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College of Health Professions

Welcome to the 16th annual Atlanta Faculty and Student Research Conference. This program contains information about the various presentations, including specific times and locations.

Conference Schedule Overview

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session Type</u>
9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:20	Welcome & Awards
10:20-11:20	Keynote Panel Discussion
11:30-12:20	Poster Session 1
12:30-1:00	Lecture Session 1 (15 & 30 minute talks)
1:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:20	Poster Session 2
2:30-3:00	Lecture Session 2 (15 & 30 minute talks)

WELCOME & SWILLEY LIBRARY RESEARCH AWARDS 10:00 - 10:20

2nd Floor Auditorium

1. Welcome.

Priscilla Danheiser, Dean, College of Professional Advancement.
Wayne Glasgow, Senior Vice Provost for Research.

2. 2026 Swilley Library Student Research Awards Presentation.

Presenter: Kim Eccles, Associate Professor and Director of the Swilley Graduate and Professional Library.

Winner: Anuradha Dey, College of Pharmacy.

Parameter Driven Control of 3-O-Ethyl Ascorbate Permeation Using Fractional Ablative Laser Treatment.

Runner Up: Stephanie Peixoto, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.
The Effects AI Technology has on Nurse Productivity.

KEYNOTE PANEL DISCUSSION

10:20 - 11:20

2nd Floor Auditorium

Community-based Research in Action: Perspectives from Across the Disciplines

The 2026 Keynote Panel is comprised of professionals from varied disciplines sharing their research and experiences in community-based research.



Robert Helfenbein, Ph.D.,
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Katie O'Connor, M.A., AICP
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Partnership for Innovation,
Georgia Institute of Technology.

POSTER SESSION 1

11:30 – 12:20

2nd Floor Atrium

1. **Rethinking Glycemic Control: CGM Data as a Superior Alternative to HbA1c in Type 1 Diabetes.** Cate Wilby & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.
2. **Menopause and Osteoarthritis: Recognition and Management of a Common Women's Health Issue.** Danielle Spera & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.
3. **Stutter to Transfuse: Treating Priapism in Patients with Sickle Cell.** Bhargavi Mantha & Caroline Hamilton, College of Health Professions.
4. **Point-of-Care Ultrasound for Rapid Differentiation and Management of Cardiogenic Causes of Chest Pain focused on Pericardial Effusion and Cardiac Tamponade.** Darby Glackin & Tasha Adams, College of Health Professions.
5. **Diagnosis and Treatment of Shock.** Peri Meyer, College of Health Professions.
6. **HPV Vaccination, More Than Just Another Vaccine.** Sarah Amaya & Caroline Hamilton, College of Health Professions.
7. **Beyond Oral Iron: Nonconventional Treatments for Iron Deficiency Anemia.** Mahek Patel & Jonathan Hill, College of Health Professions.
8. **Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis: An Overview for Physician Assistants.** Kalia Kang & Jonathan Hill, College of Health Professions.
9. **Wearables in Mental Health: Can your Smartwatch Detect Anxiety and Depression?.** Hilda Yazmin Ramos, College of Health Professions.
10. **The Potential of Allosteric Modulators of Opioid Receptors to Reduce Clinical Adverse Effects in Patients.** Parker Vidmar, College of Health Professions.
11. **Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome: An Overlooked Epidemic.** Lindsay Hunt & Kathleen Hoff, College of Health Professions.

POSTER SESSION 1 (cont.)

