



ROCK RESEARCH EXPO

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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST



At SRU, our faculty's innovative research and creative scholarship, often in collaboration with the students they mentor, fuel a cycle of classroom innovation and student success. These diverse publications, research projects, and creative activities directly enhance the curriculum's relevance and rigor,

ensuring that learning is both current and impactful. By integrating cutting-edge ideas into everyday teaching, our community cultivates an environment where academic inquiry transforms into real-world solutions, consistently exceeding expectations in our community, state and region.

As you explore these diverse representations of our work, from in-depth publications and innovative research findings to creative projects and dynamic scholarly exhibits, you will witness the transformative power of collaborative learning. These accomplishments highlight how our faculty's dedication and mentorship ignite classroom innovation, paving the way for student success and real-world impact. Moreover, this vibrant body of work reflects our commitment to the pillars of our strategic plan, reinforcing SRU's dedication to academic discovery and human growth. We invite you to move through these varied formats and take in the impressive strides made this year; a testament to why SRU continues to exceed expectations in our community, state and region.

Michael Zieg, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs



FEATURE STORY

THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND: DR. JOSEPH CALI

After 36 years of dedicated service at Slippery Rock University, Dr. Joseph Cali announced his retirement in the Spring of 2025. Since taking the reins of the current Safety Management program in 1989, he saw the program grow from approximately 50 students to over 400 students currently enrolled (2025). The maximum enrollment of safety majors under Dr. Cali was 520 students in 2018.



Dr. Joseph Cali

Dr. Cali graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in 1974 with an undergraduate degree in Criminology. After graduation, he took his first job as a loss control representative at Hills Department Store. During his time at Hills, Dr. Cali realized the importance of safety and security in the workplace. He began his master's degree in criminology at IUP in 1977 and was ultimately hired to teach security classes.

After completing his master's degree, Dr. Cali enrolled in a doctorate at West Virginia University in Safety Studies/Management. He was really interested in Safety Management, and while at WVU, he worked as a graduate assistant. As a graduate assistant, he took on multiple small jobs while living in a local motel to save money. He also taught one course in the spring semester of his first year at WVU. He eventually accepted a position as a lecturer and taught for two years full-time while at WVU.

While at WVU, Dr. Cali was a student of Dr. C. Everett Marcum, who was considered by many to be a prolific scholar in the safety profession. Dr. Marcum was also a pioneer in the safety profession who coined the term "Misactsident" and revised the Domino Theory of Accidents. The Domino Theory focuses on the events leading to an accident and on management errors. Dr. Cali mentioned, "Dr. Marcum was a genius; he never reprimanded you but guided you." Dr. Marcum's teaching style focused on the management principles of safety management but also incorporated the technical aspects as well.

Dr. Marcum remained a very influential person in Dr. Cali's life, along with Dr. George Mihalik, serving as chair on both of their dissertation committees while at WVU. Dr. Cali and Dr. Mihalik became close friends while at WVU, building a strong bond that remains today after almost 50 years. Today, Dr. Cali and Dr. Mihalik are considered the forefathers of the safety management program at SRU. They both built a successful safety program culture and highly respected reputation at SRU, similar to what Dr. Marcum established in the Department of Safety Studies at WVU over 50 years ago.

After finishing his doctoral work at WVU, Dr. Cali returned to IUP and accepted a full-time temporary faculty position in the Criminology Department. He also consulted at the Beaver Nuclear facility, mostly around items pertaining to emergency management. He also taught briefly in the Criminal Justice Department at Salem College.

A few years after his tenure at Salem College, Dr. Cali accepted a job with the City of Pittsburgh as a Senior Research Analyst. During this time, the position of Safety and Inspections Manager became available, and he applied and accepted it within the Department of Public Safety. The department consisted of police, fire, EMS, and inspections. His supervisor at the time resigned, and Dr. Cali took on the role and responsibility for the entire city, with a staff of only four. He reported directly to Glenn Cannon, who was the Director of Public Safety for the City of Pittsburgh.



Dr. Mihalik and Dr. Cali circa 1989

In the spring of 1989, Dr. George Mihalik called Dr. Cali, notifying him of a safety faculty position at Slippery Rock University in the Allied Health Department. The Safety Management program at Slippery Rock University began in 1982. Dr. Mihalik, already teaching and working as the head football coach, realized that he needed somebody to lead the program into the future. The person he knew who would fill this bill was Dr. Cali. Dr. Cali accepted the position and began teaching courses for the first time. His first class was Introduction to Safety.

Dr. Cali was elected chairperson of the Allied Health Department at Slippery Rock University in 1993. The Allied Health Department at the time had the following majors: Health Services Administration, Community Health, School Health, Administration of Occupational Health and Safety and Athletic Training. In August of 2010, Safety Management became its own department and took up most of the space in the Strain Safety Building as the number of students enrolled increased. The Safety Management program name has changed over the years; some of the

program names included: Administration of Occupational, Health and Safety Management, Safety and Environmental Management, and currently, Safety Management. The program under Dr. Cali's tenure has also grown consistently over the years, starting with 2 faculty members and now reaching 10 (2025). Dr. Cali appreciated the administrative secretaries he had the privilege of working with throughout his career. They included Ms. Marge Sturch, Mrs. Patty Pink, and, currently, Mrs. April Coleman.

Dr. Cali has touched the lives of countless students during his career at Slippery Rock University. He always made time to listen, give advice, and provide words of encouragement. His lectures were always relevant and included "real-life" situations students would encounter in the workplace. Dr. Cali's real-life experiences allowed him to excel in the classroom and create lasting connections with his students.

On behalf of current faculty, friends, students, alums, and colleagues, we are forever grateful for Dr. Cali's dedication to Slippery Rock University and his numerous contributions to the safety profession.



