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# SPRING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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***Program***

6:00–6:45 p.m. Research Poster Presentations, Session I  
*Atrium*

6:55–7:35 p.m. Oral Presentations  
*Auditorium*

7:45–8:30 p.m. Research Poster Presentations, Session II  
*Atrium*

## ***Oral Presentations***

### **Zoey Brookbanks**

*Photonic Crystal Nanobeam Cavity Coupled with Exciton Emission from MoSe<sub>2</sub>*

**Research Mentor:** Chulwon Lee, postdoctoral research fellow, Physics

### **Mercedes Morin**

*Studies to Understand the Link Between Obesity & Breast Cancer*

**Research Mentor:** Erin Giles, Assistant Professor, Kinesiology

### **Andrei Ursu**

*Nanoparticle Based Sensor Development*

**Research Mentor:** Mark Hammig, Associate Research Scientist, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences

## ***Poster Presentations***

### **Jane Ablove (Session I-12)**

*Driver Interface Research: Describing Driving Performance*

**Research Mentor:** Paul Green, Research Professor, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

### **Vivica Addrow (Session II-28)**

*Michigan Mitral Research Group*

**Research Mentor:** Steven Bolling, Cardiac Surgeon, The Department of Cardiac Surgery

### **Anvesh Agrawal (Session I-45)**

*Covariance predicting models of RNA and DNA in single blood cells*

**Research Mentor:** Fadhl Alakwaa, Research Investigator, Internal Medicine Department

### **Rawaa Al-Zehairy (Session I-22)**

*Remote Patient Monitoring Following Radical Cystectomy*

**Mentor:** Jeffrey Montgomery, Professor, Urology

### **Myrra Arya (Session I-39)**

*Mechanisms of adipocyte loss in mouse models of familial partial lipodystrophy 2 (FPLD2)*

**Research Mentor:** Jessica Maung, PhD Candidate, Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology

### **Keegan Balcerzak (Session II-39)**

*Capuchin (Cebus imitator) Vocal Diversity Assessed Through Passive Acoustic Monitoring in a Tropical Dry Forest in Costa Rica*

**Research Mentor:** Thore Bergman, Professor, Psychology

### **Hythem Beydoun (Session I-29)**

*Integration of a Customizable, Modular Payload into a Pixhawk-Based Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)*

**Research Mentor:** Kimberlee Kearfott, Professor, NERS/BME

### **Marcela Billingslea Durini (Session II-12)**

*Developing Antiracist Scenario-Based Mathematics Assessments*

**Research Mentor:** Jennifer Randall, Dunn Family Chair of Psychometrics and Test Development, Educational Studies

### **Sam Blum (Session II-29)**

*Manufacturing and Evaluation of an Artificial Lung Optimized for CO<sub>2</sub> Removal*

**Research Mentor:** Alvaro Rojas-Peña, Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Surgery-Transplantation

**Madison Boyd (Session I-40)** with Rohan Vyas (Session II-49)

*Michigan Sport Tourism Strategy Project - Inventory Phase*

**Research Mentor:** Judith Grant Long, Associate Professor of Sport Management and Urban Planning, Sports Management

**Hailey Brady (Session II-17)**

*Minimally-Invasive Tissue Engineering for Demystifying the Allogeneic Immune Niche in Pregnancy*

**Research Mentor:** Russell Urie, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Biomedical Engineering

**Glenn Brye (Session I-1)**

*Cognitive Spaces and Data Science*

**Research Mentor:** Efren Cruz Cortes, Data Science Fellow, Michigan Institute for Data Science

**Charlotte Butler (Session II-18)**

*COVID-19 Experiences among People with Multiple Sclerosis*

**Research Mentor:** Anna Kratz, Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical S, Library, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

**David Cano (Session II-23)**

*Form-Focused Instruction through Captioned Grammar in L2 Spanish: An Experimental Study*