12. **More Than Glycemic Control: The Expanding Roles of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists.** Andrew Duong & Robert Baeten, College of Health Professions.
13. **Youth Suicide Screening in Primary Care: Bridging the Implementation Gap.** Rachael Stevens & Tasha Adams, College of Health Professions.
14. **Using the 5Rs of Cultural Humility to Mitigate Ageism and Support Professional Formation in Anatomy.** David Taylor, Leslie Taylor, Donald Carter, & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.
15. **Using Strain-Counterstrain as an Adjunct Intervention to Relieve Chronic Lower Back Pain with Leg Pain in a Highly Irritable Patient.** Noelle Senior, College of Health Professions.
16. **Understanding Burnout Among Black Women School Psychologists: An Intersectional Approach.** Brittney Lowe, College of Health Professions.
17. **Pediatric Stroke and Amputation Rehabilitation: The Integration of NDT Principles into Functional Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Gait Training.** Avery Langley, College of Health Professions.
18. **Physical Therapy Rehabilitation of a Female College Athlete Following Excision of Cyclops Lesion and Endobutton After Initial Rehab Attempt for ACL-QT: A Case Report.** Chika Ezeokonkwo, College of Health Professions.
19. **The Essential Role of Pharmacologic History Review in Managing a Complex Medical Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: A Case Report.** Tre Verrett, College of Health Professions.
20. **Syndemic Disconnect: The Exclusion of Diabetes and Obesity in Breast Cancer Clinical Trials.** Hridith Sudev, Dawood Sultan, Angelique Pereira, David Ombengi, Lolade Ayedun, Kline Whitley, John Carter, Christine Vo, Yessenia Castillo, Diana Ghebrezadik, Sonia Ribeiro, Samantha Soler, Jasmine Joiner, Mercy Edada, & Sonita Simelus, College of Health Professions.
21. **FFA4 Activation Induces Tyrosine Hydroxylase and Protects PC12 Cells and Rat 6-OHDA Parkinson Model.** Farnoosh Moghaddam, Monika Binwal, Andrea Green, Kalyn Rambacher, Bo Jarrett Wood, Kevin Murnane, & Nader Moniri, College of Pharmacy.

POSTER SESSION 1 (cont.)

22. Evaluation of Polymyxin B as a Novel Vaccine Adjuvant and its Immunological Comparison with FDA-Approved Adjuvants. Mahek Anil Gulani, Yash Harsoda, Tanisha Arte, & Martin D'Souza, College of Pharmacy.
23. Assessment of Novel 1-Guanine- α -D-Fructose as a Potential Vaccine Adjuvant. Yashkumar Harsoda, Mahek Gulani, Snehitha Akkineni, Mohammad Uddin, & Martin D'Souza, College of Pharmacy.
24. Parameter Driven Control of 3-O-Ethyl Ascorbate Permeation Using Fractional Ablative Laser Treatment. Anuradha Dey, Tanvi Karve, & Ajay Banga, College of Pharmacy.
- Swilley Library Student Research Award Winner
25. Formulation and Characterization of Melatonin Buccal Films for Enhanced Systemic Delivery. Dhruvi Patel, Atiya Siddiqui, Snehitha Akkineni, Heesu Kwon, & Mohammad Uddin, College of Pharmacy.
26. Design, Optimization, and Evaluation of Fast-Dissolving Buccal Films for Dimenhydrinate. Atiya Siddiqui, Dedeepya Pasupuleti, Mohsina Mukti, Dhruvi Patel, Snehitha Akkineni, Heesu Kwon, & Mohammad Uddin, College of Pharmacy.
27. Free-fatty Acid Receptor-4 Orchestrates Migration in C-met Driven Papillary Renal Carcinoma Cell. Mohsina Mukti & Nader Moniri, College of Pharmacy.
28. Exploring the Foreseeable Benefits of Doxycycline for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Among Older Adults. Pamela Issa, Tina Le, & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.
29. FFA4 Agonism and Insulin Sensitizers Cooperatively Enhance Insulin Signaling and Suppress Lipolysis. Monika Binwal & Nader Moniri, College of Pharmacy.
30. SGLT-2 Inhibitors as Antagonists of Endothelin-1 Receptors for Treating Diabetes and Hypertension. Moklesur Sarker, Ajoy Kumer, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
31. Chemically Enhanced Transdermal Delivery of Methotrexate for Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Srushti Mukkirwar, Meheli Ghosh, Rahul Gupta, Rohit Shrivastava, & Ajay Banga, College of Pharmacy.

POSTER SESSION 1 (cont.)