ROCK RESEARCH EXPO SPRING 2026 SUBMISSIONS HAVERLACK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forrest, J.YL. & Bu, Q. (2025)
School of Business - Can we use VIX beta to beat a volatile market? *Journal of Wealth Management*, 28(3), 66-85.

Forrest, J.YL., Liu, Y., & Xiang-jie Fu, X.J. (2025)
School of Business - Forecasting tourism demand with pre-holiday attribute. *Information Technology & Tourism*, (March, 2025),
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40558-025-00315-5>

Forrest, J.YL., Akzambekkyzy, A., Dalcher, D., & Sarkambayeva, S. (2025)
School of Business -Creating a sustainably impactful project: organizational prerequisites. *Foundations of Management*, 17(2025), 97-112.
DOI: 10.2478/fman-2025-0007

Jirasakuldech, B. & Emekter, R. (2026)
School of Business - The Effects of Business and Financial Conditions on Herding Behavior and Bubbles in U.S. Housing Markets. *Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education*, Accepted for Publication on December 12, 2025.

Joo, B.-K., Xu, L., Forrest, J. Y., & Solano, R. (2025)
School of Business - Staying power: Factors influencing knowledge worker retention. *Organization Management Journal*,
<https://doi.org/10.1108/OMJ-09-2023-1959>

Medford, C., Adamczyk, M., & Smeak, R. (2026)
Safety Management - Beyond Borders: Study Abroad Brings Global Perspective to Safety Education. *Professional Safety*, 71(1), 32-34.

Riaz, A., Joo, B.-K., Jamil, S. A., & Bakhsh, R. (2025)
School of Business - Antecedents of employee engagement: Examining the moderating role of work life conflict for flight attendants. *Human Systems Management*, 44(3), 562-575.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01672533241303262>.

Strahler, D., Walsh, C., Verba, S., & Rathlef, J. (2025)
Communication, Media, & Sport Management - Outcomes and Impact of a Service-Learning Faculty Learning Community as a Model for Institutional Change. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 29(3), 45-62.

NEWS PUBLICATION

Bui, T. & Jirasakuldech, B. (2025)
School of Business - Comprehensive Analysis of the Supply, Demand, and Affordability of Senior Housing in Rural Pennsylvania, Grant Publication, Center for Rural PA,
<https://www.rural.pa.gov/publications/research-reports>

Galbraith, D. (March 2025)
School of Business; Management - Communicating in Changing Times. *Butler Eagle* - Business Matters. Retrieved from:
<https://pdf.butlereagle.com/BZ/25/03/01/index.html>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Strahler, D. (2025)
Communication, Media, & Sport Management - A Design Thinking Approach to a Media Production Service-Learning Course. In F. Lima (Ed.), *Utilizing Service-Learning Practices for Creative Design Improvements*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global Scientific Publishing.



CONFERENCE PROCEEDING

Joo, B.-K., Byun, S. Y., Jang, S. W., & Lee, I. (2025)

School of Business - How spiritual leadership drives work engagement and organizational commitment: Unveiling the mediating roles of sense of calling and psychological ownership. The 2025 Academy of Human Resource Development Conference Proceedings. Arlington, VA.

Strahler, D. (2025)

Communication, Media, & Sport Management - Generative AI (GenAI) for Co-Creating User Personas. In 2024 New York State Communication Association Conference Proceedings. Callicoon, NY.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATION, MEDIA, & SPORT MANAGEMENT

Artman, N. (2025)

Presented on several panels, including “Streaming the Old with the New: Convergence Culture in Today’s Sports Media”, “Building a Radio Station. Things mom and pop never told us about” and “Does it Count? How Different Colleges and Universities Acknowledge Sports Creative Work in the Promotion Process” at the BEA 2025 Convention in Las Vegas, NV (April 4-8, 2025).

Dieter, D. (2025)

- Presented two poster sessions “Bridging the AI transparency gap: Aligning patient expectations and healthcare practices (2025)” and “Spanglish in healthcare: Navigating informality to enhance patient-provider communication” at the 2025 International Conference for Communication in Healthcare (ICCH) in Ottawa, Canada (October 4-7, 2025).
- Presented two oral presentations “Just what the agentic AI ordered: Connections to a health communication future” and “The trust challenge: A theory-based roleplay for teaching empathy & strategy - G.I.F.T.S. Great Ideas for Teaching Students” at the 2025 Ohio Communications Association

(OCA) Annual Conference, Ohio Wesleyan University (October 10-11, 2025).

Flynn, Thomas (2025)

Presented “Navigating the Promise and Perils of AI in IMC” at the UNC-Wilmington IMC Conference (May 28-30, 2025).

Lys, I., Strahler, D., Wedemeyer, R., & Berkey, B. (2025)

Presented “International Association for Research on Service Learning & Community Engagement (IARSLCE) Practitioner Scholar Community (PSC): More than Service-Learning (SL) professional development in challenging times?” at 2025 ACU and DePaul University Conference on Community Engagement and Service-Learning. Virtual conference (July 1-4, 2025).

Quinn, K. (2025)

Presented on press coverage “Covering a Decade of Death: Turn-of-the-Century Reporting on Pennsylvania’s Coal Mining Industry” at the 33rd annual Sachsman Symposium on the 19th Century Press at Augusta University (November 13-15, 2025).

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Smeak, R. (2025)

Presented “Boomers, X’ers, Millennials and Gen Z: The Multi-Generational Workplace and Safety, the Road to Understanding and Communication” at The American Society of Safety Professionals annual conference and Expo, Orlando, Florida (July 22-24, 2025).

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Anderson, M. (2025)

Presented “Theranos-Fraud Start to Finish” at National Association of Business Economics and Technology/NABET Annual Conference. State College, PA (October 23-24, 2025).

