November 1 - 2, 2019
University of North Georgia—Gainesville Campus

Keynote:

**Dr. Alicia Cunningham-Bryant**
Egyptologist, Museum Curator, & Kim T. Adamson Endowed Professor in the Honors College at Westminster College

11:30-1:00
Hugh Mills Educational Complex

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# Schedule at a Glance

## Friday, November 1, 2019

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2019 Georgia Undergraduate Research Collective Officers:
President, Anastasia Lin, University of North Georgia
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Panel Session 1: 8:00-9:00 AM

**Concepts in Machine Learning** | NESBITT 2201 | Moderator: Gabriela Reyes

*Machine Learning For Designing Stretchable Carbon Nanostructures*

*Helena Hepler, James Clarkston,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Machine Learning Integration into Police Surveillance Footage for Crime Detection*

*Yash Vagal,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Luis Cueva Parra, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

*Deep Learning Image Classification for Disaster Relief*

*James Gaither & Rami Haddad,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rami Haddad, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

**Math & Mechanics** | NESBITT 2203 | Moderator: Javier Reynoso

*Senior Design 1 Product Proposal*

*Chase Newberry & John Redwine,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Automated Portable Bandsaw*

*Josh Redmond, PT Ketchem, Jonathan Lybrand, Aaron McClellan,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*The minimal generating set of the presentation ideal of Backelin semigroup ring*

*Arun Suresh,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Florian Enescu, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Teenage Wasteland: Adolescence, Academics, and Mental Health** | NESBITT 2204 | Moderator: Thomas Hayes

*Parenting levels and Adolescent self-esteem*

*Brittany Davis,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diane Byrd, FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

*Academic Performance and Bullying*

*Esther Akinola,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diane Byrd, FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

**Next Generation Software** | NESBITT 2211 | Moderator: Ruth Moreno

*On Software Development for Generating the Profile of the Cut for Tube Notching*

*Austin Marak, Kurt Jacobson, & Eric Nzuki,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Simin Nasseri, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Optimizing Generative Adversarial Network Architecture for Low-Resolution Image Enhancement*

*Maria Isabel Gonzalez Bocanegra & Justin Hall,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rami J. Haddad, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

*Carbon Nanostructures Through the Use of Three-Dimensional Laser-Lithography Printing*

*Alex Resnick & Biya Haile,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, Dr. Tien Yee, Dr. Andrew Hummel, and Dr. Eduardo B. Farfan, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

**It's A Small World, After All: Cells and Bacteria** | NESBITT 3201 | Moderator: Megan Grant

*Role of CD28 Signaling in Mice on Homeostatic Reconstitution on T Cells following Lymphodepletion*

*Nitish Sood, Mehul Mehrara, & Avav Mittal,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Bates, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

*Development of FRET Biosensors to Detect Kinase Activity in Living Cell*

*Jenny Okálová,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Neil Grimsey, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

*Identification and characterization of three novel strains of bacteria that can be used for bioremediation of cyclic alkane, cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and polyhydroxyalkanoates*

*Taylor Box,* Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mautusi Mitra, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

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Panel Session 1: 8:00-9:00 AM, continued

**Ideology and Identity | NESBITT 3212 | Moderator: Hannah Cole**

*Writing, Rewriting, and Rewiring: Ideologies and Palimpsests in Markus Zusak's The Book Thief*

**Hannah Bertzfield**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lee Anna Maynard, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

*Evolution of Native Identity in Future Home of the Living God*

**Cadi Martin**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Miriam Brown-Spiers, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Communicative Methods and the Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities*

**Leah Dudley**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Kretzschmar, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

**Negative Reactions: Inflammation, Acidity, and Desalination | NESBITT 3213 | Moderator: Robby McGuire**

*A Multi-Approach Investigation to Evaluate Compounds that Mitigate Neuroinflammation*

**Gabriella Hernandez-Tyler**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cindy Achat-Mendes, GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