**Research Mentor:** Lorenzo Garcia-Amaya, Assistant Professor, Romance Languages and Literatures

**Yunwoo Chang (Session II-33)**

*Natural Language Processing for Understanding Persuasive Arguments*

**Research Mentor:** Lu Wang, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

**Meghana Choragudi (Session I-24)**

*Self-regulation of reward responding: A literature review*

**Research Mentor:** Meghan Martz, Research Assistant Professor, Psychiatry

**Aysha Chowdhury (Session I-18)**

*KCNH2 variants associated with cardiac arrhythmia and in epilepsy alter nuclear activity*

**Research Mentor:** David Jones, Associate Professor, Pharmacology

**Hana Chrenka (Session II-1)**

*Sustainable algal biofuel production via hydrothermal liquefaction (HTL) and upgrading*

**Research Mentor:** Taehoon Han, Research Fellow, Mechanical Engineering

**Avelo Cohen (Session I-13)**

*Quantifying the spin transfer torque induced by GaAs1-xBix thin films*

**Research Mentor:** Rachel Goldman, Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

**Grace Darlak (Session I-30)**

*Building an artificial neuron - exploring dynamic self-assembly of colloidal electronic devices*

**Research Mentor:** Albert Liu, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Jace DeRosia (Session II-30)**

*The Emotional Trajectory of IVF Patients*

**Research Mentor:** Sheau Yun Melody Ku, Director, Patient Experience Research - Technology and Service Design, Design Science/UMHS

**Alexander Devine (Session I-34) with Joshua Mendoza (Session II-42)**

*Developing a Machine Learning Algorithm using Pattern Recognition to Analyze Experimental Data from Photoelectrochemical Systems*

**Research Mentor:** Stephen Maldonado, Professor, Chemistry

**Eric Dorman (Session II-34)**

*Electrochemistry Web Platform Redesign*

**Research Mentor:** Stephen Maldonado, Professor, Chemistry

**Malcolm Draper (Session I-19)**

*The Use of a Facebook Advertisement Campaign to Recruit Diverse Populations for Health Research*

**Research Mentor:** Lenette Jones, Assistant Professor, Health Behavior and Biological Sciences

**Mohid Durrani (Session I-17)**

*Preventative Monitoring using Unobtrusive Sensor Data*

**Research Mentor:** Winston Zhang, PhD student, DCMB

**Erik Flaspohler (Session I-14)**

*Solid-state reaction to increase capacity utilization of LMNO cathodes in lithium-ion batteries*

**Research Mentor:** Richard Laine, Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

**Lydia Frasz (Session II-24) with Joon Young Sohn (Session II-10)**

*From 51 Billion to Zero: Challenges in Reducing our Emissions of Greenhouse Gases*

**Research Mentor:** Stephane Lafortune, Professor, EECS Department/ECE Division

**Prakhar Gupta (Session I-35)**

*Developing Computer Vision Tools for Automatic Animal Behavioral Classification*

**Research Mentor:** Ada Eban-Rothschild, Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Rishab Gupta (Session II-35)**

*Web Extensions: Patching Broken Links on the Web*

**Research Mentor:** Yulia Sevryugina, Chemistry Librarian/Senior Associate Librarian, Library

**Kaylin Hanna (Session II-14)**

*Studying pathways/markers involved in the lung fibrosis during/causing lung transplant rejection.*

**Research Mentor:** Fatima Fattahi, Research Lab Specialist Intermediate, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine

**Akira Hasegawa (Session I-36) with AJ Nieto (Session I-37)**

*Computational Analysis of Pop Music Across Cultures*

**Research Mentor:** Winston Wu, Postdoctoral, Computer Science

**Daniel Heilman (Session II-45)**

*Spectroscopic Analysis of 2M0856: A 10 Myr old Brown Dwarf with a Primordial Disk*

