# The Graduate and Professional Student Senate at Virginia Tech

presents

# The 40<sup>th</sup> Graduate Research Symposium Horizons of Tomorrow: Innovation, Diversity, Collaboration, and Advancement



Wednesday March 27, 2024

8am – 7pm

Graduate Life Center

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia

#### Schedule at a Glance

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Morning Registration, Breakfast Pastries

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Oral Session 1 (Symposium & Flash Talk)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Poster Session 1

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Oral Session 2 (Symposium & Flash Talk)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Afternoon Registration, Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: *Poster Session 2* 

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Oral Session 3 (Symposium & Flash Talk)

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Oral Session 4 (Symposium)

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Networking/Social/Break

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: *Dinner* 

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Keynote

7:00 PM – 7:15 PM: Awards & Closing

#### We Welcome Our 2024 Keynote Speaker!

Dr. Lee Vinsel

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## Horizons of Tomorrow: Innovation, Diversity, Collaboration, and Advancement

There seems to broad agreement in universities today that higher education should play various roles in fostering a better future and that it should do so in ways that are inclusive, diverse, and interdisciplinary. The question is, how? In this talk, I will begin by exploring an option that we should not pursue, even though some quarters are calling for it - academics producing richly-imagined "futures." I will argue that such calls do not recognize human cognitive limits and that richly-imagined "futures" can even harmfully lead us astray in decision- and policy-making contexts. Instead, I will propose that universities can contribute the most to improved tomorrows by increasing understanding of technical and social worlds—the core mission of all higher learning—and by focusing on policy tools and laws that embrace uncertainty and the potential for unforeseeable surprises.

6pm - 7pm, GLC Multipurpose Room

## Symposium Session 1 9am-10am

#### Room A

Saif Tarek Abdelrasol

GEN Z IS CHANGING THE GAME: YOUTH TURNOUT IN THE 2022 U.S. MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Dhritiman Barman (Graduate Student in Science, Technology, and Society)

CONTENTIOUS STRATEGIC ACTION FIELD: THE SHAPING AND RESHAPING OF THE LEGAL CANNABIS MARKET IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Nabin Bhatta (Graduate Student in...)

NOT WEIRD ENOUGH: HIGHER-ORDER INTERFERENCE IN GENERALIZATIONS OF QUANTUM MECHANICS

#### Room B

Nandini Das

IMPACTS OF FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING ON REFUGEE YOUTH OUTCOMES: EVIDENCE FROM UGANDA

Dylan C. Easley

TREATMENT DURATION AND LOAD MAGNITUDE DIFFERENTIALLY AFFECT BIOMECHANICAL PROPERTIES IN A PRECLINICAL MODEL OF ACHILLES TENDINOPATHY

Earl Gilbert

T-DOPE: USING A NOVEL DEVICE TO STUDY CANNABINOID SIGNALING IN THE HIPPOCAMPUS

#### Room C

Upali Bhattcharya

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION IN INDIA: INEQUITABLE ACCESS AND OUTCOMES

Doyee Byun

ACTIVE GALAXIES AND OUTFLOWING GASES: ANALYSIS OF THE QUASAR B0254-3327B

Promit K. Chaudhuri

GAMES UNDER NETWORK UNCERTAINTY

## Flash Talk Session 1 9am-10am

#### Room D

Kamala Al Amri

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Camille Block

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL RDL INSECTICIDE RESISTANCE MUTATIONS ACROSS TEMPORAL SCALES IN THE COMMON BED BUG, CIMEX LECTULARIUS

Neeti Gandhi

INVESTIGATING MATURATION OF HEPATOCYTE-LIKE CELLS IN A 3D LIVER ORGANOID BY INTERCELLULAR SIGNALING

Jonathan Gendron

HOW TO MODEL A META ANALYSIS WITH MINIMAL ASSUMPTIONS

James May

CHARACTERIZING THE GLIOBLASTOMA "ABLATOSOME" AFTER TREATMENT WITH HFIRE

Elham Nasarian

DESIGNING ROBUST INTERPRETABLE ML SYSTEM TO ENHANCE TRUSTWORTHY AI IN HEALTHCARE

Isabel Valdivia

ASSOCIATIONS AMONG THE HOME MATH ENVIRONMENT, HOME EXECUTIVE FUNCTION ENVIRONMENT, AND YOUNG CHILDREN'S MATH AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS

# Poster Session 1 Multipurpose Room 10am-11am

Abdallah Abdelsattar

REPURPOSING VALNEMULIN FOR COMBATING MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE

Ahmed Abouelkhair

REVEALING IONOMYCIN AS A POTENT ANTICLOSTRIDIAL AGENT WITH DISTINCT MECHANISM OF ACTION

Prashasti Agarwal

PLANT FUNCTIONAL TRAITS DRIVE SOIL MICROBIAL DIVERSITY

Rashed Alarrak

MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF EXTRUDED FUNCTIONALLY GRADED FIBER-REINFORCED MORTAR WITH TARGETED FIBER INJECTION

Hoda Alemrajabi

INTEGRATING NATURE INTO NORMS: EVALUATING BIOPHILIC DESIGN ATTRIBUTES IN BUILDING RATING SYSTEMS

Mariama Alidu

EFFECT OF DISPERSION ON RHEOLOGY AND 3D PRINTING OF CHITOSAN-GRAPHENE-TITANIUM DIOXIDE COMPOSITES

Nour Alkashef

PIMVANSERINE, A PROMISING ADJUVANT TO FLUCONAZOLE MONOTHERAPY AGAINST CRYPTOCOCCOSIS

Mubarak Alrumaidhi

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PARAMETRIC AND NON-PARAMETRIC DATA-DRIVEN MODELS TO PREDICT ROAD CRASH SEVERITY AMONG ELDERLY DRIVERS USING SYNTHETIC RESAMPLING TECHNIQUES

Zeynep Ambarkutuk

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF MOTIVATIONAL CLIMATE AND THEIR MOTIVATION IN AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE: A MUSIC MODEL PERSPECTIVE

Nazia Bano

INTEGRIN EXPRESSION SWITCHING DURING OVARIAN CANCER PROGRESSION Olaitan Bobade

ACUTE IMPACT OF NON-NUTRITIVE SWEETENERS (SUCRALOSE AND ASPARTAME)
ON GLYCEMIA

Jordan Boone

NON-NUTRITIVE SWEETENER CONSUMPTION AND GLYCEMIC CONTROL IN MIDDLE-AGED AND OLDER ADULTS WITH PREDIABETES: BACKGROUND, DESIGN, AND METHODS OF A CONTROLLED FEEDING TRIAL

Olyvia S. Brown-Coles

CHALLENGES ON TWO FRONTS: ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE HOUSING

Thomas Byrne

A FRAMEWORK FOR MODELING MICROBIAL ECOLOGICAL ALTERATIONS OF THE RESISTOME IN THE SEWERSHED

Rose Campbell

ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A NOVEL MARINE LIPOPEPTIDE

Vanessa Paola Diaz Benitez

NEGATIVE AFFECTIVITY PREDICTS WORSE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS IN ADOLESCENCE: EXPLORING THE MEDIATING ROLE OF EMOTION REGULATION

Yehia Elgammal

EVALUATION OF THE COMBINATIONAL THERAPY OF ATAZANAVIR AND SAQUINAVIR WITH AZOLE ANTIFUNGALS AGAINST CANDIDA AURIS

Parisa Farzeen

Brittany Heath

ATOMISTIC INSIGHTS INTO THE SOLUBILITY OF A-GLUCANS IN WATER

CHARACTERIZATION OF STING'S ROLE IN VENEZUELAN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS (VEEV) INFECTION

Lauren Helber

POTENTIAL FOR A NEW SUPPLEMENTAL DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY TO IDENTIFY HORSES WITH EQUINE PROTOZOAL MYELOENCEPHALITIS (EPM)