*Survivability of Probiotics in Highly Acidic Environments*

**Bianca Goldman & Maria Diaz**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. April A. Kay, DALTON STATE COLLEGE

*Atomistic Simulation of Desalination*

**Ian Durr & Matheus Prates**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Panel Session 2: 9:10-10:10 AM

**Feminism, Realism, and Globalism and Voyeurism in Theater and Film | NESBITT 2201 | Moderator: Gabriela Reyes**

*The Feminist Impact on Realism and Theater Today*

**Leah Nixon**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. George J. Pate, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT

*Power, Agency, and the Magical Feminine: Representations of Morgana Le Fay in Medieval Literature*

**Makhalath Fahiyim**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Craig Callender, GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

*Salem Witch Trials: A Psychological Manifestation Stemming from Gender/Societal Inequality?*

**Holly Johnson**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Glen Kyle, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

**Emotions and Well-Being | NESBITT 2203 | Moderator: Javier Reynoso**

*The Role of Gender on Holistic Grief Effects Experienced by College Students*

**Christiana Olaleye**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mary Alice Varga, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

*Comorbidities of Endometriosis with Anxiety and Depressive Disorders in Women*

**Elena Mayfield**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jim Dillon, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

*Boosting Happiness Using Positive Psychology*

**Meghan Minter**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Traylor, GORDON STATE COLLEGE

**Engineering Movement | NESBITT 2204 | Moderator: Thomas Hayes**

*Design of a Monolithic Compliant Swimming Robot*

**Joshua Hooper & Andy Houghton**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ayse Tekes, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Muscle Behavior and Properties During Pushups in Human Arm Flexor Muscles*

**Trevor Asay & Eddy Pineda**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

*Designing New Composite Foot Supports for Bunions*

**Sammy Reed**, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Simin Nasseri, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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Media Effects on Global Cultures | NESBITT 2211 | Moderator: Ruth Moreno

African American Portrayal in Pop Culture & Media
Delicia James & Tamirah Mckenzie, Dr. Diane Byrd, FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The Hidden Impact of Colorism on African-American Society
Waminja Marekia-Cleaveland, Faculty Mentor: Prof. Courtney Ferriter, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Dylan J. Reber, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Karl Erben, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

Women and Art | NESBITT 3201 | Moderator: Jamsine Bouges

Fashion and Society - A look into the Power of Clothing and the Body
Edwin Hernandez, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stacy Keltner, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Woven From Nothing: Analysis of Fiber Sculpture of Mother Teaching Daughter to Weave and the Role of Weaving in Chancay Culture
Tori Teague, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura Wingfield, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Resilience: An Artistic Study on the Strength of Women
Kayla George, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Don Robson, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Standing on the Soil When the Tide is High | NESBITT 3212 | Moderator: Hannah Cole

Atlanta's Flood Risk: A Model Based on Growth and Climate Change
Kaitlen Martin, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amber Ignatius, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Soilmates: Identifying Plant and Soil Interactions
Chloe Cromer, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tim Ohlert, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

God, Rock, Rock Goddesses, and the Goddesses of R&B | NESBITT 3213 | Moderator: Robby McGuire

And Then There Was New Jill Swing
Deirdre Ferguson, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Little Girls and the Players They Break: Classic Rock and Gender
Kelley Pointer, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cenate Pruitt , UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

The Logic of Being: An Evaluation of Arguments for God's Existence
Joshua D. Vaughn, Faculty Mentor: Dr. George Wrisley, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

9:00 — 11:00 AM: Resume Drop In

Nesbitt 3202

Dr. Edward Lai, Associate Director of UNG Career Services

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POSTER SESSION 1
CLEVELAND BALLROOM - MARTHA T. NESBITT 3110 - 10:20—11:30 AM

1. Alu-Derived Orthologous Chromosome Classification for the Primate Order
   Mehul Mehra, Nitish Sood, & Anav Mitalal, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Bates,
   AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

2. ATAD3A as a novel mitochondrial oncogene in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma
   Caleb Jensen, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yong Teng, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

3. Inhibition of the Mitochondrial Calcium Uniporter Reduces Oxidative Phosphorylation in SGK1-Knockout VSMC Upon Diet Induced Obesity
   Bao Tran & Wei Zhong, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sharon Francis,
   GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE & MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