**Research Mentor:** Michael Meyer, Professor, Astronomy

**Adrian Helmerci (Session II-6)**

*Solidworks Design for a Lower Limb Powered Prosthesis*

**Research Mentor:** Robert Gregg IV, Associate Professor, EECS

**Brian Ho (Session I-15)**

*Anti-fouling Membranes*

**Research Mentor:** Anish Tuteja, Professor, Material Science and Engineering

**Nick Holcomb (Session I-41)**

*Herbicide impacts on germination rate of invasive Phragmites*

**Research Mentor:** Wesley Bickford, Research Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey

**Jian Ming Huang (Session I-25)**

*Role of rat auditory cortex in processing relevant self-generated sounds during locomotion*

**Research Mentor:** Gideon Rothschild, Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Joy Huang (Session II-41)**

*HOPE Village Storytelling via Social Media*

**Research Mentor:** Debbie Fisher, Executive Director, HOPE Village Revitalization

**Rafiqul Islam (Session I-7)**

*Contracting within multinational firms*

**Research Mentor:** Yue Zhou, Associate Professor, Strategy

**Tisha Jain (Session I-46)**

*ORION: Observatory for Cyber-Risk Insights and Outages of Networks*

**Research Mentor:** Michael Kallitsis, Research Scientist, Merit Network, Inc.

**Leah Jankoska (Session II-25)**

*How do viruses in extremophilic fungi impact their host?*

**Research Mentor:** Jillian Myers, Research Laboratory Specialist, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

**Mateo Jimenez (Session I-31) with Martin Stier (Session II-38)**

*Driver Interface Research: Describing Driving Performance*

**Research Mentor:** Paul Green, Research Professor, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

**Ethan Johnson (Session I-42)**

*Comparative Analysis of Ecological Replacement of Pachycormiformes by Modern acanthomorph Fishes*

**Research Mentor:** Lindsey Dehaan, PhD Candidate, Earth and Environmental Sciences

**Juliette Johnson (Session I-26)**

*The Story of Three Mile Island: Cleanup of Unit 2*

**Research Mentor:** Lynn Carpenter, Lecturing Faculty, EEB/MCDB

**George Johnson II (Session II-15)**

*Investigating the Morphological Diversity of the Upper Pharyngeal Jaw*

**Research Mentor:** Samuel Borstein, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

**Joanne Jung (Session II-26)**

*Markers for viable donor hearts during long term normothermic ex-vivo perfusion*

**Research Mentor:** Alvaro Rojas-Peña, Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Surgery-Transplantation

**Eshan Kapoor (Session II-7) with Matteo Pettinato (Session II-8)**

*Mapping Institutional Cultures in Global High-Tech R&D Institutions*

**Research Mentor:** Muzammil Hussain, Assistant Professor, The Big-DIG Research Lab @ The Institute for Social Research



**Farah Kareem (Session I-27)**

*Closely Examining Teachers' Use of Questioning and Discussion Techniques*

**Research Mentor:** Matthew Ronfeldt, Associate Professor, Educational Studies

**Emerson Krause (Session II-46)**

*Assessing the potentials and societal impacts of hydrokinetic turbines*

**Research Mentor:** Mohammadreza Amini, Assistant Research Scientist, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

**Dora Kuflu (Session I-47)**

*Utilization of Proxmox Virtual Environment for Resource-Intensive Computing Applications*

**Research Mentor:** Alanson Sample, Associate, Computer Science and Engineering

**Isabelle Lamug (Session I-2)**

*Investigating interactions between Sstx and other mouse X- and Y-linked amplified genes*

**Research Mentor:** Jacob Mueller, Assistant Professor, Human Genetics

**Katherine Li (Session II-2)**

*Transcriptomic Analysis of Human Tissue*

**Research Mentor:** Lam Tsoi, Assistant Professor, Dermatology / Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics

**Jun Kit Lim (Session I-3)**

*Classifying Cyclic Voltammograms using Machine Learning techniques*

**Research Mentor:** Stephen Maldonado, Professor, Chemistry

**Alayna Marvin (Session II-47)**

*Code Review: Reproducibility in Experimental Linguistics*

**Research Mentor:** Lisa Levinson, Lecturer IV, Linguistics

**Joshua Mendoza (Session II-42) with Alexander Devine (Session I-34)**

*Developing a Machine Learning Algorithm Using Pattern Recognition to Analyze Experimental Data from Photoelectrochemical Systems*