Golden, J. (2025)

Presented “Governmental Stability Drift and Market Risk: The Trump Administration’s Unpredictability and Its Costs for Business” at National Association of Business, Economics and Technology/NABET Annual Conference, State College, PA (October 23-24, 2025).



Jirasakuldech, B. (2025)

Presented “The Effects of Business and Financial Condition on Herding Behavior in U.S. Housing Markets” at the International Conference on Accounting and Finance in Bangkok, Thailand (June 21-22, 2025).

Mondal, S. (2025)

- Presented “Employment Changes Across Industries in Pennsylvania” at the Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference in Reading, PA (May 29, 2025).
- presented her paper “The New Frontier: AI’s Impact on the Finance and Education Industries.” National Association of Business, Economics and Technology/NABET Annual Conference, State College, PA (October 23-24, 2025).

Mong, D. (2025)

Presented “Why and How Business Schools Can Teach Entrepreneurship More Like a Liberal Art.” National Association of Business, Economics and Technology/NABET Annual Conference, State College, PA (October 23-24, 2025).

Nicholls, J. (2025)

Presented her co-authored paper “KSAs for the MBA” at the 2025 SE Informs Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC (October 3-12, 2025).

Schimmel, K. (2025)

Presented his co-authored paper “Behavioral Reasoning Theory and Green Purchases” at the 2025 SE Informs Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC (October 3-12, 2025).

Wang, X. (2025)

Presented “Health Shocks, Skills, and Labor Market Outcomes” at the 2025 Midwest Econometrics Group Meeting in Champaign, IL (October 2-5, 2025).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EVENT ATTENDANCE

A team of cadets from SRU’s Frontier Battalion (2025)

Military Science - Competed in the 2nd Brigade’s annual Ranger Challenge (NJ, November 14-16),



placing 21 out of 42 teams. Team members were Landon Beachly (Team Captain), Austin Lankey, Bryce Lorence, Tanner Merwin, Jacob Reisinger, Owen Cappelli, Erica Buchheister, Jillian Stahl, Vincent Hoover, Bennett Hayne, Gage Eckley and Myles Robertson. Team members were chosen during tryouts in September and participated in rigorous training in the weeks leading up to the event. Faculty/cadre members in attendance were LTC Brett Boyle, CPT Saddner Andre, and MSG Chris Emco Ft Dix.

Approximately 80 cadets and cadre (2025)

Military Science - Took part in the Dining In where they learned about Army traditions and etiquette as well as organizing this type of event. The cadet Officer in Charge of Dining in was senior Cameron Weatherly, Slippery Rock University, December 5.

Boyle, B., Rogowitz, B., Wolf, C., & Renaud, D. (2025)

Military Science - Attended the 2nd Brigade annual workshop where they presented and participated in classes on Army procedures that impact training of cadets at the college level, Lancaster, PA, January 27 - 31, 2025.



Cadet Hunter Hartnett (2025)

Military Science - Was in charge of organizing the yearly Organizational Day (Slippery Rock Township Park, April 24). Cadets and cadre from the Frontier Battalion attended the event to close out the academic year and discuss the upcoming year as well as announce retirements and the new Cadet Chain of Command.

Cadet Landon Beachly (2025)

Military Science - Organized the attendance of the annual Frontier Battalion Spring Awards Ceremony (May 1), where approximately 50 awards, supplied by organizations such as the American Legion and National Sojourners, were given to cadets to recognize their achievements. Top Cadet Awards for the 2024-2025 year were given to freshman Jillian Stahl, sophomore Bryce Lorence, junior Autumn Wile, and senior Jacob Kline (Clarion cadet). The ceremony was hosted and paid for by the American Legion and VFW, Slippery Rock Township Building.

Cadets (2025)

Military Science -

- Gathered at Dr. Robert Watson's farm to participate in the Frontier Battalion's Super Lab where they practiced Army skills and improved their knowledge, Slippery Rock, PA, November 22.
- Volunteered to sell Buddy Poppies to benefit the local Veterans of the Foreign Wars, Slippery Rock, PA, November 7-9.

Flynn, T. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Attended the 83rd Annual Conference of the New York State Communications Association (October 17-18) and participated in the Roundtable: "What crisis shaped your teaching."

Military Science (2025)

Military Science -

- Hosted the annual Arctic Ranger Challenge for the schools from the US Army Cadet Command's 2nd Brigade, SRU campus, March 1.
- Hosted the annual Junior ROTC Raider Challenge for high school students participating in ROTC in the region, SRU campus, March 22.

Nicholls, J. & Schimmel, K. (2025)

School of Business - Took Marketing students and AMA members James McGrody, Kately Peterson, Melina Putt and Payton Tallat to the American Marketing Association's Collegiate Case Competition at the AMA International Collegiate Conference (April 2-6). As one of ten finalists the team presented their business case and placed third in the competition.

Nicholls, J., Schimmel, K., & Wajda, T. (2025)

School of Business - Attended the Southeastern Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Science/SEINFORMS Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, October 9-10.

Pease-Hernandez, C. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management -

- Presented with Keener, E., Zarit, M., Walker, C., Dykstra, R. & Danielson, B., "DEI Course Certification: Structures for Program Success" and "Do Not Obey in Advance: Navigating DEI with Institutional Courage in Politically Polarized Spaces" at the 37th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) in New York, NY on May 27-31.
- Co-facilitated the Faculty Learning Community (FLC) titled "Empowered to Teach: Navigating the Political Landscape with Academic Freedom and Constructive Dialogue" with Emily Keener during the fall 2025 semester that concluded in December 2025.

Senior year ROTC cadets (2025)

Military Science - Participated in the Frontier Battalion's Staff Ride at Fort Necessity and Jumonville Glenn where they presented information about an historic Army battle, battle grounds, and Army leaders. Faculty/cadre LTC Brett Boyle, MSG Chris Emco, and Mr. Bruce Kish attended Hopwood and Farmington, PA, November 1.