4. Transcription of RelA-SpoT protein genes during Rickettsia rickettsii infection
   Charles Barton, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marina Eremeeva, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

5. Monitoring storm resilience of Acropora palmata in Salt Pond Bay, St. John, USVI
   Gillian Gilbert-Wason, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rebekah Chapman, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

   Christina M. Walthers, Maddie J. Pattillo, Jessie A. Catchpole, Lauren E. Faulkner, & Lauren N. Mitchell,
   Faculty Mentor: Dr. Allison L. Martin, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

7. Cluster characterization and veto analysis of the FrequencyHough all-sky continuous gravitational wave search
   Cain Gantt, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Pia Astone, GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

8. The Relationship Between Optimism and Perceived Health in Generation-Z An Explanatory Investigation
   Natalie D. Woodward, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Daniel Czech, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

9. The Comparison of the efficiency of a static PV system vs a solar tracker system
   Evan Mullvain, Katrina Vaughn, Annabeth Helmly, Stephanie Christie Connor McCue,
   Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rocio Alba-Flores, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

10. Indirect Dopaminergic Fiber Modulation of Purkinje Cells through Bergmann Glial Cells in Rett Syndrome Mice
    Nirvignesh Vador, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Wei Li & Dr. Lucas Pozzo-Miller,
    UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM

11. Sequence Analysis of Alu Repeated Elements for Primate Phylogenetic Tree Construction
    Nitish Sood, Mehul Mehra, & Anav Mittal, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Bates,
    AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

12. Analysis of Microplastics on St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA
    Abigail Virginia Hodges, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Samuel Mutiti, GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

13. A Comparison of Two Automated Bat-Call Classifying Software Programs
    Sarah Roberson, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Bender, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

14. Boosting Happiness Using Positive Psychology
    Meghan Minter, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Traylor, GORDON STATE COLLEGE

15. Assessing the presence of Wolbachia in the mosquito populations of Northeast Georgia, USA
    Madison Embrick, Emma Rogers, & Mason Carlisle.
    Faculty Mentors: Dr. Evan Lampert & Dr. Davison T. Sangweme,
    UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

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16. **Spatial variation in male whitetail deer morphology across Georgia**  
   Charles Bish, Taylor Malasek, Julia McManus, Faculty Mentors: Dr. David Patterson and Dr. Jessica Patterson  
   UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

17. **Glia Characterization in BLOC-1 deficient mice**  
   Jhodi Webster, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Larimore, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

18. **Novel Genes Discovered in Normosmic Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism (NHH)**  
   Hannah N. Smith, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lynn Chorich & Dr. Lawerence Layman, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

19. **Enhancing the therapeutic efficacy of FTI tipifarnib in HRAS-mutant head and neck squamous cell carcinoma**  
   Da’Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Adrienne Cox & Dr. Sehrish Javaid,  
   CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

20. **A Role for Circadian Rhythms in Chlamydial Pathogenesis**  
    Vincentiu S. Olteanu, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yusuf Omosun, GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

21. **Assessing the Abundance of Microplastics on Sapelo Island**  
    Julia Parrott, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sam Mutiti, GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

22. **Benefits of Remnant Prairies Patches to Prairie Plant Restoration: The Effects of Land-Use History, Patch Size, and Proximity to Plant Success**  
    Adriana Caldwell, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Benjamin Sikes & Dr. Jim Bever, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

23. **Synergistic Activity of Antifungals and Essential Oils against Candida auris**  
    Kayla Graham, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Christopher Cornelison & Dr. Ryan Parker,  
    KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

24. **Quantification of ESBLs & Coliforms in a Creek in Hall County, Georgia, USA**  
    Makenzie Llewellyn & Tyler A. Henderson, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Margi Flood & Dr. Swapna Bhat,  
    UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

25. **Comparing Plant Diversity on Animal Associations**  
    Sean Eagan, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Evan Lampert & Dr. Tom Diggs, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

    Rachel Pesaresi, Rachel Tempia, Gabriel Pierce, & Jeremy Miller, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Margi Flood & Dr. William Tetjen, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