**Research Mentor:** Stephen Maldonado, Professor, Chemistry

**Kevin Miller (Session II-27)**

*Selection of social partners by Paper wasps*

**Research Mentor:** Emily Laub, Graduate Student, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

**Carly Mistick (Session I-48)**

*Refining the Scaling Relations in Galaxy Cluster Velocity Dispersion Bias Empirically*

**Research Mentor:** August Evrard, Professor, Physics

**Tanush Mittal (Session II-48)**

*Analyzing Language Frequency Patterns in Chemistry Curriculum Materials*

**Research Mentor:** Yulia Sevryugina, Chemistry Librarian/Senior Associate Librarian, Library

**Ryan Montgomery (Session I-16)**

*Work Experience of Male Members of Boards in California*

**Research Mentor:** Cindy Schipani, Professor, Business Law

**Mena Nasiri (Session II-36)**

*Her Last Fight*

**Research Mentor:** John Valadez, Professor, Film, Television, & Media

**AJ Nieto (Session I-37) with Akira Hasegawa (Session I-36)**

*Computational Analysis of Pop Music Across Cultures*

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**Cecelia Occhipinti (Session II-3)**

*The Role of SRCAP in Hematopoiesis and Leukemogenesis*

**Research Mentor:** Terrence Wong, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine

**Jehan Patel (Session II-37)**

*Tensor-based Methods in Data Science*

**Research Mentor:** Ali Zare, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics

**Sohum Pavaskar (Session I-8)**

*Comparing the accuracy of different AI-based automatic speech transcription services for fieldwork in neurolinguistics*

**Research Mentor:** Jonathan Brennan, Assistant Professor, Linguistics

**Kevin Pena (Session I-28)**

*Exploring the Contact Between Domains of the Thyroid Hormone Precursor Protein Required in its Intracellular Trafficking*

**Research Mentor:** Cinta Citterio, Research Investigator, Internal Medicine

**Matteo Pettinato (Session II-8) with Eshan Kapoor (Session II-7)**

*Mapping Institutional Cultures in Global High-Tech R&D Institutions*

**Research Mentor:** Muzammil Hussain, Assistant Professor, The Big-DIG Research Lab @ The Institute for Social Research

**Grant Preves (Session I-9)**

*There's a Price to Growing Up: How Status-based Constraints to Increasing Production Volume Shapes High-Status Firm's Profit-seeking and Growth Strategies*

**Research Mentor:** Jusang Lee, Ph.D. Candidate, Strategy

**Diego Ramirez-Gomez (Session I-38)**

*Quantifying aviation environmental impacts due to the Russian airspace closure*

**Research Mentor:** Max Li, Assistant Professor, Aerospace Engineering, Industrial and Operations Engineering

**Fanny Raskind (Session I-20)**

*Understanding the neural circuits responsible for cognitive flexibility in health and disease*

**Research Mentor:** Omar Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Lily Ruden (Session II-31)**

*Elucidating the Functional Role of Mouse Retrogene Phf8l by Mapping Protein-Protein Interactions Using Yeast Two-Hybrid Screening*

**Research Mentor:** Jacob Mueller, Assistant Professor, Human Genetics

**Harrison Sanders (Session II-9)**

*How Socioeconomic Malaise & Decline Fuel Xenophobic Nationalist Extremism*

**Research Mentor:** Robert Franzese Jr., Professor & Associate Chair, Political Science

**Abigail Schad (Session II-20)**

*Relationship of BATF3-Dependent Conventional DC1s to Type 1 T Helper Responses*

**Research Mentor:** Michal Olszewski, Professor, Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

**Eleanor Schlick (Session I-4)**

*The Partisan and Racial Composition of State Prison Workforces*

**Research Mentor:** Benjamin Goehring, PhD Student, Political Science and Public Policy

**Nikita Shishu (Session I-32)**

*Enhancing Anatomical Education with 3D Scans*

**Research Mentor:** Cristina Prall, LEO Lecturer I, Research Lab Specialist Associate, Division of Anatomical Sciences

**Matthew Sinanis (Session I-10)**

*Manifest Space: Creating the future or repeating the past?*

**Research Mentor:** Vyta Pivo, Postdoctoral/Assistant Professor, Architecture

**Joon Young Sohn (Session II-10) with Lydia Frasz (Session II-24)**

*From 51 Billion to Zero: Challenges in Reducing our Emissions of Greenhouse Gases*