32. **Dual Targeting of ET-1 Production and Receptor Signaling in High Salt Induced Tau Phosphorylation.** Samira Sooreni, Mashmum Shahid, Sterling Neil, Nimi Simon, A Z M Naser, Emmanuella Ezewudo, Taufiq Rahman, Renee Hayslett, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
33. **Evaluating Roles of Specific Genes and Gut Microbiota in ADHD Symptomology and Treatment Response.** Erin Lewis & Mary Drury, College of Pharmacy.
34. **Beyond the Status Quo: A Novel Approach to Managing Obesity-Associated Diabetes and Hypertension.** Nimi Pullenkunnel Simon, Samira Oliaie, Tro Nguyen, Emmanuell Ezewudo, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
35. **Dual-Wavelength UPLC Method for Simultaneous Analysis of Sinapic Acid and Genistein.** Gladys Uwera Mihigo, Vu Ngo, Andrew Ted Gewirtz, & Mahavir Chougule, College of Pharmacy.
36. **Phase Lag & Neural Synchrony: Insights from qEEG in Early Bran Development in Autistic Children.** Zoe Robinson, David Cantor, & Abby Doster, College of Professional Advancement.
37. **Exploring Wellness and Burnout Among Counselor Educators: A Qualitative Study.** Sierra Oden, College of Professional Advancement.
38. **Relational Growth Orientation Scale – A Psychometric Pilot Study.** Meagan Shipes & Kelly Holdway, College of Professional Advancement.
39. **Development of a Measure of Suicide Risk Assessment Tool Use in Elementary Schools.** Rebecca Nguman, College of Professional Advancement.
40. **Premarital Counseling in Faith-Based Settings: Ethical Tensions, Clinical Gaps, and Implications.** Nandi Newby, College of Professional Advancement.
41. **The Effects AI Technology has on Nurse Productivity.** Stephanie Peixoto, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.
- *Swilley Library Student Research Award Runner-up*

POSTER SESSION 1 (cont.)

42. **Parallel Co-Teaching in the Elementary Classroom.** Theresa James, Tift College of Education.
43. **Teachers' Perspectives of Number Talks and Number Sense.** DeAnna Richardson, Tift College of Education.
44. **Exploring Team-Teaching and Alternative Teaching Models in High-School Social Studies Co-Taught Settings.** Leslie Plunkett, Tift College of Education.
45. **Growing Up in a Rural Environment.** Lisa Sampson-Knight, College of Professional Advancement.
46. **Barriers to Mental Health Services Among LGBTQIA+ Adults in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.** Johanna Frank, College of Professional Advancement.
47. **Poverty, Depression, and Access to Mental Health Care.** Taylor Cleveland, College of Professional Advancement.
48. **Performance Disparities in Wearable Health Algorithms Across Skin Tone Groups Using PPG-Based Data.** Daisha Drayton, College of Professional Advancement.
49. **Food Insecurity and the Impact on Mental Health Outcomes.** Alexis Simmons, College of Professional Advancement.
50. **Area Deprivation, Life Expectancy, and Abnormal Semen Parameters in a Clinical Cohort.** Ashiana Furtado, Caroline Scarborough, & Abdelmoneim Younis, School of Medicine.
51. **Reducing Behavioral Outbursts in Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome with Internal Family Systems.** Ry'n Osborne, School of Medicine.
52. **A Narrative Approach to Deconstructing Black Motherhood, Role Expectation, and the Internal System.** Joslynn Gates, School of Medicine.
53. **Spirituality, A Vital Link: Introducing Enhanced Therapy Through Spirituality/Faith.** C. Carla Engram, School of Medicine.

LECTURE SESSION 1

12:30 – 1:00

30 minute talks:

ACC 175 (12:30-1:00)

School Needs Assessment Project (SNAP) - Pilot Study. Betsy Teel, Shifa Ali, Bailey Porchik, Robbie Marsh, & Michelle Robbins, College of Health Professions.

ACC 181 (12:30-1:00)

The Compatibility of the Problem of Evil and The Existence of God. Yonas Kebede, McAfee School of Theology.

ACC 182 (12:30-1:00)

The School Counselor's Role in Implementing Trauma Informed Care. Nerissa Mayfield, College of Professional Advancement.

ACC 190A (12:30-1:00)

Roundtable: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Goldstone's There Is No Place for Us. Wesley Barker & Stefanie Sevcik, College of Professional Advancement.

ACC 280 (12:30-1:00)

Soul-ular Deconstruction: An Impaired Phenomenological Encounter with the Soul of Teaching. Justin Spencer, Tift College of Education.

ACC 555 (12:30-1:00)

Clinical Characteristics Associated with Impaired Cognition in Older Adults with Atrial Fibrillation. T. Vivian Liao, College of Pharmacy.