27. **Schadenfreude: The Impact of Another’s Misfortune on the Mood of College Students**  
    Erin Chalmers, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Brandt A. Smith, COLUMBES STATE UNIVERSITY

28. **Testing the Effectiveness of Mnemonic Strategies in Learning and Retaining New Information**  
    Kevin O’Donnell, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jo Qian, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

29. **Comparison of Laboratory Measures for Estimation of Body Fat Percentage Against Criterion Multi-Compartment Models**  
    Samantha Estep, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ronald Snarr, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

30. **Mental Health among College Students: How Confident Are You?**  
    Dylan Burke, Paige Simmons, & Chloe Mui, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Helen W. Bland,  
    GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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POSTER SESSION 1, continued
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31. The Relationship Between Adiponectin and Dietary Iron in Non-Diabetic Young Women
   Ayaa Saeed Woday & Calah Coleman, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Katherine H. Ingram,
   KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

32. Geospatial Analysis of Distance-Decay of Georgia State Lunatic, Idiot, and Epileptic Asylum Admission Rates
   Chris Pugel, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Clayton Teem & Dr. Phillip Guetry, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

33. Impact of External Pressures on Academic Performance: Mental Health Resiliency
   Mary-Gloria Iwunwa & Samanni Ejiogu, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Helen W. Bland,
   GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

34. Growing 2D Transition Metal Dichalcogenides
   Jarek Viera, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Saien Xie, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

35. Molecular detection of Mycoplasma gallisepticum in wild birds from North Georgia
   Magan Free, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Linda B. Purvis, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

36. The Effect of Chondroitin Sulfate Glycosaminoglycan Substrates on the Immunosuppressive Capacity of
   Mesenchymal Stem Cells
   Bianca Patel, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lohitash Karumbaiah, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

37. The Parental Involvement and K-12 Experiences of RISE students
   Madison Rodriguez & Josue Zavala, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lauren Johnson,
   UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

38. The Past is a Foreign Country They View Things Differently There: The Perception of “The Invisible Empire of The Ku
   Klux Klan” as a Benevolent Secret Society from 1915 to 1965
   Dillon Typhair, Faculty Mentor: Dr. McClelland-Nugent, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

39. Lateral Force Transfer in Post-Tensioned Slab to Shear Wall
   Chandler Cooper, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mohammad Jonaidi, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

40. Numerical evidence towards establishing a new relation satisfied by the coefficients of the Hilbert quasi-polynomial
    of a polynomial ring with general grading
   Jovany Louis, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Florian Enescu, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

41. Sex Differences in the Association between Prenatal Second-hand Smoke Exposure and Infant Development
   Jocelyn Stanfield, Anne Dunlop, Dana Barr, & Elizabeth Corwin, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Patricia Brennan,
   Emory University

42. The Role of Family Support prior to Incarceration
   Courtney Black, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Dawn Robinson, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT

43. Estimating carminic acid content in cochineals: a spectroscopy experiment based in the chemistry of art
   Ann B. Cormier, Emily Robison, & Tristan C. Parker, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Florian Enescu,
   GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

44. Introducing Biocatalysis in an Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory Using a Cyclopropanation Reaction
   Sarah Youngblood, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

45. The Relationship between Media and Public Opinion Regarding Cannabis as an Opioid Substitute
   Jordan Hendricks, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Maleah Holland, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

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46. America's Response to President Trump's Tweets
   Amanda Friend, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Soo Moon, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

47. Attractiveness of Individuals Based on Personality and Financial Status
   Lailah Muscat, Erin Buehring, Rosalind Austin, & Maggie Graham, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julie Delose,
   YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

48. The Relationship Between Optimism and BMI in Generation Z- An Exploratory Investigation
   Allison Tucker, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Daniel Czech, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

49. Optimization Redesign of Cargo Ship Hopper
   Carson Wiles, Rafael Escamilla, Max James Ryan, & Juan Bautista,
   Faculty Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

