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Library Resources for Faculty

Did you know that the Library has some amazing research resources for faculty? We will be discussing them in an upcoming podcast with Gary Childs and Walt Cressler. Look for the link on our website at the end of April!

Research and Creative Activity Day

We had a record number of submissions for Research and Creative Activity Day and will have nearly 150 students and faculty presenting!!! Come out and see all the innovative research and creative activity taking place at WCU on April 17th in Sykes Student Union. **See Agenda Here**

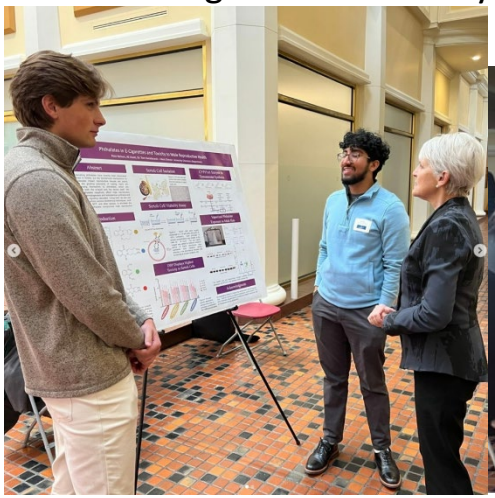
RAM Research Directory

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is pleased to introduce the Ram Research Directory—a tool designed to help students find faculty mentors for research and creative activities.

WCU Representation in Harrisburg for Undergraduate Research At The Capitol!

- Students **Ali Azam** and **Pete Nelson**: Faculty Mentor- Dr. Tom Kwiatkowski (Chemistry/Biology: E-Cigarettes and Impact on Male Reproductive Tissues)
- Student **Nicole Dunn-Johnson**: Faculty Mentor - Dr. Kristen Breit (Psychology - Effects of Prenatal Co-Exposure to Alcohol and Nicotine via E-Cigarettes on Anxiety-and Risk-Related Behaviors in Rats)

- Student **Casey Mihalik**: Faculty Mentor Dr. Brie Radis (Social Work - Philadelphia Veterans and Housing Insecurity Study)
- Student **Allison Magerr**: Faculty Mentor Dr. Heather Wholey (Anthropology and Sociology - Remote Sensing and Community Archaeology at the Historic Cooper Farm Cemetery)



Recently Awarded Grants

Lisa Huebner, Women & Gender Studies: The Mellow Foundation, $100,000

Lorenzo Cena, Environmental Health: Air Quality Research Agreement with New Garden Township, $25,000

*Only Primary PIs have been listed. Congratulations to all co-PIs on these projects.

Upcoming External Funding Opportunities

Science & Mathematics/Health Sciences

5/01/2024 **NCTM Action Research on Mathematics**

5/07/2024 **NICHD Small Research Grant Program (R03 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) (nih.gov)**

5/07/2024 **NICHD Small Research Grant Program (R03 Clinical Trial Required) (nih.gov)**

5/24/2024 **Center for Rural Pennsylvania - 2025 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

5/30/2024 **Mentoring Networks to Enhance Diversity in NIDCD's Extramural Research Workforce (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (nih.gov)**

6/05/2024 **Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (nih.gov)**

6/16/2024 **Innovative Pilot Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R34 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (nih.gov)**

6/16/2024 **Implementing and Sustaining Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Equity in Outcomes (R34 Clinical Trial Required) (nih.gov)**

Education/Music

5/21/2024 **FY 2024 Online Professional English Network (OPEN) Program**

5/29/2024 **FY 2024 American Music Mentorship Program (AMMP)**

Upcoming Student Opportunities

Congratulations to the following Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI) awardees and their faculty mentors!

- **Eric Budu, Sciences and Mathematics , Dr. Nicole Ramo**
- **Emma Carpenter, Health Sciences, Dr. Jeanie Subach**

- **Amanda Cohan, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Manuela Ramalho**
- **Alexander Conzaman, Health Sciences, Dr. Sojung Kim**
- **Gabrielle Curtis, Health Sciences, Dr. Emily Duckett**
- **Dominick DeStefano, School of Music, Dr. Devin Arne**
- **Tori Dugger, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Kimberly Mullane**
- **Angel Flowers, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Kandalam**
- **Garrett Fong, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Constantinos Pistos**
- **Sage Forsythe, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Jennifer Uehling**
- **Ava Hawthorne, Sciences and Mathematics , Dr. Zhongping Huang**
- **Sarah Heinrichs, Sciences and Mathematics , Dr. Abbie Ganas**
- **Lee Irvine, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Justin Sprague**
- **Brianna Landwersiek, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Nicole Ramo**
- **Chance Macariola, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Jeffrey Sudol**
- **Sasha Mochocki, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Sean Buskirk**
- **Chris Needham, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Jesse Placone**
- **Carolynn Odonnell, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Jessica Sowa**
- **Gianna Parrish, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Megan Fork**
- **Elizabath Sawaked, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Zachary Voras**
- **Kevin (K.C.) Thoman, Education and Social Work, Drs. Matthew Kruger-Ross and Pauline Schmidt**
- **Liam Turnage, School of Music, Dr. Devin Arne**
- **Tyler Vidal, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Constantinos Pistos**
- **Connor Walker, Business and Management, Dr. Gary Coutu**
- **Abigail Walton, School of Music, Dr. Mark Rimple**
- **Elizabeth Weaver, School of Music, Dr. Angela Guerriero**
- **Abigail Weinstein, Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Abbie Ganas**

Research and Creative Activities Day is April 17th, 2024! Come out and support our student researchers!

HHS - Early Care & Education Research Scholars: Child Care Dissertation Grants – Applications due 5/16/2024!

Save the Dates

04/17/2024: Research and Creative Activity Day – 9:30-2:00

04/17/2024: Student Research and Creative Activity Awards - 2:30-3:00

04/25/2024: SURI Kick-off Event: 3:00-4:30, Sykes Ballrooms

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