a No (New) Brainer: The Impact of Adult Neurogenesis on Cognitive Learning in Male Long-Evans Rats
FACULTY MENTORS: Kelly Lambert, Jacy Jacob
POSTER #33

BRIANNA CANTRALL
Optimal Method for Reconstructing Polychromatic Maps from Broadband Observations with an Asymmetric Antenna Pattern
FACULTY MENTOR: Emory Bunn
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JOSEPH STERLING
Estimation of pure B power in polarized CMB data via Gibbs sampling
FACULTY MENTOR: Emory Bunn
POSTER #35

HELEN WALLACE, MCKENNA LAUBER
The Motivated Use of Colorblindness in a University-Wide Movement for Racial Justice
FACULTY MENTORS: Kristjen Lundberg, Crystal Hoyt
POSTER #36

SADIE WENGER, KELLY SAVERINO
An Exploration of Tool-Use, Flexible Cognition, and Cultural Behaviors in Semi-Natural Java Macaques
FACULTY MENTORS: Kelly Lambert, Jacy Jacob
POSTER #37

BRIANNA CHARLTON
Other Race Faces Look the Same: Is Motivation Enough to Diminish this Effect?
FACULTY MENTORS: Cindy Bukach
POSTER #38

EMMA BENDER, MACKENZIE SEWARD, JEN SCHLUR, ANNIE BECKERMAN
Predictors of Attitudes Towards BLM
FACULTY MENTOR: Jane Berry
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KAYLA SCHILTZ, EMILY HUESMAN
Are Racial Microaggressions Related to Colorblind and White Privilege Ideologies?
FACULTY MENTOR: Jane Berry
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LAYLA COBRINIK
The Warmline Study
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
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ALLISON WALTERS
Stigma and Anxiety as Barriers to Help-Seeking Among University of Richmond Students
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
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HYEwon HONG
Friendship in a Pandemic: An Experimental Intervention to Test the Protective Role of Friendship Quality
FACULTY MENTORS: Kristjen Lundberg, Karen Kochel
POSTER #43

antonio cardoso
Individual Differences in Processing of Garden-Path Sentences: The Role of Obsessive Compulsive Personality Traits
FACULTY MENTOR: Matthew Lowder
POSTER #44

ADDI MANSINI
Examining Protective Quality of Sense of Belonging and Friendship Quality on Peer Victimization Outcomes
FACULTY MENTOR: Karen Kochel
POSTER #45

CAMERON MCKENDRICK
Evaluating Hyperfocus Prevalence through Ecological Momentary Assessment
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Knouse
POSTER #46

MICHALA DINI
The Emotional Mechanisms of Altruism Born of Suffering
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
POSTER #47

Isabelle Warren, Elizabeth Popovich, Caroline Glaser
Support for BLM: The Role of Childhood Factors and Time Since the 2020 Uprisings
FACULTY MENTOR: Jane Berry
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JEN SCHLUR, EMMA BENDER, ANNIE BECKERMAN, MACKENZIE SEWARD, OLIVIA HARDING  
*Bots Invaded Our Study of Black Lives Matter*  
FACULTY MENTOR: Jane Berry  
POSTER #49

KATHRINA DURANTE  
*Committed to the Cause or Performative Posting?: Developing a Measure of Internal and External Motivations for Online Activism*  
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg  
POSTER #50

ALISON ZHANG  
*Racial Homogeneity at Home and Race Essentialism: The Role of Interracial Friendship*  
FACULTY MENTORS: Kristjen Lundberg, Karen Kochel  
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ALISA FOMINYKH  
*The Economic Blitzkrieging of Russia*  
FACULTY MENTOR: Michael Marsh-Soloway  
POSTER #52

RAY BARR  
*Individualized History: Tobacco Workers Interred at East End Cemetery*  
FACULTY MENTOR: Elizabeth Baughan  
POSTER #53
POSTER SESSION 3: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

DANNY FRASCELLA
Effect of Retinoic Acid Receptors (RAR) on Spinal Cord and Hindbrain Territories in Danio rerio
FACULTY MENTOR: Isaac Skromne
POSTER #1

JOSHUA PANDIAN
The Effect of Microbiome Composition on Rickettsia parkeri Prevalence in Peromyscus leucopus and Sigmodon hispidus
FACULTY MENTOR: Jory Brinkerhoff
POSTER #2

CORRI COOPER
Autophagy-Mediated Neurodegeneration in Drosophila with Human Machado-Joseph Disease
FACULTY MENTOR: John Warrick
POSTER #3