15 minute talks:

ACC 240 (12:30-12:45)

Macroeconomic Drivers of Capital Structure in the U.S. AI Industry. Astrid Ayala & Grace Pham, Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.

ACC 240 (12:45-1:00)

Cultural Humility and What Matters Most to Older Adults: An IPE Photography Guided Response Tour. Emma El-Shami, Donald Carter, David Taylor, Leslie Taylor, Susan Miller, Jennifer de la Cruz, & Mark Stillman, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.

15 minute talks (cont.):

ACC 243 (12:30-12:45)

Qualitative Insights on Social Inequities and Recidivism in Justice-Impacted Persons. Brittany Daniels, Gwendolyn Cattledge, Larry Brown, & Danielle Sweat Whyllly, College of Health Professions.

ACC 243 (12:45-1:00)

Non-invasive Spinal Electrical Stimulation for Functional Improvements in Neurologic Conditions. Mackenzie Burke, Emma Plack, & Lisa Fraher, College of Health Professions.

ACC 245 (12:30-12:45)

Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline: School Counselors as Agents of Equity and Systemic Change. Stacey Foney, College of Professional Advancement.

ACC 245 (12:45-1:00)

Fostering Self-Advocacy: Developmental Mastery of Daily Routines in Children Ages 5–7. Cori Griggs, College of Professional Advancement.

LUNCH

1:00 - 1:30

POSTER SESSION 2

1:30 – 2:20

2nd Floor Atrium

1. **Bacteriophage Therapy: Emerging Treatment for Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDROs).** Kylie Burke, College of Health Professions.
2. **Efficacy of Ketamine in the Treatment of Suicidal Ideation and Severe Depression.** Madison Akin & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.
3. **Recognizing and Managing Depression in Perimenopause.** Sahar Khan & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.
4. **Rethinking IBS-C.** Jordan Guerrero & Jennifer de la Cruz, College of Health Professions.

POSTER SESSION 2 (cont.)

5. **Early Detection of Heart Failure in Primary Care: Tools, Barriers, and Impact on Hospitalization Rates.** Tyler Thurber & Caroline Hamilton, College of Health Professions.
6. **Equity in Pain: Physician Assistants' Role in Reducing Disparities in Sickle Cell Disease.** Cameron Cooper & Lauren Hoover, College of Health Professions.
7. **Optimizing Care: Current Treatments and Management of Diabetic Nephropathy.** Rina Patel & Robert Baeten, College of Health Professions.
8. **The Effects of Acupuncture on Knee Osteoarthritis.** Sadie Webb & Kathleen Hoff, College of Health Professions.
9. **Hormone Replacement Therapy and Breast Cancer Risk in Menopausal Women: A Review for Clinicians.** Sarah Webb & Jonathon Hill, College of Health Professions.
10. **Comparative Efficacy of Ketamine, Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, and Their Combination for Treatment Resistant Depression.** Megan Earnesty & Erik Fredlund, College of Health Professions.
11. **Time for Adjustment? Reassessing The Role of Dietary Fiber in Patients with IBD.** Mason DuBose & Tyler Freduland, College of Health Professions.
12. **Creatine's Effect on Cognitive Function.** Yash Patel & Tasha Adams, College of Health Professions.
13. **Recognizing & Treating Pediatric Atopic Dermatitis in the Primary Care Setting.** Dara Williams & E. Tyler Fredlund, College of Health Professions.
14. **Re-evaluating Therapeutic Approaches in Major Depressive Disorder and Treatment Resistant Depression.** Brock Sattelmeier & Lauren York, College of Health Professions.
15. **Case-Based Collaboration: A Catalyst for Interprofessional Skill Development in PT and P&O Learners.** Laura Zajac-Cox, Tami Phillips, Leslie Taylor, & Adrienne Hill, College of Health Professions.

POSTER SESSION 2 (cont.)