Smeak, R. (2025)

Safety Management - Along with two other faculty members and two safety students traveled to Orlando, Florida, to attend the American Society of Safety Professionals annual conference and Expo, attended by over 5,000 safety and health professionals and vendors.



Twelve Cadets (2025)

Military Science - Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the U.S. Army at the spring commissioning ceremony, Miller Theatre, May 9.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Anderson, M. & Phipps, T. (2025)

School of Business - Were awarded an Academic Alliance grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Internal Audit Foundation.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Hernandez, C. (2025)

Strategic Communication and Media - “DEI Course Certification: Structures for Program Success,” \$1,500.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Dolan, E. (2025)

Communication, Media & Sport Management - “NCAA Portal Entry Antecedents and Consequences,” \$4,252.

INTERNAL GRANTS – STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Dunlap, H. (student) & Crow, B. (faculty) (2025)

Communication, Media & Sport Management - “Annual Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow Conference, Columbia, South Carolina,” Abstract “Case study competition compiling a 15-minute oral presentation to a panel of expert academic and industry judges.” \$300.00.

Naugle, R. (student) & Crow, B. (faculty) (2025)

Communication, Media & Sport Management - “Annual Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow Conference, Columbia, South Carolina,” Abstract “Case study competition compiling a 15-minute oral presentation to a panel of expert academic and industry judges.” \$300.00.



Ruth, D. (student) & Crow, B. (faculty) (2025)

Communication, Media & Sport Management - “Annual Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow Conference, Columbia, South Carolina,” Abstract “Case study competition compiling a 15-minute oral presentation to a panel of expert academic and industry judges.” \$300.00.

INSTITUTIONAL & LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Artman, N. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Served at the BEA 2025 Convention in Las Vegas, NV on April 4-8, 2025, as the moderator/session organizer for the Sports Division: Top Research Papers Panel.

Competition (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - AdFed and Rock PRSSA students from Rock PRSSA and AdFed chapters joined forces for ThePitch, a one-day collegiate marketing communication competition hosted by AAF Pittsburgh and Ad 2 Pittsburgh. Eleven SRU Communication students spent the day in Pittsburgh collaborating with peers from across the region to develop and present creative marketing campaigns for a real-world client. This was held on October 3, 2025.

Crow, B. & Zullo, R. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Worked the CFP National Championship game with students in Atlanta, Georgia on January 20, 2025.

Dieter, D. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Hosted SRU alumna Emma (Walters’11) Gielata, EMPR Public Relations Consultant, for IMC/PR Campaigns Capstone class on October 15, 2025.



Flynn, T. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Interviewed for podcast "Today's Landscape of Media Law: The Regulation of AI." hosted by Hollyann Preisel, Journalism Graduate Program of Hofstra University on October 1.

Golden, J. & Mong, D. (2025)

School of Business - Took 20 student members of the Rock-Solid Investment Club and the Finance and Economics Club to New York City, November 19-22.

Peiritsch, A. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Served on the Executive Council of the New York State Communication Association and recently completed her term as chair of the organization's Nominating Committee. She attended NYSCA's annual meeting in Callicoon, New York, on October 18-19, 2025, where she successfully ran elections to fill 10 Executive Council openings. Peiritsch will continue her service to the organization in a one-year term as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Quinn, K. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Was chair of two panels: "Engaging New Audiences in the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Reconstruction" and "Themes in the 19th Century African American Press: Building Community and Power from Freedom's Journal to the New Century," which features scholars from across the US and overseas. Quinn is vice president of the Society of Nineteenth Century Historians, which sponsors the conference, and has served on the conference planning committee for four years.

Safety Management (2025)

Safety Management - President Riley welcomed Congressman Mike Kelly to Strain Safety Building, where they met with Safety Chairperson Michael Adamczyk and Joseph Cali, Interim Dean of the College of Business, to discuss the equipment in the safety labs on January 29.

Students and faculty (2025)

School of Business - Met with SRU alumni Ryan Salem, Mortgage Loan Officer of Citizens Bank and Gary Tamboer, Divisional Sales Manager, Cross-Country Mortgage, as well as Lawrence

Moss-Shorter, Manager of U.S. Community, toured the NYC Federal Reserve and the Financial District in November.

Tsai, F. (2025)

School of Business - Took nine Hospitality & Tourism Management students to the 2025 RECNet National Conference held at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort in Kiawah Island, SC, November 8-11.

AWARDS

Artman, N. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Attended the BEA 2025 Convention in Las Vegas, NV on April 4-8, 2025. While at the convention, he received the Best of Competition Award for Sports Radio Category for his D10 High School Players of the Week episode with Paul Adamaszek, Isaac Petkac and Rich Smith.

Augustin, L.

School of Business - Received notification of a sub award from the Winston Salem State: HBCU Research Center of Excellence in the amount of \$45,000. This is to facilitate work on a larger grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Christy, M. (2025)

Safety Management (Senior) - Was awarded a \$7500 the Don B. Daily Safety Steel Internship Scholarship through AIST (Association for Iron & Steel).



**Doty, J. (2025)**

Safety Management (Senior) - Was awarded a \$5000 scholarship from the Board of Certified Safety Professional, for students who attend a Qualified Academic Program.

Matlos, B. (2025)

Safety Management (Senior) - Was awarded a \$5000 CAP/MBA Safety Scholarship from the Construction Advancement Program (CBA) and the Master Builders Association (MBA) and awarded a \$5000 scholarship from the Board of Certified Safety Professional, for students who attend a Qualified Academic Program.

Medford, C. (2025)

Safety Management - Co-presented on ethics at the American Society of Safety Professional Development Conference, on Mar 27.