50. Parkinson’s Disease and Task Switching: Effects of Varying the Frequency of Deep Brain Stimulation in the
    Subthalamic Nucleus
   Ta-Tyonna Buck & Rachel Cole, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nandakumar Narayanan,
   GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

51. Lexical Diversity Within Infant-Directed Speech and Its Association with Volubility and Language Outcomes in
    Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
   Daylin Deyton, Amanda Melville, & Sydney Carroll, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lama Farran,
   UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

11:30 AM—12:30 PM: Keynote & Luncheon
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Dr. Alicia Cunningham-Bryant
WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

An award-winning teacher, Dr. Cunningham-Bryant holds the Kim T. Adamson Endowed Professorship in the Honors College and directs the campus-wide Office of Fellowship Advising.

Dr. Cunningham-Bryant has extensive experience as an archivist and curator at museums in Philadelphia and New Haven, Connecticut; where she curated exhibits on Afghan war rugs, African American comic book heroes, and Egyptomania. She has also done archaeological field work in Egypt, Jordan, and Mallorca. Her research interests are wide ranging and include public history, museum curation, digital humanities, Africa, Egyptology, Old World archaeology, ancient religions, The Hellenistic World, and art history, among other topics.

Dr. Cunningham-Bryant earned a BA at University of California, San Diego (double majoring in history and archeology) and her PhD in near eastern languages and civilizations at Yale University, where she wrote a dissertation entitled Engraved in Stone: The Role of Offering Tables in Meroitic Funerary Religion. She was a U.S. State Department Education and Cultural Affairs fellow working at the Cairo Museum and Nubia Museum and has worked at museums around the world gathering together collections that were divided around the globe.
Panel Session 3: 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Supporting Vulnerable Populations | NESBITT 2201 | Moderator: Jullie Chhim

  LGBTQ+ Inclusion in the UNHCR Definition of Refugee Status  
  Catherine Maloney, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amanda Reinke, GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

  Public Perceptions of Human Trafficking and Immigrant Victims  
  Hannah Dickens, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jody Clay-Warner, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

  Domestic Violence Regression Research  
  Ashlynn Echols, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORIA

Feminist Approaches to Literature | NESBITT 2203 | Moderator: Angel Yang

  Bodies of Land and Bodies of Women: A Feminist Research Perspective  
  Amanda Smith, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mollie Barnes, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT

  “Mine is a Love That Will Never Tire”: The Socio-cultural Impact of Women’s Romantic Relationships in 1850 to 1900s America  
  Tinaye Gibbons, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephanie Chalifoux, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

  The Fight for Flight: Avian Imagery in Kate Chopin’s The Awakening and a Selection of Poems by Emily Dickinson  
  Sarah Farmer, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nancy Manley, VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

  The Demise of Democracy? Political Developments in Brazil, Spain and, the U.S. | NESBITT 2204 | Moderator: Chloe Kwiatkowski

  Scorched Earth, Democratic Erosion in Bolsonaro’s Brazil  
  Nayanne Medeiros, Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Salvador Peralta, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

  Twilight of Democratic Consolidation  
  Lana Goitia & John Blessing, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Dwight Wilson, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

  “Make Spain Great Again” - The Rise of Far-Right Populism in España  
  Lana Goitia, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Nanostructures | NESBITT 2211 | Moderator: Kyle Brandys

  3 Omega Thermal Conductivity Measurement Setup for 3D Nanostructure  
  Jihad Kudsy, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

  Reusable Nano-structured Carbon Seawater Filter  
  Matheus Prates & Ian Durr, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

  Thermal Transport in Molten Salt Reactor Fuels  
  Bryce Atchley, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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Diagnosis, Treatment, and Resuscitation | NESBITT 3201 | Moderator: Melanie Majors

Enhancing CPR Training: Development and Assessment of an Affordable, Open-Source Real-Time Feedback Manikin
Anish Sangari & Nitish Sood, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Andrew Hauger, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

Pneumothorax Radiograph Diagnosis Utilizing Deep Convolutional Neural Network
Ziqi Wang, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rami Haddad, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Impact of MMP-9 in Closed Eye on Dry Eye Pathogenesis
Alice Kim, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kelly Nichols, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM