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**Samantha Staudinger (Session II-32)**

*Characterizing YAP Activation in Acoustically-Responsive Scaffolds via Ultrasound-Induced Matrix Stiffening*

**Research Mentor:** Mario Fabiilli, Research Associate Professor, Radiology

**Martin Stier (Session II-38) with Mateo Jimenez (Session I-31)**

*Driver Interface Research: Describing Driving Performance*

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**Ciley Stokes (Session I-43)**

*Studio Joy: The Joyful Demolition of Oppressive Ideologies*

**Research Mentor:** Rebekah Modrak, Professor, Stamps School of Art & Design

**Michael Struk (Session II-4)**

*Humanity's Next Steps: The Moon and Mars*

**Research Mentor:** Vyta Pivo, Postdoc/Assistant Professor, Architecture

**Himari Tamura (Session I-5) with Athena Zhuang (Session II-11)**

*Mapping Institutional Cultures in Global High-Tech R&D Institutions*

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**Xuanru Tao (Session II-43)**

*Political Biases in Reasoning and Exposure to News Information*

**Research Mentor:** Clinton McKenna, Graduate Student, Psychology

**Satwika Tattari (Session II-5)**

*Developing and Implementing Procedures for the Characterization of Magnetometers*

**Research Mentor:** Mark Moldwin, Professor, Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering

**Marie Taylor (Session II-16)**

*Improvements in Processing High Entropy Oxides as Lithium-ion Battery Anodes*

**Research Mentor:** Richard Laine, Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

**Thomas Vander Molen (Session I-21)**

*Innovation in the satellite industry*

**Research Mentor:** Yue Zhou, Associate Professor, Strategy

**Pranav Vaya (Session I-49)**

*Use of a Backchannel in Large Lecture Courses*

**Research Mentor:** Perry Samson, Professor, Climate & Space Sciences & Engineering

**Rohan Vyas (Session II-49)** with Madison Boyd (Session I-40)

*Michigan Sport Tourism Strategy Project - Inventory Phase*

**Research Mentor:** Judith Grant Long, Associate Professor of Sport Management and Urban Planning, Sport Management

**Eliot Wall (Session I-50)**

*Urban Development: An Unexplored Dimension of State Power*

**Research Mentor:** Martin Macias Medellin, PhD student, Political Science

**Jasmine Wisniewski (Session I-33)**

*ESK981 Increases The Effectiveness Of MEK Inhibitors For Therapeutic Treatment Of PDAC*

**Research Mentor:** Caleb Cheng, MSTP Grad Student, Pathology

**Daniel Wong (Session I-11)**

*Developing machine learning methods to predict the severity score in patients with inflammatory bowel disease.*

**Research Mentor:** Flora Rajaei, Postdoctoral research fellow, DCMB

**Bo Wen Yang (Session I-6)**

*System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance (SOS)*

**Research Mentor:** Jason Goldstick, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

**Winnie Zeng (Session II-22)**

*The effect of oxidoreductases on proinsulin secretion*

**Research Mentor:** Leena Haataja, Associate Research Scientist, internal medicine

**Athena Zhuang (Session II-11)** with Himari Tamura (Session I-5)

*Mapping Institutional Cultures in Global High-Tech R&D Institutions*

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**Mark Ziebell (Session II-44)**

*Validating a Method for Rapid Handling and Measuring of Museum Specimens*

**Research Mentor:** Brian Weeks, Assistant Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability

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