Military Science (2025)

Military Science - Presented numerous awards to ROTC cadets at the annual Fall Awards Ceremony. Student cadets were recognized for academic excellence, physical fitness, and participation in Ranger Challenge Team, Cannon Crew, and Color Guard. Student cadets who attended Army schools, such as Air Assault and Opposing Forces were acknowledged as well, SRU campus, January 23, 2025.

Peiritsch, A. (2025)

Communication, Media, and Sport Management - Rock PRSSA was named the recipient of PRSA Pittsburgh's 2025 "Chapter of the Year" award at the organization's annual Renaissance Awards ceremony on January 30, 2025. The award recognizes Public Relations Student Society of America chapter that demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to the growth and success of its members. This is an exceptional achievement among the 26 colleges and universities in the greater-Pittsburgh area. Slippery Rock University's chapter, Rock PRSSA, is advised by Dr. Allison Peiritsch. In addition, Ian Ponitz, a 2018 SRU communication alumnus received PRSA Pittsburgh's "Rising Star Award", given to an outstanding professional with up to five years of professional experience, and Aaliyah Thomas, a senior Integrated marketing communication student received PRSA Pittsburgh's Bob O'Gara student scholarship award.

Wile, N. (2025)

Military Science - A senior criminology and criminal justice major, was selected as the recipient of the George C. Marshall Award in Slippery Rock's Frontier Battalion. The award recognizes the top senior cadet in each college or university ROTC program for their scholarship, leadership, physical fitness, and community involvement. All 274 recipients from across the U.S. attended the George C. Marshall Leadership Seminar and met with Army Officers and experts on defense, Fort Knox, KY, February 20-21.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Copper, J., Fecich, S., Orville, A., & Strong, L. *Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership* - Walking the Tightrope: Social Media for New and Aspiring Teachers. *American Association for Employment in Education*, 60, 44-45. <https://www.aaee.org/job-search-handbook>

BOOKS

Holl, H. & Nichols, R. (2025)

Physical and Health Education Department - K-12 School Wellness Education. Human Kinetics, Champaign, IL.
https://us.humankinetics.com/products/k-12-school-wellness-education?srsId=AfmBOor_VeHuNiafp7AZ2M53G_MuFhj_Zm0UvQoRqAdq2hf4nT-GhWN43



Shelton, T. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - Partnering for success: Strategies for effective parent-teacher conferences. Gryphon House, Inc.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Drozda, N. & Culver, J. (2025)

Counseling and Development - A Feminist Approach to Gatekeeping in Counselor Education: Andragogy and Theory in Action (Chapter 8). In N. Hurless & L. Davis (Eds.). *Cases on Trauma Informed Gatekeeping in Counselor Education* (pp. 203-236). IGI Press. <https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/a-feminist-approach-to-gatekeeping-in-counselor-education/364171>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Copper, J. & Fecich, S. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - AI-Powered Writing Instruction: Teaching Writing in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference*. <https://www.learntechlib.org/primary/p/225861/>

Copper, J., Fecich, S., & Orville, A. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - Podcasts as PD: Utilizing On-Demand Podcasts as Teacher Professional Development. In *Proceedings of eLearn 2025 World Conference on EdTech*. <https://www.learntechlib.org/primary/p/2128575/>

Gibbons, S. (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - Integrating AI as a thinking partner into the learning process. In *Proceedings of Site Interactive Online Conference*. Washington, D.C. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/401815718_Integrating_AI_as_a_Thinking_Partner_into_the_Learning_Process

Orville, A. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - Enhancing Traditional Student Teaching: Advancing Co-Teaching Models in Pennsylvania Elementary Schools. In *Pennsylvania Association of College and Teacher Educators*

Journal, Harrisburg, PA. https://www.pac-te.org/files/journal/PA_Teacher_Educator_Vol_24_Copy_%5B72-78%5D.pdf

Orville, A., Copper, J., Fecich, S., & Williamson, J. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - From listener to creator: Podcasting made simple for professional development. In *Proceedings of the Bright Start Conference*, London & Dubai. <https://conferencebrightstartfoundation.org/2025-publications>

PRESENTATIONS

COUNSELLING & DEVELOPMENT

Crissman, T. (2025)

Presented "From Research to Real Life: Evidence Based Approaches for Supporting Emerging Adults" at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference in Bethlehem, PA (November 2025).

Culver, J. (2025)

Presented "Group Work to Strengthen Communities Amid Injustices and Geopolitical Conflicts" at the 66th Annual EB-ACA Conference in Timisoara, Romania (October 2025).

Drozda, N. (2025)

- Presented "Game On: Understanding the Intersection of Modern Gaming & Sex Offender Treatment" at the 44th Annual





Research and Treatment Conference of the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse in Orlando, FL (September 2025).

- Presented at the annual Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Network (SAPEN) Conference in State College, PA (July 2025).

Mathe, J. & Crissman, T. (2025)

Presented “Expanding Reach: Outreach Strategies for Leading the Future of Counseling” at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference in Bethlehem, PA (November 2025).

McDonald, J. & Hale, J. (2025)

Presented “Students’ Lived Experiences in a Supervision Practicum” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in Philadelphia, PA (October 2025).

Messina, K. & DeMaria, R. (2025)

Presented “Building Connections on a Disconnected Campus: Balancing Advocacy for Our Positions on Campus with Practical Self Care” at the American College Counseling Association National Conference in New Orleans, LA (February 2025).

Messina, K., Fonner, K., & DeMaria, R. (2025)

Presented “From Adversaries to Allies: Overcoming Obstacles to Building an Inclusive Community of Care” at the American College Counseling Association National Conference in New Orleans, LA (February 2025).

Messina, K. & Mathe, J. (2025)

Presented “NCAA Best Practice Guidelines for Student Athlete Mental Health: An Opportunity for Counseling Centers” at the American College Counseling Association National Conference in New Orleans, LA (February 2025).



CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION & EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Copper, J. (2025)

- Presented “Empowering Parents Through ICT: Enhancing Literacy Learning at Home” at the 2025 Keystone State Literacy Association Conference in Poconos, PA (December 2025).
- Presented “Podcasts as PD: Utilizing On-Demand Podcasts as Teacher Professional Development” at the 2025 eLearn International Conference, Virtual (October 2025).
- Presented “Role Call!” at the 2025 Get Your Teach On National Conference in Dallas, TX (July 2025).
- Presented “AI-Powered Writing Instruction: Teaching Writing in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)” at Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference in Orlando, FL (March 2025).
- Presented “Using AI within the Writing Process: A Focus on Effective Teacher Use” at PETE&C 2025 Annual Conference in Hershey, PA (February 2025).

Gibbons, S. (2025)

Presented “Integrating AI as a Thinking Partner into the Learning Process” at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Conference, SITE Interactive Online (September 2025).

Melago, K. (2026)

- Along with J. Helmick Presented “All In! Planning Immersive Field Experiences for Music Education Majors” at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ (February 2026).
- Presented “Banding Together: Surviving, Thriving, and High-Fiving in Faculty Collaboration at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ (February 2026).
- Presented “Bring Your Professor! Strategies for Embedding Social Emotional Learning into Your Music Teacher Education Program” at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ (February 2026).



- Presented “Connecting with Musicians: Embedding Social Emotional Learning in Private & Small-Group Lessons” at New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, United States (February 2026).
- Along with J. Helmick Presented “The Modern Instrumental Methods Course: Where Pedagogy Unites with Technology and Composition” at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ (February 2026).

Orville, A. (2025)

- Presented “Staff Recruitment and Retention Through Higher Education Partnerships” at the Annual PA PreK Counts & HSSAP Grantee Gathering, Poconos, PA (April 2025).
- Presented “The Role of AI in Early Childhood Education” at the Annual PA PreK Counts & HSSAP Grantee Gathering, Poconos, PA (April 2025).
- Presented “Enhancing Traditional Student Teaching: Advancing Co-Teaching Models in Pennsylvania Elementary Schools” at the Pennsylvania Association of College and Teacher Educators, Harrisburg, PA (October 2025).
- Presented “Podcasting for Teacher Professional Development and Training” at the Pennsylvania Association of College and Teacher Educators, Harrisburg, PA (October 2025).
- Presented “Start Small, Think Big: Introducing ai in early childhood education” at the NAEYC Conference, Orlando, FL (November 2025).

Won, H. R. (2025-2026)

- Presented “Promoting social-emotional learning through robot-based programming activities in early childhood education: A systematic review” at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA (April 2026).
- Presented “When University Faculty and Local Teachers Partner: Strengthening Preservice Teachers’ Robotics Preparation and Developing Youth Leadership” at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL (February 2026).

- Presented “Leveraging faculty and local teacher partnerships to enhance preservice teachers’ robotics learning” at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Annual Conference, Orlando, FL (November 2025).
- Presented with College of Education students Smeal, M., Laquidara, M., and Suzelis, I. (2025, February) on “Preparing Early Childhood and Elementary Preservice Teachers for Robotics Education: Insights from a Workshop” at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Hilton Head, SC (February 2025).

Yamamoto, J. (2025)

- Presented “Engaging Students Through AI Songwriting, Scratch Coding, and Makey Makey activities” at the Three Rivers Educational Technology Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (January 2025).
- Presented “Problem Posing in Language Classrooms” at the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, New York, NY (March 2025).

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Lynch, S. & Lynch, J. (2025)

Presented with College of Education students Janco, M., Westreich, A., Jacoway, H., and Coleman, A. on “RockTEACH” at the 4th Annual Pittsburgh Regional DEI Educators Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (April 2025).

Erickson, M. (2025)

Presented “Common Problems and Solutions to Navigate the Evaluation and Reevaluation Process” at Hawaii International Conference, Honolulu, HI (January 2025).

Smith, J. (2025)

Presented “Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of a Paraprofessional Training Program: Becoming a Registered Behavior Technician” at The Pennsylvania Association for Behavior Analysis Conference in Lancaster, PA (March 2025).



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Amodei, M. (2025)

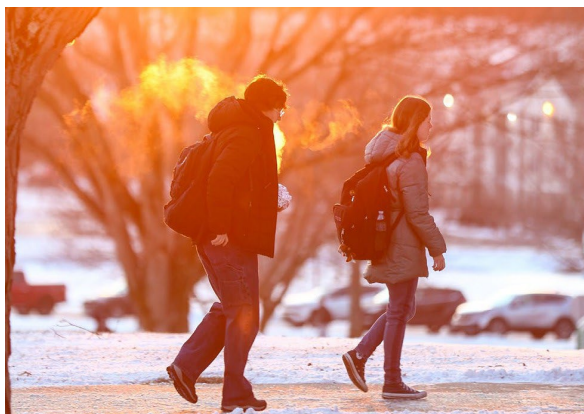
Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - Received an award in the amount of \$15,525 from the Northwest Professional Development Organization through the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning to provide tuition to elementary education/early-childhood majors who work an average of 25 hours per week (annually) in licensed childcare facilities.

Dils, K. (2025)

College of Education - Received an award in the amount of \$594,398 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to recruit existing school workers in the five local Western PA collaborating schools who have an interest in becoming a full-time teacher while remaining on their jobs and have them enroll in SRU's teacher apprenticeship degree program.

Nkana, E. & Amodei, M. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, Educational Leadership - Received an award in the amount of \$9,915 from the PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council, to explore the cultural and educational dimensions of the Kalinago people, the last remaining pre-Columbian Indigenous Carib community in Dominica, with a focus on developing culturally relevant educational resources.



INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Amodei, M. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - "Collegiality: Building a Community of Leaders Through the STAMP Framework," \$1,500.

