



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
WRITING CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

10 AM - 5 PM

LIVINGSTON CAMPUS CENTER

Undergraduate Research Writing Conference

April 5th, 2017

Session 1: 10:20 - 11:40 a.m.

LSC 201A

Edwin Goodwin - "Identifying and Solving Firefighter Stress"

Purva Khanapure - "The Biology Behind Beauty"

Rebecca Pytell - "More Than a Diet: The Struggles of Celiac Disease"

Kevin Sroczyński - "Conspiracy Theory in Entertainment: The Manchurian Candidate and The X-Files"

LSC 201B

Eunjuang Yang - "Born From Media: Identity of the Asian-American Child"

Sean Kearns - "The Digital Maestro: Redefining Creativity in the Age of Artificially Composed Music"


Jake Tennenbaum - "Using Creative Art Therapy to Strengthen Rutgers University's Community of Health"

Emilia Dabek - "Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs for Early Detection of Drug Abuse: A Better Prognosis and Higher Survival Rate"

LSC 202AB

Diana de Sousa - "Building the HOME in Homeless"

Jiazhen Li - "Using Checkpoint Inhibition to Treat Patients with Glioblastoma at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital"



Steven Stephansen - “Implementing Renewable Energy Technologies at The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority: A Solution to High Energy Consumption”

Justin Kovacevich - “Optimizing Franklin Township Food Bank”

LSC 202C

Emma Brush - “Implementation of a Chronic Migraine Headache Support Group for the Rutgers-New Brunswick and Surrounding Communities”

Preethi Murthy - “Encouraging Education on Personal Finances for Rutgers Students”

Danielle Merichko - “Splits, Paces, and Miles: How Implementing a Running Program Will Benefit At-Risk Youth in New Brunswick”

Brittany Liebes - “Recruiting for Students Interested in Teaching STEM Subjects”

LSC Gathering Lounge

Amanda Lee - “The Racial and Socioeconomic Cancer Disparity”

Amy Hu - “The Role of Pharmacogenomics in Racialized Medicine”

Sarah Pomeranz - “The American Prison System’s Impact on Female Prisoners’ Sexual Identity”

Anjanette Vaidya - “A Treatise for My Mamas: On Young Mothers, Higher Education, and the Myth of Lost Opportunity”

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

Livingston Hall

Session 2: 1:40 - 3:00 p.m.

LSC 201A

Karina Pedetti - “The Funny Thing About Depression: Using Humor to Cope”

Yasmen Baidoun - “Gender-Based Pricing: A Modern Form of Discrimination”

Ari J. Gutman - “CMC and Terrorism: An International Existential Threat”

Xinran Shi - “Attitudes Toward Homosexuality in China”

LSC 201B

David Mikorski - “Carbon Dioxide Nano-Monitor - An Innovative Step Towards a Clean Environment”


Chelsie Scarafile - “Street Tree Damage to Urban Infrastructure”

Andrew Wallin - “Addressing Artificial Food Coloring in Kellogg’s Cereals: A Solution to Negative Impacts on Behavior in Children”

Ela Yalcin - “High-Stake Examination Stress Reduction”

LSC 202AB

Michael Biyad - “Creating A Monster: The Pharmaceutical Industry’s Role In Creating A Heroin Addict”



Katherine Von Schalscha - “Minority Stress, LGBTQ Students, and the Responsibility of Postsecondary Institution”

Brianna Hellrigel - “Eliminating the Stigma Surrounding Women in STEM fields”

Yoonsun Choi - “Language in Systemic Racism”

LSC 202C

Angela Calasso - “Creating an Environmentally-Friendly Cooking Oil Disposal Method”

Anurag Modak - “Potential for Future Socioeconomic Mobility for College-Age Individuals in the United States”

Rosemary Tucker - “Restoring Native Bee Habitat in Agricultural Settings for Increased Biodiversity and Pollination Services”

Deeplovleen Akal - “Decreasing Interpersonal Violence at Rutgers University: A Prevention Program”

LSC Gathering Lounge

Sarah Fichot - “A Woman’s Worth: How Society Contributes to the Choice for Prophylactic Mastectomy”

Joon Lee - “The Patriot Act: Forsaking Liberty for National Security”

Tom Kusoffsky - “Complacency in Academia”

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Jessica Malat - "Dear 'Sex Ed', Don't Forget the Good Stuff: An Analysis of Sexual Education, Pleasure, and Comprehensive Programs"

Session 3: 3:20 - 4:40 p.m.

LSC 201A

Jaime Castillo-Flores - "Resurrection of the Good Death"

Joon Lee - "An Evolving Relationship in Hip-Hop Activism"

Matthew Loder - "The Power of 'Normal'"

Ahua Traore - "Consciousness"

LSC 201B

Jessica Baaklini - "Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing in the US: Ethical Issues and the Need for Regulation"


Courtney Beard - "Discrimination against the Transgender Population and Recommendations for a Trans-inclusive Environment in the U.S. Military"

Ylana Lopez - "Competitive Eating: The Gorging Truth"

Julia Wasilewski - "An Anomaly: The Black Swan"

LSC 202AB

Alexia Ciarfella - "Garden-Based Nutrition Educational Program for Pre-Adolescents in Camden, NJ"



Ashley Fath - “Exercise as a Therapeutic Modality in New Hope Rehabilitation Facility”

Joshua Nessonson - “Managing Impacts of Invasive Lionfish in the Western Atlantic Ocean”

Olivia Schiffer - “The Green Box Project: Starbuck’s Revised Cup Initiative”

LSC 202C

Samantha Schwab - “Implementing New Technology for Nutritional Information: A Solution for Students with Dietary Intolerances”

Joseph Newmark - “Living Safely With LiveSafe at Rutgers: A New Way to Combat Sexual Assault on Rutgers Campus”

Gabriella Conmy - “Proposal for a Comprehensive Injury Prevention Initiative”

Tanya Banerjee - “Introducing a New Mental Health App”

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A conference where students present exceptional projects completed in research writing courses at Rutgers University. Sessions are 10:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m., and 3:20 p.m.

The Awards Lunch begins at 12 p.m.

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

The URWC is sponsored by the Department of English, the Writing Program, Rutgers University Libraries, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, the Rutgers Business School, and the School of Engineering.

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