16. **Disparities in Diabetes Mortality Across Georgia (2019-2021).** Gwendolyn Cattledge, Temilola Luwoye, Gloria Elizabeth Ogionwo, Nyshanti Ross, & Zachary Bremmer, College of Health Professions.
17. **Sense of Self in OCD: The Effect of Delayed Treatment and Forbidden Thoughts.** Saige Mittelo, Elizabeth Goncy, & Andrew Kelly, College of Health Professions.
18. **Premature Functional Decline in Boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy as Impacted by the Social Drivers of Health.** Michelza Mitchell, College of Health Professions.
19. **Sexual Health Education and STI Risk Among Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities.** Amber Fields, Lyla Masoud, & Yanet Miranda, College of Health Professions.
20. **Individualizing Postoperative Rehabilitation for a Patient with Lymphedema and Prior Breast Cancer Post-Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty.** Katherine Bacon, College of Health Professions.
21. **Development of a Novel Preclinical Habituation Assay to Study Cognitive Deficits in Fragile X Syndrome.** India Rayne Breuer & Clinton Canal, College of Pharmacy.
22. **Factorial Design and Characterization of Targeted siRNA-loaded PEGylated Gelatin Nanocarriers.** Ananya Aggarwal, Susanne Youngren-Ortiz, Peter Hoffmann, & Mahavir Chougule, College of Pharmacy.
23. **Student Pharmacists' Views Toward Access Considerations for Gender Affirming Care.** Kap Paull, Kenric Ware, & Vivian Liao, College of Pharmacy.
24. **Evaluating the Potential of Indole-Acetic Acid 3 to Mitigate High Salt-induced Cognitive Impairment.** Sterling Neill, Mashmum Shahid, Samira Oliaie, Snehitha Akkineni, Raquibul Hasan, & Renee Hayslett, College of Pharmacy.
25. **Leveraging an Academic and Community Partnership's Social Media to Deliver Drug Information to Youth.** Krishi Patel & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.
26. **A Gut Microbiota-Derived Metabolite Modulates the Ang II-ET-1 Axis in Hypertension.** Emmanuella Ezewudo, College of Pharmacy.

POSTER SESSION 2 (cont.)

27. **Preclinical Evaluation of a First-in-Class Selective Muscarinic Acetylcholine M2 Receptor Antagonist.** Jayla Coley, Mashmum Shahid, Alex Rogier, Nader Moniri, & Clinton Canal, College of Pharmacy.
28. **Indole 3 Acetic Acid Mitigates PAGIn induced Endothelial Activation Linked to Cardiovascular Disease.** A Z M Naser, Muslima Begum, Nurul Islam, Nazia Hoque, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
29. **Indole-3-Acetic Acid Regulates Proinflammatory Signaling in PAGIn-Stimulated Macrophages.** Md Nurul Islam, Md Mokleshur Rahman Sarker, A Z M Naser, Muslima Begum, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
30. **AMS17 Protects Endothelial Function and Limits LPS-induced Inflammation Via NF- κ B Inhibition.** Muslima Begum, Nurul Islam, A Z M Naser, Nazia Hoque, Philip Bowen, & Raquibul Hasan, College of Pharmacy.
31. **Readability Burden and Health Literacy Disparities in Patient-Facing Materials.** Susannah Nwuha & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.
32. **Utilizing Social Media Platforms to Evaluate Consumer Perceptions of GLP-1 Medication Journeys.** Brittinee Merriweather & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.
33. **Reimagining COVID-19 Vaccination: Buccal Oral Dissolving Films Induce Immune Response in Mice.** Tanisha Manoj Arte & Martin D'Souza, College of Pharmacy.
34. **Exploration of Ethiopians' Anticipated Benefits from Pharmacogenomic Testing.** Ruhama Mengesha & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.
35. **Health Disparities in Access to Pharmacogenomic Testing.** Gabriella Esquivel, College of Pharmacy.
36. **A Transdermal Microneedle Vaccine Offers Broad Protection Against Gonorrhoea.** Amarae Ferguson, College of Pharmacy.
37. **Emotional Transitions: Love and Spiders.** Lacey Rhodes, College of Professional Advancement.

POSTER SESSION 2 (cont.)