Copper, J. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - "Podcast Tasting: An Innovative Approach to Professional Development," \$920.

Cubero, C. (2025)

Counseling & Development - "Use of Student-Run SMART Facilitations within Community Engaged Learning," \$1,338.

Drozda, N. (2025)

Counseling & Development - "The Healing Nature of Eco-Informed Counseling: Back to the Roots," \$1,500.

Lynch, J. (2025)

Special Education - "Leveraging School Partnerships: Opportunities to Engage Teacher Candidate in Conceptually Based Interventions for All Students," \$1,500.

Lynch, S. (2025)

Special Education - "Instructional Nudges to Foster Equity and Excellence in Mathematics Learning for Students with MLDs," \$903.

Messina, K. (2025)

Counseling & Development -

- "Don't Call Me a Sports Psychologist: Reframing the Narrative of Working with Student Athletes," \$1,500.
- "NCAA Best Practice Guidelines for Student Athlete Mental Health: An Opportunity for Counseling Centers and Developing a Community of Care on College Campuses," \$1,377.

Orville, A. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - "Podcasting for Teacher Professional Development and Training," \$1,458.



Zang, L. (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership - "Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions and Digital Literacy Practices in Teaching Multilingual Students," \$1,500.

INTERNAL GRANT – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Smith, Z. (student) & Nkana, E. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum, Instruction, & Educational Leadership - "Empowering Culture Through Technology: Digital Resources for Culturally Relevant Curriculum," \$1,300.

INTERNAL GRANT – STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Crawford, A. (student) & Nkana, E. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - "Eastern Educational Research Association Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina," Abstract "Interview of 21 faculty and staff members to find out their knowledge on how to serve military-affiliated college students." \$300.00.

Jacoway, H. (student) & Nkana, E. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - "Eastern Educational Research Association Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina," Abstract "Interview of 21 faculty and staff members to find out their knowledge on how to serve military-affiliated college students." \$300.00.

Laquidara, M. (student) & Won, H. R. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - "Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA) Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina," Abstract "Present research at a conference that was conducted on Education Robotics STEM Camp Instruction for Elementary Students." \$300.00.

Smeal, M. (student) & Won, H. R. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - "Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA) Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina," Abstract "Present research at a conference that was conducted on Education Robotics STEM Camp Instruction for Elementary Students." \$300.00.

Suzelis, I. (student) & Won, H. R. (faculty) (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - "Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA) Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina," Abstract "Present research at a conference that was conducted on Education Robotics STEM Camp Instruction for Elementary Students." \$300.00.

AWARDS

Orville, A. (2025)

Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership - received the PAC-TE Pennsylvania Outstanding Dissertation Award

INSTITUTIONAL & LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Lynch, S. (2025)

Special Education - Lead the COE Spring International Student Teaching Trip and Enoch Nkana (*Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership*) assisted in leading 18 College of Education seniors to Spain in May 2025.

Won, H. R.

Curriculum, Instruction & Educational Leadership-

- (2025) Organized a robotics workshop at SRU for 55 College of Education students in collaboration with Dave Tomko, robotics coach at Case Avenue Elementary School, Sharon School District, in October 2025.
- (2026) *Curriculum Instruction & Educational Leadership* - Organized a creative drama workshop at SRU for 80 College of Education students in collaboration with Meredith Berlin, program developer at foundry10, in April 2026. <https://news.sru.edu/education-students-gain-experience-in-forward-thinking-teaching-techniques/>



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Buckley, M. & Hrizo, S. along with students Reese Bricker, Annette Choi, Austin Shirk, Tyra Skalos, and Nichole Webb (2025)

Biology - Resveratrol protects male *Drosophila melanogaster* from heat stress-induced paralysis through a mechanism independent of heat shock response activation. *microPublication Biology*, <https://doi.org/10.17912/micropub.biology.001793>

Hardy, F. C. & Kort, A. E. (2026)

Chemistry and Environmental Geosciences - Family-level ecometrics reveal functional trait stability in Miocene artiodactyls despite environmental change in the Mojave region. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 107(1), 66-76.

Note: the article was selected as Editor's Choice for the issue, and the University of Michigan press department wrote a feature article on our research that has been picked up by several other news outlets. This work serves as the basis for a broader project that I am working on with three SRU undergraduate students, where we will visit vertebrate paleontology collections at various museum institutions to collect additional comparative data.

Hartmann, H. (2025)

Chemistry and Environmental Geoscience - Comparison of Precipitation Rates from Global Datasets for the Five-Year Period 2019 to 2023. *Hydrology*, 12(1), 4. <https://doi.org/10.3390/hydrology12010004>

Kazemi, M. (2025)

Engineering - Experimental and Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Interfacial Tension Measurements in CO₂-Brine/Oil Systems: A Literature Review. *Gases*, 5(4), 23. <https://doi.org/10.3390/gases5040023>

Lee, K. (2025)

Computing and Security - Developing Virtual and Augmented Reality UI Toolkit using Model-Based Parameter Analysis. *International Journal of Engineering Research & Technology (IJERT)*, 14(10).

