



# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH WRITING CONFERENCE

A conference where students present exceptional  
research projects completed in Writing Program  
courses at Rutgers University.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 | 10 AM - 5 PM  
LIVINGSTON CAMPUS CENTER

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March 27th, 2018

## **Session One 10:20 - 11:40 a.m.**

### **LSC 201A**

**Shaheer Rizwan** - "Cultural Influences of Disease"

**Jodie Chiou** - "Prescribing Female Prejudice: Gender Biased Healthcare in the United States"

**Lucia Bellino** - "Reducing Eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay with *Zostera Marina* as a Natural Biofilter"

**Venkatesh Deshpande** - "Using Nanoparticles to Protect Astronauts from Eye Damage"

### **LSC 201B**

**Marina Fortuna** - "One Fake Leap for Mankind: A Look into the Moon Landing Conspiracy"

**Naomi Harahap** - "Prevalence of Rape Myths in Police Officers"

**Lily Boyce** - "The Love Affair of Trump and Putin: How the World is Changing in 140 Characters or Less"

**Arun Sangam** - "Capitol Hill, Capitalism, and a Latent U.S. Political Narrative"

### **LSC 202AB**

**Marlena Kral** - "From Object to Subject: A Feminist Perspective on Teen Sexting and Female Youth Empowerment"

**Anna Gleicher** - "KFC Takeover: A New Imperialism on the Rise of KFC in Ghana"

**Amanpreet Kaur** - "The Mythology of Trees and the Psychology of Today"

**Bartosz Bagniewski** - "The Ethics of the Ubiquitous Usage of High Fructose Corn Syrup"

## LSC 202C

**Natalia Moran** - "Social Injustice Against African American Males in the Criminal Justice System"

**Matthew VanDusen-Gross** - "Misinformation in the Transgenic Crop Debate"

**Catherine Yang** - "Political Empowerment in Hip Hop: How Hip Hop Unites Community and Reaches Beyond"

**Jessica Graham** - "Civic Engagement Through Education"

## LSC Gathering Lounge

**Remzi Tonuzi** - "Reducing Negative Effects of Sitting on Rutgers University Students"

**Michael Samsel** - "Addressing and Resolving New Brunswick's Littering Problem"

**Gianna Schwarz** - "Minimizing Social Isolation Among the Growing Elderly Population Through Computer and Smart Device Training"

**Sheri Elsaker** - "Identification, Treatment, and Awareness of Sleep Deprivation at Rutgers University"

## LSC Coffee House

**Arden Benner** - "Vaccines: Legislation, Accusation, and Education"

**Olivia Randolph** - "Nonmedical Prescription Stimulant Use, Motivation, and GPA"

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**Jessica Maruca** - "A Manageable Solution to the Increased Cost of Specialty Pharmaceuticals: Saving Lives at a Reasonable Price"

**Kirsten Jeansson** - "Veterinary Medicine: A Contradiction of Expectation and Action"

**Poster Fair 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. | LSC Collaborative Learning Center**

**Lunch and Awards Ceremony 12 – 1:20 p.m.**

## **Session Two 1:40 - 3 p.m.**

**LSC 201A**

**Berton Wang** - "Machine Learning is Classy, But Not in the Good Way"

**Rishika Padnani** - "Breaking Down Society's New 'It Girl' : Why Being a Woman in STEM is Completely Normal"

**Morteza Mesgari Hagh** - "#Protest: Social Media as a New Weapon in Modern Activism"

**Chloe Holt-Reiss** - "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby: Sex Education and Abstinence in the United States"

**LSC 201B**

**Kajal Patel** - "The Unhealthy Living in a Healthy World: Unveiling Invisible Illness"

**Laura Wiltsee** - "Fighting Urban Familial Homelessness with Innovation"

**Jahnvi Yetukuri** - "The Affordable Care Act: Is it Really Affordable?"

**Natasha Almanzar-Sanchez** - "Civil Disobedience and the First Amendment: The Subjective Constitutional Validity"

## LSC 202AB

**Komalpreet Saggu** - "Personal Bias Has No Place in Science"

**Neha Pithani** - "Artistic Expression in Cuba"

**Kevin Stasiewski** - "The U.S. Military's Hypermasculine Culture and Its Sexual Victimization of Gay Men"

**Jeremy Banks** - "Net Neutrality Giveth, the FCC Taketh Away: The True Power of ISPs and CPs Unraveled"

## LSC 202C

**Naureen Hameed** - "Increasing Awareness of Vaccine-Preventable Measles in Minnesota's Somali-American Community to Decrease Numbers of Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions"

**Divya Penumaka** - "Rutgers College to Career Transition Program"

**Ivan Maiorov** - "Restoration of the Barbuda Archaeological Field Center"

## LSC Gathering Lounge

**Kelly Winch** - "Increasing Access: A Proposal to Create Mobile Showers for New Brunswick"

**Holly Chok** - "Rutgers - New Brunswick Eating Disorder Program Proposal"

**Sonia Begum** - "RU Sustainable: Food Waste"

**Dhruvil Patel** - "Women in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: An Aloof Attempt"

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## **Session Three 3:20 - 4:40 p.m.**

### **LSC 201B**

**Taseen Alam** - "Genetics of Disability: An Identity Or An Error?"

**Jonathan Ash** - "The Problems with Funding in Scientific Research: What Are They and How Can We Solve Them?"

**Shivani Vyas** - "Advertisers Can Expose Your Entire Life"

**Ivana Nikodijevic** - "Resilience and the Early Onset of Child Maltreatment"

### **LSC 202AB**

**Alexis Dewland** - "Fear Factors: Surveillance Culture and the Birth of a Millennial Legend"

**Jessica Zhu** - "A Dependable or Dangerous Technology: How DDT is Changing the Focus of the Malaria Eradication Effort"

**Kristine Claire Dela Cruz** - "'Bitch Better Have My Shade': The Lack of Racial Representation within the American Beauty Industry"

**Swetcha Ananthu** - "Disregarded Mental Health in Asian American Students"

### **LSC 202C**

**James Seymour** - "Urban Organic Waste Management: Analysis of the New York City Composting Program"

**Sophia Moccio** - "Feminism and Stages of Societal Development"

**Jamie Wojdyla** - "Raising Awareness, Preventing, and Reducing Food Waste at Rutgers University"

**Annaliese Cuneo** - “Can We Use Plastic-Eating Bacteria to Solve Our Plastic Pollution Problem?”

**LSC Gathering Lounge**

**Johanna Malmstrom** - “Increasing College Education among Students from Low-Income Families”

**Akshada Chordiya** - “Monitoring and controlling Parkinson’s Disease through a tremor detecting mobile application”

**Emre Saritepe** - “Assessing the Prevalence of Depression and Efficacy of Existing Counseling at Rutgers University-New Brunswick”

**Sanya Bansal** - “Don’t Blame Her When It’s His Fault”

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Sessions are 10:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m., and 3:20 p.m.

The Poster Fair begins at 11:30 a.m.

The Awards Lunch begins at 12 p.m.

Admission to all presentations is free and open  
to the public.

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