38. **The Theory of Nigrescence and Identity Development in Black Counselors.** Dominique Jones, College of Professional Advancement.
39. **Exploring the Correlation of Sleep Hygiene, Stress, & Nightmares From Infancy-Onset IDDM.** Clayton Roper & Kristina Henderson, College of Professional Advancement.
40. **How Christian and Clinical Frameworks Shape Meaning, Suffering, and Agency at the End of Life.** Connor Codone, College of Professional Advancement.
41. **Implementing a Patient Education Tool to Improve Menopause Knowledge and Intention to Seek Care.** Joanne Lee, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.
42. **Breast Cancer Treatment in Urban and Rural Areas.** Katie Avery, Cindy Pharm, & Jocelyne Cruz-Castillo, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.
43. **Impact of Small Group Reading Instruction in Social Studies.** Alexandra Lamping, Tift College of Education.
44. **From Village to Classroom: Making Meaning of Teaching and Learning in Tanzania.** Lucy Gitonga, Matthew Sroka, Ashlyn Wright, Emma McNaughton, Madison Daniels, & Natalie Dix, Tift College of Education.
45. **Social Media and Adolescent Mental Health.** Jasmine Murray, College of Professional Advancement.
46. **Building Trust in Healthcare Providers Among Minority Communities: A Leadership and Organizational Behavior Perspective.** Kiana Simmons, College of Professional Advancement.
47. **The Effects of Loneliness on Older Adults.** Carol Mireles, College of Professional Advancement.
48. **Exploring the Leadership Traits and Behaviors of Black Women Community Leaders in Central Georgia.** Alicia McKenzie, College of Professional Advancement.
49. **Diagnostic Delays and Genomic Access Barriers in Rural Rare Disease Care.** Kimberly Lancaster, College of Professional Advancement.

POSTER SESSION 2 (cont.)

50. **Flexible Job Shop Scheduling Approach to Air Force Training.** Ted Persing, Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.

51. **Capturing Seasonality and Trends in Sales Data for a Global Manufacturing Company.** Elizabeth Merchant & Lena Zewdu, Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.

LECTURE SESSION 2

2:30 – 3:00

30 minute talks:

ACC 240 (2:30-3:00)

Benefit of Resiliency Training for Clinical Psychology Doctoral Students. Shifa Ali, Aizik Hatch, Kayla Jones, Kathleen Hoff, Andrew Kelly, & Michelle Robbins, College of Health Professions.

ACC 280 (2:30-3:00)

“The Educated Educator”: Black Female Childcare Workers’ Paths to Advanced Academia. Royale Randall, Tift College of Education.

ACC 175 (2:30-3:00)

Mindfulness & Memory in Narrative Therapeutic Outcomes. Shawn Flickner & Rasheed Tillman, College of Professional Advancement.

15-minute talks:

ACC 190A (2:30-2:45)

Association Between Neighborhood Deprivation and Life Expectancy Among Men Undergoing Vasectomy. Abbie Earnest & Abdelmoneim Younis, School of Medicine.

ACC 190A (2:45-3:00)

Balancing Acts: A Couples Framework for Equitable Household Labor and Mental Load Sharing. Zakiya Muwakkil Akerele, School of Medicine.

LECTURE SESSION 2 (cont.)

2:30 – 3:00

15 minute talks:

ACC 243 (2:30-2:45)

Joy as Access: Playful Learning as Disability-Inclusive Pedagogy in Higher Education. Johna Wright, Tift College of Education.

ACC 243 (2:45-3:00)

Pharmacy Students' Appraisal of an HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Policy Designed for Undergraduates. Mariam Terry & Kenric Ware, College of Pharmacy.

ACC 245 (2:30-2:45)

Regulatory Mechanisms and Innovative Capabilities: Traditional vs. Mainstream Pharmaceutical Firms in China. Risbh Mandal, Arnab Nayak, & Tannista Banerjee, Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.

ACC 245 (2:45-3:00)

AI-Driven ASD Early Diagnosis in Toddlers. Arnab Nayak & Tannista Banerjee, Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.



Thank you for joining other students and faculty members from all of the colleges and schools on the Atlanta campus and Regional Academic Centers for the Mercer Atlanta Research Conference. We offer this Conference to showcase and celebrate the scholarly work of our students and faculty. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Cameron Miller for his annual leadership of this Conference.

Additionally, thank you to the other planning committee members including: Jeff Ebert with the College of Health Professions, Nader Moniri with the College of Pharmacy, Rob Helfenbein in the Tift College of Education, Arnab Nayak with the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business, Sonique Sailsman with the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Florence Tang with the Swilley Library, and Suneetha Manyam, Stephen Ruegger, Carol Upshaw, Tugba Ertan-Bolelli, Stefanie Sevcik, Lynn Pierce, Awatef Ben Ramadan, and Dina Schwam in the College of Professional Advancement.

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