GABRIEL OFFENBACK, COLE FISHBERG
Pro-inflammatory Signaling in RAW264.7 macrophages
FACULTY MENTOR: Krista Stenger
POSTER #4

NINA PRICE
Physiological Actions of Hydrocinnamic Acid on Cardiac Ion Channels
FACULTY MENTOR: Linda Boland
POSTER #5

JONATHAN KAN
Tick Behavior in Varying Environments
FACULTY MENTOR: Jory Brinkerhoff
POSTER #6

LONDON NEMMERS, ANNA ALI
The Effects of Desiccation Stress on Desert Soil Nematodes
FACULTY MENTOR: Amy Treonis
POSTER #7
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ALLISON NGUYEN
Leaf Ecophysiological Responses to Light Availability in Oplismenus undulatifolius, a Shade Tolerant Invasive Plant
FACULTY MENTOR: Carrie Wu
POSTER #8

GRACE DAVIS
Examining Critical Thermal Limits of Lymantria dispar Regarding Geographic Differences
FACULTY MENTORS: Kristine Grayson, Jonathan Walters
POSTER #9

BRENDAN CROCKETT, NICK GONZALES
Tracking Wild Rat Brains: Emerging Neurobiological Differences Between Urban Wild-Trapped and Laboratory Rats (Rattus norvegicus)
FACULTY MENTOR: Kelly Lambert
POSTER #10

EMILY CASSADY
Testing the Ability of Environmental Growth Chambers to Replicate Outdoor Growth Conditions Using the Invasive Forest Insect Lymantria dispar (L.)
FACULTY MENTORS: Kristine Grayson, Hannah Coovert
POSTER #11

SINEAD DOWLING, KATHLEEN GARCHITORENA, ANNIE KWON
Mutational Analysis of the Agrobacterium VirA Sensor Kinase Reveals AND/OR Gating Control
FACULTY MENTOR: B. Daniel Pierce
POSTER #12

LEEANN DEMPSEY
The Effect of Wood Smoke on Human Lung Epithelial Cells
FACULTY MENTOR: Shannon Jones
POSTER #13
POSTER SESSION 3: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

ELENA MECCHI, ANH NGUYEN, LYNDAA CEVALLOS
Does Calcium Binding Affect Miro-binding to MYO19 or TRAK1 or 2 in Mitochondria?
FACULTY MENTOR: Omar Quintero-Carmona
POSTER #14

KHARMA HALL
Stxbp1b Epilepsy Modelling in Zebrafish
FACULTY MENTOR: Colleen Carpenter-Swanson
POSTER #15

ELSA KATARINA ACOSTA
An In-Silico Investigation of G-quadruplex Stabilization by DNA Telomerase Inhibitors for Anti-Cancer Applications
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #16

JACOB AIRAS, TRAVIS GREENE
Using Halogen Bonding to Detect Opioids
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #17

ANDREW FELIX
Green Synthesis of Pyrroles
FACULTY MENTOR: William O’Neal
POSTER #18

TESSA YARBROUGH
Electron Delocalization and Aromaticity in Inorganic Analogues of Small Ring Systems
FACULTY MENTORS: Kelling Donald
POSTER #19

LIAM DAY
Cerium(IV) Complexes in Biological Assays and Phosphate Bond Cleavage
FACULTY MENTORS: Dominique Williams
POSTER #20
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MAK CALLENDER
Expression, Purification, and Activity Investigation of STK1
FACULTY MENTOR: Julie Pollock
POSTER #21

MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, TYLER CHONG
Synthesis of Styrenes from Aldehyde-aldehyde Aldol Coupling Products
FACULTY MENTOR: Wade Downey
POSTER #22

HALEY GLADDEN
Small Molecule Interference with the hACE2 and SARS-CoV RBD Complex Junction
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #23

SADIESHA TAYLOR
Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Bis(phosphine)pyrrole Ligands and Their Nickel Complexes
FACULTY MENTOR: Miles Johnson
POSTER #24

CHARLI CHEN
Spin Flip TDDFT/CCSD Characterization of Thiophene Di-radicals
FACULTY MENTOR: Carol Parish
POSTER #25

JOLAN MOTYKA
Mining Nature for New Antibiotics
FACULTY MENTOR: Jonathan Dattelbaum
POSTER #26

MARISSA GOODALL
Alternative Medicine & Black, College-Educated Women
FACULTY MENTORS: Rick Mayes
POSTER #27
NOAH ROBINSON, NAM PHAM, WILLIAM RICE, PAIGE DELSA
Strong Halogen Bonding Tendencies Below Period Two
FACULTY MENTORS: Donald Kelling
POSTER #28