Jerry Magana, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Alla Balueva, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

SimPhysics
Taylor Woods, Maidel Fletes, Mary Harrel, & Paul Halford, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Rania Hodhod & Dr. Zdeslav Hrepic, COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

Professionalization Panel | NESBITT 3213

Navigating Graduate School & Grad School Funding
Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, Dr. Kathryn Quinto, & Dr. Loren Bass, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Panel Session 4: 2:10 PM-3:10 PM

Mapping Energy and Efficiency | NESBITT 2201 | Moderator: Jullie Chhim

Blade Optimization for Ground Level Low Speed Wind Turbines
Ryan Foster, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Adeel Khalid, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Thermal Properties of a LiF-ThF4 Molten Salt Fuel
Jackson Hill, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jungkyu Park, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Development of 3D Thermal Models to Analyze Building Power Loss
Mark Leggiero, Faculty Mentor: Dr. JB Sharma, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

New Waves in Math and Engineering | NESBITT 2203 | Moderator: Angel Yang

Design and Kinematic Analysis of a Semi-Compliant Swashplate Mechanism
Niko Giannakakos, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Ayse Tekes & Dr. Adeel Khalid, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

The Frequency Response Modeling of Linear Systems
Wynn Kwiatkowski, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thinh Kieu, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Fundamental design of submarine communication buoy with oceanic condition considerations
Alex Resnick, Katherine Mitchell, & Hannah M. Maier, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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Child’s Play: Social and Anti-Social Behavior | NESBITT 2204 | Moderator: Melanie Majors

*Family SES and Parental Perceptions of Children’s Aggressive Behaviors*
Amelia Dubose, Maddie Drives, & Anthony Pruner, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang, GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

*The Relationship between Children’s Gendered Toys and Display of Prosocial Behaviors*
Kaylee Finlay, Leah Kaminer, & Jessica Mann, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang, GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

*Parental Disciplinary Styles in Relation to Children’s Misbehaviors*
Shelby Breitmann, Ansley Michelle Hicks, & Nayomi Martinez-Ubay, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang, GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

Public Perceptions Past and Present | NESBITT 2211 | Moderator: Hannah Cole

*Schrödinger’s Artist*
Davis Callaway, Faculty Mentor: Dr. David Janssen, GORDON STATE COLLEGE

*Hitchcock Meets Freud: Voyeurism in Postwar America*
Chloe Kwiatkowski, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yelizaveta Moss, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Neither is a Fish Out of Water | NESBITT 3201 | Moderator: Jasmine Bouges

* Bisexual Student's Experiences With Biphobia*
Lindsey Moon, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Eryn Viscarra, GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

*Women on Top: Sex Workers for Women and Couples*
Amy Boone, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

*Preliminary Analysis of Habitat Use and Home Range Size in a Long-Lived Ectotherm Vertebrate*
Kayla Bonadie & Amber Rittgers, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Natalie Hyslop & Dr. Jennifer Mook, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Legitimizing the Supernatural in Victoria Britain | NESBITT 3212 | Moderator: Holly Johnson

*Utopianism and Rationalism observed in the Global Occult during the Long 19th Century*
Luke Howard, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Phillip Guerty, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

*Law and the Supernatural: A Transition of Modernity in Britain, 1650-1850*
John Blessing, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Phillip Guerty, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

*Material Culture in Victorian Occult*
Samantha Cragg, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Phillip Guerty, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

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1. Siderophores: The Effects of YbtA and FyuA in Antibiotic Resistant Enterobacteriaceae
   Susan Ha & Sawda Islam, Faculty Mentors: Swapna Bhat, Clarke Miller & Nou Moua, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

2. Comparison of Ion Transport Expression in Lake Sturgeon Exposed to Differing Water Chemistries
   Caitlin Forkin, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Janet Genz, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

3. Generation of SULT4A1 Gene Mutations in SH-SY5Y Cells
   Elisabeth Bradberry, Faculty Mentor: Frank Crittenden, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

4. Endosomal Proteins in Neurodevelopmental Disorders
   Ruvimbo Dzvurumi & Jhodi Webster, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Larimore, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