Md Sifat Hossain

ENHANCING FE-MO INTERACTIONS USING FE2(MOO4)3/HZSM-5 CATALYSTS IN NON-OXIDATIVE METHANE DEHYDROAROMATIZATION

Aubrey Johnson

DESIGNING LIQUID METAL MICROSTRUCTURES THROUGH DIRECT INK WRITING Tom Kasputis

ON-SITE FLUORESCENT DETECTION OF SEPSIS-INDUCING BACTERIA USING A GRAPHENE-OXIDE CRISPR-CAS12A (GO-CRISPR) SYSTEM

Ishveen Kaur

TRANSCRIPTOME-BASED IDENTIFICATION AND FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERIZATION OF GERANIOL SYNTHASE INVOLVED IN MONOTROPEIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN BLUEBERRY

#### Elisabeth Kitchin

PIXELS TO PATHOGENS: UTILIZING MACHINE LEARNING FOR TURFGRASS DISEASE DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION

#### Merly Konathapally

EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS TO ESTABLISH LINKAGE-TO-CARE AMONG PATIENTS WITH HCV INFECTION

#### Lois Kyei

DISCOVERY OF BIOFILM INHIBITORS FROM MARINE EGG MASS MICROBIOTA

Kacy Lawrence

A MULTILEVEL ANALYSIS TO EXAMINE INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AMONG DOCTORAL GRADUATES AND ITS EFFECT ON CAREER OUTCOME

#### Mingsi Liao

DIETARY CRUDE PROTEIN IS INDEPENDENT OF RUMEN MICROBIAL COMMUNITY ECOLOGY IN LACTATING DAIRY COWS

#### Rebecca Mammel

NOX4 DRIVES EXERCISE-INDUCED MITOPHAGY

#### Tyler Parker-Rollins

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY IN UNIVERSITY CLASSES: FACTORS DETERMINING PERCEPTIONS OF PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

#### Kaitlyn C. Rasnick

PREDICTORS OF MATERNAL NEGATIVE SELF-EXPRESSIVENESS IN THE FAMILY CONTEXT

#### Symposium Session 2 11am-12pm

#### Room A

Ying-Xian Goh

A NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE GENES IN SOIL-DWELLING LISTERIA

Lindsay Johnson

WHERE'S THE BEE? CALIBRATING AND VALIDATING A NEW METHOD OF ESTIMATING HONEY BEE FORAGING FLIGHT DISTANCES

Sydney Johnson

MECHANISM OF NITRO-FORMATION BY A FLAVIN-DEPENDENT N-HYDROXYLASE: CreE

#### Room B

Yulun Li

FANTASTIC PARTICLES AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Alexandra Longest

AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION OF VIRUSES: IMPACT OF GAS COMPOSITION AND HUMIDITY

Esther Oyedele

ASSESSING COLORADO RIVER BASIN GROUNDWATER STORAGE CHANGES DURING RECENT DROUGHT: IMPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT

#### Room C

Kaylee Diana Petraccione

RIFT VALLEY FEVER VIRUS NSS PROTEIN INTERACTS WITH LC3 FAMILY MEMBERS TO INHIBIT AUTOPHAGY

Leonard-Allen Quaye

EXPLORING THE DYNAMICS OF FOOD COMMODITY PRICES AND WEATHER ANOMALIES USING A STAR MODEL

Emma Rice

UNDERSTANDING THE DIVERSE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF ACCESSING THE DETROIT RIVER: A FOOD SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE FROM SHORE-BASED FISHERS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

#### Flash Talk Session 2 11am-12pm

#### Room D

Evangelos Piliouras

THE ART OF QUANTUM CONTROL

Rahmatullah Roche

E(3)-EQUIVARIANT GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS FOR PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION SITE PREDICTION

Elizabeth Sicking

UNCERTAIN WATERS AHEAD: UNDERSTANDING INVERTEBRATE COMMUNITY PATTERNS IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED WETLANDS

Kelley Sinning

HEALTHY HEADWATERS: USING SECONDARY PRODUCTION TO EVALUATE MACROINVERTEBRATE COMMUNITY COMPOSITION SHIFTS IN THE CENTRAL APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS

William Taylor Jr.