EMILY DIXON, DANIEL SARAVIA-ROMERO
Concessions Uncovered: Westhampton Park in Context
FACULTY MENTOR: Elizabeth Baughan
POSTER #29

TAYLOR GRINDLE
Liberosis
FACULTY MENTOR: Alicia Díaz
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KAYLA SCHLITZ
Hush
FACULTY MENTOR: Alicia Díaz
POSTER #31

TAYLOR COLEMAN, INDYA WOODFOLK, KATHRYN GRAGE, VIRGINIA MEAD
Management Strategies for Improving the Quality of Westhampton Lake
FACULTY MENTORS: Peter Smallwood, Todd Lookingbill
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TAYLOR COLEMAN
FACULTY MENTOR: Stephanie Spera
POSTER #33

ELIZA HERRENKOHL, ELSPETH COLLARD
COVID-19 within Indigenous Communities of the Peruvian Amazon: An Ucayali Case Study
FACULTY MENTORS: Stephanie Spera, David Salisbury
POSTER #34
ELIZA HERRENKOHL, BOB CHIABALMACEDA, ELIZA HERRENKOHL, ANTONIA KEMPE, SURAYA SOUIDI
Conservation Efforts in Richmond, Virginia
FACULTY MENTOR: Todd Lookingbill
POSTER #35

LINDSEY BARNARD
The Geolocation of Facebook and Twitter Posts on the Proposed Highway between Pucallpa, Peru and Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil
FACULTY MENTORS: David Salisbury, Stephanie Spera
POSTER #36

JULIA STEVERMER
Defining the Holodomor a Title and Accountability to the Ukrainian Terror Famine of 1932-1933
FACULTY MENTOR: David Brandenberger
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KELLY SAVERINO, SADIE WENGER
An Exploration of Tool-Use, Flexible Cognition, and Cultural Behaviors in Semi-Natural Java Macaques
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WILSON BERRY
Examining the Relationship Between Interracial Contact and Support for Social Change on the UR Campus
FACULTY MENTOR: Kristjen Lundberg
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RYAN WIGGINTON
Do ADHD Symptoms Strengthen the Relationship Between Depression/Anxiety and Avoidance?
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Knouse
POSTER #40
MAMIE ZIEGLER, ALISON ZHANG, HOOR UL AIN
Personality Matters: Neuroticism and Conscientiousness are Associated with College Students’ Avoidance in Daily Life
FACULTY MENTOR: Laura Knouse
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EVE RIDENHOUR, MIRANDA MOE
Popular Children’s Perceived Competence in School-Based Peer Interactions
FACULTY MENTOR: Karen Kochel
POSTER #42

ELENA BAGNOLI, ALYSSA HENDRICKS, BAILEY SANTAGUIDA
How Positive Psychology Benefits the Well-Being of Solid Organ Transplant Recipients
FACULTY MENTOR: Camilla Nonterah
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MARY SANCHEZ
Cultural Femininity in Denmark
FACULTY MENTOR: Olivier Delers
POSTER #44

SHAYLEN LAFFERTY
Props & Posters: Perfect Arrangement
FACULTY MENTOR: Johann Stegmeir
POSTER #45

LIAM KEENAN, EMMA SLOANE, SHAYLEN LAFFERTY, PAIGE WILLIS, GABRIEL MATTHEWS, OONA ELOVAARA, OLIVE GALLMEYER
Perfect Arrangement - Sound Design
FACULTY MENTOR: Maja White
POSTER #46

EMMA SLOANE
Perfectly Queer: Directing an LGBTQ+ Production
FACULTY MENTORS: Walter Schoen
POSTER #47
OLIVE GALLMEYER
*The Lavender Scare on Stage: Perfect Arrangement Dramaturgical Research*
FACULTY MENTOR: Walter Schoen
POSTER #48

SHAYLEN LAFFERTY, EMMA SLOANE, PAIGE WILLIS, GABRIEL MATTHEWS, LIAM KEENAN, OLIVE GALLMEYER, OONA ELOVAARA
*Perfect Arrangement*
FACULTY MENTOR: Johann Stegmeir
POSTER #49

GABRIEL MATTHEWS
*Scenic Design for Perfect Arrangement*
FACULTY MENTORS: Vicki Davis
POSTER #50

OONA ELOVAARA
*Costume Design for the production of Perfect Arrangement*
FACULTY MENTOR: Johann Stegmeir
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