5. Identifying cellular mechano-biological responses to PEG-based hydrogels
   Ian Smith, Karen Martin & Hannah Theriault, Faculty Mentor: Andres Garcia, GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

   Sarah Roberson, Faculty Mentor: Casey Keck & April Garrity, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

7. The Role of RNF216/TRIAD3 in Neuroinflammation Through Interactions with Toll-Like-Receptors
   Dustin Grossman, Faculty Mentor: Angela Mabb, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

8. Analysis of Temporal Gene Expression of Mycobacteriophage XianYue
   Samantha Kates, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Allison Kanak, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

9. Lipid Induced-EV Proteins and their Association to Diabetic Kidney Disease
   Amanda Haney, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ernest Ricks, GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

10. Risking It All: How Stress Influences Risky Behavior among College Students
    Kaylia Johnson, Hannah McCook & Shane Oglesby, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Helen Bland, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

11. Raspberry Polyphenol Extract Decreases NF-κB Phosphorylation and Interleukin (IL)-6 Expression in Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-Induced RAW 264.7 Macrophages
    Lena Lear, Rami Najjar & Jessica-Kim Danh, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rafaela Feresin, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

12. Electronic Cigarettes Induce Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in a Pre-Clinical Model
    Shiying Zhang & Chi In Vong, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Xiangming Ji, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

13. Muscle Behavior and Properties During Wheelchair Use
    Jordan Rosenthal, Faculty Mentor: Muhammad Salman, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

    Katie Coscia, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Melinda Duncan, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

15. Discovery and Characterization of a Novel Bacteriophage XianYue
    Alexis O’Neal, Amanda Laidlaw, Jessica Toller, Callie Mauersberg & Luka Kulasinac, Faculty Mentors: Alison Kanak & Ryan Shanks, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

16. The Effect of Kinesio Tapes on the Growth of Staphylococcus aureus ATTC 12600
    Andi Fleming & Jordan Stewart, Faculty Mentor: Dobrusia Bialonska, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

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17. Detecting the Presence of GMOs in Tortilla Chips Served U.S. Major Restaurant Chains  
   Kristen Donahue, Kenneth Levenson, John Senat & Stephany Sifuentes, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ernest Ricks Jr.,  
   GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

18. Popular Unlabelled Cornmeal Brands Expected to be Labeled as ‘Bioengineered’ by 2022 in the U.S.:  
   Due to Detection of Genetic Material  
   Elvia Encarnacion-Thomas, Jenai DaCosta, Farinaz Panah, Lilly Dishmay-Garrido & Tsion Adula,  
   Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ernest Ricks, Jr., GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

19. Testing USDA Certified Organic Soy Noodles for Genetic Modifications  
   Dhwani Mistry, Kyra Brewer, Salsabile Ibrahim & Vedanti Patel, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ernest Ricks, Jr.,  
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20. Nanocellulose Aerogel from Biomass Waste for Water Purification  
    Harshvardhan Singh, Faculty Mentor: Hari Singh, MERCER UNIVERSITY

21. A salivary hormonal study on individuals of African ancestry living in different socio-economic environments, in order to understand etiology of prostate cancer  
    Megan Andrews, Ernest Kaninjing & Chavonda Mills, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Wathsala Medwala,  
    GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

22. A Calorimetric Study of The Adsorption of Oxalate on Hematite Nanoparticle  
    Natasha Clarke, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Elina Stroeva, Dr. Hind Al-Abadleh & Dr. Nadine Kabengi,  
    GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

23. Deducing the Mechanisms of E2-Conjugating Enzymes: Synthesis of a Di-Ubiquitin Probe through Incorporation of an Unnatural Amino Acid  
    Savannah Jacobs, Faculty Mentors: Jun Yin, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

24. Growth of Metal Sulfides/Selenides from Metal Flux Reactions to Synthesize Semiconductors  
    Emily Storck, Mary Hertz & Ashini Jayasinghe, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Latt Turner,  
    FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

25. Communication of Classical State Information within Proteins  
    Nathan Clement, Faculty Mentor: Brian Dominy, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