ENGAGING SECONDARY TEACHERS IN CALS RESEARCH FOR AGRICULTURAL LITERACY

Shadi Ariyanfar

CO-LOCALIZATION PATTERN OF SNHG14 LONG NONCODING RNA AND NHLH2 MRNA IN THE HYPOTHALAMUS COINCIDES WITH OBESITY AND ENDOCRINE IMPAIRMENT PHENOTYPES IN PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME

#### Poster Session 2 Multipurpose Room

#### 1pm-2pm

Mia Riddley

DISENTANGLING ECOLOGICAL DRIVERS CONTROLLING DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF THE SOIL MICROBIOME

Juan R. Romero Cubas

RADIANT HEAT, HOT WATER, AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS CONTROL ANNUAL BLUEGRASS IN DORMANT TURF

Erica Shafer (Graduate Student in Psychology)

HOW DOES CONTEXT VARIABILITY INTERACT WITH ENCODING-RETRIEVAL MATCH?

Brice Stolz

DISCOVERY OF POTENT ANTICLOSTRIDIAL COMPOUNDS THROUGH SCREENING AN ANTIVIRAL LIBRARY

Morgen VanderGiessen

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUSES (EEV), TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES (TBI), AND ORGANOPHOSPHORUS NERVE AGENTS (OPNA) AS A PATH TO NEUROPROTECTIVE THERAPEUTICS

Chevenne A. Williams

PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN MIDDLE CHILDHOOD: CEILING EFFECTS OF MATERNAL INTERACTION

Saadia Ali

CREATE INNOVATE COLLABORATE/ EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH OPEN TEXTBOOK COLLABORATION/ CONTENT AREA LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Evan Alvarez

NATURALISTIC OBSERVATIONS OF INTERPERSONAL GRATITUDE: RELATIVE IMPACT OF MODELING VS. DIFFUSION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Karina Daniel

PRACTICAL INTERVENTIONS TO DECREASE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS; BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS AT TWO LARGE GROCERY STORES

Maximo de Leon

EXAMINING THE U.S. TREASURY VOLATILITY DYNAMICS: A DCC-MIDAS APPROACH

Rana Estaleen

SLEuthing THE MICROBIOME: CX3CR1 AND GUT MICROBIOTA MODULATIONS IN SLE

Rafaela Flor

CHARACTERIZATION OF RIFT VALLEY FEVER VIRUS L POLYMERASE INTERACTION WITH PROTEIN PHOSPHATASE-1 ALPHA

Timothy Franck

PHYSICS INFORMED MACHINE LEARNING FOR TRIGA REACTOR CONTROL

Cole Friedman

MEASURING FIDELITY OF A MOLTEN SALT FISSION MATRIX NEUTRONICS CODE THROUGH A COMPARISON WITH SERPENT

Fatemeh Ghafouri

OPTIMAL ATOMIC RADII FOR PROTEIN-LIGAND BINDING CALCULATIONS IN THE IMPLICIT SOLVENT

Inga Haugen

HOW MIGHT A BUREAUCRATIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (BIS) PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR AN ORGANIZATION?

Daisy Hernandez-Ramos

SENDING LOVE: EFFECTS OF WRITING A POSITIVE MESSAGE ON SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING

Ohnyoung Hur

DESIGNING LIQUID METAL MICROSTRUCTURES THROUGH DIRECT INK WRITING John Joyce

RAPID AND REVERSIBLE MORPHING TO ENABLE MULTIFUNCTIONALITY IN ROBOTS

Antarjot Kaur

UNDERSTANDING LATINA COMPUTING IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT AT A HISPANIC-SERVING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Babatomiwa Kikiowo

NITROXOLINE'S IMPACT ON COMBATING NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE INFECTIONS

Yeunhee Kim

VERSATILE RIGID-SOFT GRIPPER WITH ACTIVE MEMBRANE SWITCHABLE ADHEISVES

Chanhong Lee

METAMATERIAL ADHESIVES FOR PROGRAMMABLE ADHESION THROUGH REVERSE CRACK PROPAGATION

Hilary Montano

DISSECTING THE ROLE OF NF-KB INDUCING KINASE AS A POSSIBLE THERAPEUTIC TARGET FOR SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Isabel Motil

PERCEIVING EMOTIONS UNDER STRESS AND GRATITUDE CONDITIONS: IMPACT OF GRATITUDE ON PERCEIVING POSITIVITY

Mahima Prajapati

AEROELASTIC FLUTTER ANALYSIS WITH MULTIPLE MASSES ON THE WING: UNRAVELING DYNAMIC INTERACTIONS

Ivan Savelyve (Undergraduate Student in)

PERSONAL IDENTITY INFLUENCE ON THE PERCEPTION OF MISOGYNY IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Anastasia Semenova (Undergraduate Student in)

A STUDENT-TO-TEACHER "THANK YOU": EFFECTS OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE ON SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING

Nadyezhda Taylor

FLOURISHING AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: INVESTIGATING SELIGMAN'S PERMA MODEL IN RELATIONSHIP TO ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Adam Tyler

ANALYZING THE COMPLEXITY OF BAT FLIGHT TO INSPIRE THE DESIGN OF FLAPPING ROBOTS

Amanda Wei

INCREASING BINDER JETTING PART DENSITY AND STRENGTH THROUGH INFILL TOOLPATH DESIGN

Kylie Wijeratne

OVER RESPONSIVITY TO MOVEMENT AND VISUAL/AUDITORY STIMULI AT 3 AND HOW IT ASSOCIATES WITH FEAR AT AGES 2,3, AND 4: A CORRELATION STUDY

Adam Hinson

CONTROLLING SOFT ROBOTIC BAT PINNA WITH DEEP REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

# Symposium Session 3 2pm-3pm

#### Room A

Julia Shapiro

COMMUNICATING IN NETWORKS WITH ADVERSARIES

Alyssa Rosenbaum

SURVIVAL OF GENERIC ESCHERICHIA COLI ON PLASTIC MULCH HELD IN DIFFERENT GROWING ENVIRONMENTS

Julia Unger

TO KNOW OTHERS IS TO LOVE THEM: COALITION-BUILDING AND CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP IN "DEAR FEMINIST MORMON HOUSEWIFE"

#### Room B

Ravi Yadav

TIMELINE OF HEPATIC STEATOSIS AND METABOLIC ADAPTATIONS IN NEONATAL PIGS FED FORMULAS RICH IN MEDIUM-CHAIN FATTY ACIDS

Tianming Zhao

UNPACKING THE UNCANNY 'INTERLOPER' OF NARRATIVE PERSPECTIVE IN SHIXUE

Muhummad Awfa Islam

EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF HUMANITARIAN CRISIS ON HOST COMMUNITIES: A CASE STUDY ON THE SELECTED HOST COMMUNITIES IN COX'S BAZAAR, BANGLADESH

#### Room C

Deepak Kumar

ASSESSING TYPHOON IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY: AN ANALYSIS OF NEW NIGHT-LIGHT AND HOUSEHOLD-LEVEL ELECTRICITY DATA

Abdullahi Jamiu

LEVERAGING VIRUS-HOST INTERACTIONS TO DEVELOP NOVEL INHIBITORS AGAINST VENEZUELAN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS

Bala Priya Shanmugam

A PERIDYNAMIC APPROACH TO MICROMETEOROID DAMAGE DETECTION IN LUNAR STRUCTURES

# Flash Talk Session 3 2pm-3pm

#### Room D

Gayoung Ban

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF NON-DRIVING TASKS ON DRIVER RESPONSES TO CYBER-ATTACKS IN CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Ahmed Elashwah

A NOVEL GRANULAR COMPOSITE WITH ADJUSTABLE STIFFNESS UTILIZING PNEUMATICS

Harrison Miles

A REVIEW OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL FOR THE INVASIVE TREE-OF-HEAVEN, AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA

Nicole Stark

SURFACE FRICTION IMPLICATIONS FOR SNOWSPORT HELMETS

Ella Williams

LIQUID METAL-ELASTOMER COMPOSITES FOR WATER-RESILIENT SOFT ELECTRONICS

#### Symposium Session 4 3pm-4pm

#### Room A

**Delshad Shroff** 

EXAMINATION OF EMOTION SOCIALIZATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: INDIAN VS. U.S. WHITE FAMILIES

Qian Wang

SUPRAMOLECULAR METAL HALIDE COMPLEXES FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE NONLINEAR OPTICAL SWITCHES

Brittan Wilcox

ADHESION OF LIQUID METAL COMPOSITES FOR NEXT-GENERATION SOFT ELECTRONICS