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    Davis Le, Faculty Mentors: Sairam Tangirala & Tao Song Lee, GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

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32. Incorporating 3D Printing into Introductory Engineering Courses  
   Nicholas Schantz, Faculty Mentor: Redahegn Sileshi, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

33. Impacts of Groundwater Salinity on Tree Mortality on Sapelo Island, Georgia  
   Savannah Terry, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Samuel Mutiti, GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

34. Quantifying microplastic pollution in marsh habitats  
   Mihir Patel, Faculty Mentor: Michele Guidone, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

35. Enamel isotopes reveal late Pleistocene ecosystem dynamics in southeastern North America  
   Elizabeth Noble, Faculty Mentor: David Patterson, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

36. University of North Georgia Herbarium Project  
   Megan Henderson & Samantha Shea, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tom Diggs, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

37. Quantifying Precursors to Algal Blooms in Lake Sidney Lanier  
   Dakota Boncore, Faculty Mentor: Margi Flood, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

38. Does small-scale light pollution affect bat foraging behavior?  
   Maggie Woodall, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Bender, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

39. Extended-Spectrum Beta (8) Lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae Isolates from Flat Creek Water Samples  
   Luis Vidal & Maria Mayorga-Gutierrez, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Swapna Bhat, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

40. Effect of imidacloprid on mycelial growth rate of soil fungi  
   Mary Washburn, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ashlee McCaskill, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

41. A preliminary assessment of native pollinator attraction to bee hotels in northeast Georgia  
   Jada Tipton & Amelia Arthur, Faculty Mentor: Dr. David Patterson, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

42. Deterrence of Ants by Chemical Compounds from Six Southeastern Plants  
   Jose Alcalde, Faculty Mentors: Evan Lampert & Tom Diggs, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

43. Gesture Recognition of EEG Signals Using Wavelet Transform and Artificial Neural Networks for BCI Applications  
   Hugo Flores Garcia, Faculty Mentor: Prof. Fernando Rios, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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44. Effects of chemical vagotomy on the neonatal mouse paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus
   Aviva Gars, Alexandra Castillo-Ruiz & Benoit Chassaing, Faculty Mentor: Nancy Forger,
   GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

45. The Ancient Origins of TRP-dependent Menthol Sensing
   Maggie Benson, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Daniel Cox, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

46. Anti-Inflammatory Agents Modulate Phagocytic Activity of Alpha-Synuclein Stimulated Microglial Cells
   Kyra Brewer, Faculty Mentor: Cindy Achat-Mendes, GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE

47. Discriminating between Quark and Gluon Initiated Jets using Jet Charge at the Large Hadron Collider
   Tyler Wilson, Faculty Mentor: Sonny Mantry & Mark Spraker, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

48. Gravitational Attraction within a Simplified Ring System
   Mallory Cole, Faculty Mentor: Mark Spraker, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

49. Creaton and Analysis of 3-Dimensional Thermal Models
   Bradley Andrew & Ryan Elliott, Faculty Mentor: Thomas Vogel, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

50. Practicing with a Pint: Alcohol’s Effect on Second Language Learning
   Elizabeth Purnell, Faculty Mentors: Dr. Daniel Walter & Dr. Jennifer McGee, EMORY UNIVERSITY

51. The Effect of Color on Cognitive Performance and Mood
   Valter Andersson, McKinkey O’Kelley & Micaela Wright, Faculty Mentor: Julie Delose,
   YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

52. Men's Private and Public Conformity to Masculine Norms
   Jasmine Starks, Faculty Mentor: Nickolas Holtzman, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

53. Perceptions of Pet Relinquishment
   Lauren Mitchell, Faculty Mentor: Suma Mallavarapu, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

54. Are the kids all right? Associations among emerging adults’ experiences, anxiety, and coping.
   Shelby Fernandez & Blake Armstrong, Faculty Mentor: Amanda Halliburton, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

55. How socioeconomic status acts as a moderator for parental style, child well-being, and school achievement.
   Destiny Kelly, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Stapleton, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

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