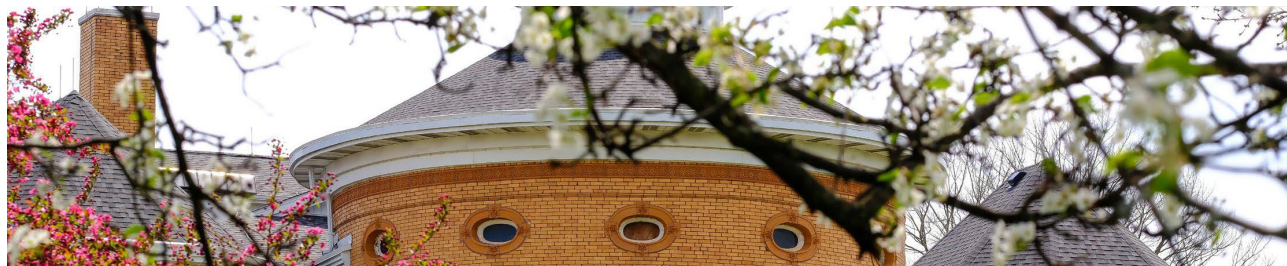
Limon, S. (2025)

Engineering -

- Characterization and Machine Learning-Driven Property Prediction of a Novel Hybrid Hydrogel Bioink Considering Extrusion-Based 3D Bioprinting. *Gels*, 11(1), 45. <https://www.mdpi.com/2310-2861/11/1/45>
- Data-Driven Optimization of Bioink Formulations for Extrusion-Based Bioprinting: A Predictive Modeling Approach. *Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering (ASME)*, 147(10): 101001. <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4069041>
- Integrating Decision Trees and Clustering for Efficient Optimization of Bioink Rheology and 3D Bioprinted Construct Microenvironments. *Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering*, 147(9): 091003. <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4068429>

Maltman, C. & Sparks, K. (Biology alum) (2025)

Biology - *Chryseobacterium salviniae* sp. nov., a bacterium isolated from the roots of the aquatic plant *Salvinia minima*. *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology*. 75(1). <https://doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.006644>



Maltman, C. & Vandeborne, K. (Biology alum) (2025)

Biology - *Pseudomonas spirodelae*, sp. nov., a bacterium isolated from the roots of the aquatic plant *Spirodela polyrhiza*. *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology*. 75(1). <https://doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.006637>

Piechowski, J. (2025)

Biology -

- A simple, cost-effective, method for creating electronic cigarette vapor condensate. *Biology Methods & Protocols*. 10(1). <https://doi.org/10.1093/biomethods/bpaf055>
- Qualitative chemical analysis of cinnamon flavored e-cigarette vapor to identify compounds of interest that may affect cardiovascular function. *microPublication Biology*. <https://doi.org/10.17912/micropub.biology.001605>

Wahbeh, A. & Seetan, R. (2025)

Computing and Security - along with students Jinish Patel, Joseph Reiner, and Brenden Stilwell - Leveraging K-Means Clustering and Z-Score for Anomaly Detection in Bitcoin Transactions. *Informatics*, 12(2), 43; <https://doi.org/10.3390/informatics12020043>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Wahbeh, A. (2025)

Computing and Security -

- Evaluating Topic Models with OpenAI Embeddings: A Comparative Analysis on Variable-Length Texts Using Two Datasets. In Proceedings of the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, in Wikoloa, Hawaii (January 7-10, 2025).

<https://scholar.dsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1459&context=bispapers#:~:text=Lack%20of%20Customization,a%20diversity%20score%20of%200.894.>

- Highlighting Competency Gaps in Health Informatics Education Using Advanced Text-Embedding Models. In Proceedings of the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, in Wikoloa, Hawaii (January 7-10, 2025). <https://scholar.dsu.edu/bispapers/443/>

PRESENTATIONS

BIOLOGY

Biology majors, along with Stacy Hrizo, Paul Falso, Cory Shoemaker, Wayne Forbes and Chris Maltman - presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (April 5, 2025):

- **Dedrick, B.**
Poster presentation "Utilizing RNA-seq to Understand the Molecular Effects of Sublethal Concentration of Imidacloprid in the Human Cell Lines SH-SY5Y and MCF7".
- **Greer, A.**
Poster presentation "Investigation of the hyperglycemic stress response in crayfish".
- **Klink, J.**
Poster presentation "Metal Tolerance Among Microbial Communities Impacted by Acid Mine Drainage".
- **Melcher, E.**
Poster presentation "Effects of Using Cardboard as Bedding Material on Earthworm Feeding Habits".
- **Pebly, Q.**
Poster presentation "Investigation of Drug Resistance of Small Strongyles in Horses at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center".



- **Pifer, M.**
Poster presentation “Selective Feeding by *Lumbricus terrestris*: Implications for Native and Invasive Plant Litter Decomposition”.
- **Pflugh, A.**
Poster presentation “Taxonomic Description of *Serratia* sp. J2, Which Possesses Metallophore Activity Towards, and Resistance to, the Rare Earth Elements”.
- **Slifkin, A. & Kaufman, R.**
Poster presentation “Toxicity of the Rare Earth Elements Towards Bacteria Work”.
- **Zaveri, H.**
Poster presentation “Investigating the Mechanisms of Resveratrol-induced Heat Stress Resistance in *Drosophila*: The Role of Heat Shock Response and Unfolded Protein Response”.

Buckley, M., Piechowski, J., & Forbes, W. (2025)
Accompanied students to the 33rd Annual Sigma Xi Undergraduate Student Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference at Penn State Behrend in Erie, PA (April 26, 2025):

- **DeCicco, M.**
Poster presentation “Survey of Intestinal Parasites in Well-Cared For Horses at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center”.
- **Dedrick, B.**
Poster presentation “Utilizing RNA-seq to Understand the Molecular Effects of Sublethal Concentration of Imidacloprid in the Human Cell Lines SH-SY5Y and MCF7”.
- **Henry, R. & Adegbulu, A.**
Poster presentation “Examining E-Cigarette Condensate for Impacts on Human Cell Viability”.
- **Pebly, Q.**
Poster presentation “Investigation of Drug Resistance of Small Strongyles in Horses at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center”.
- **Zaveri, H.**
Poster presentation “Investigating the Mechanisms of Resveratrol-induced Heat Stress Resistance in *Drosophila*: The Role of Heat Shock Response and Unfolded Protein Response”.

Henry, R. & Adegbulu, A. (Biology majors) (2025)
Poster presentation “Cytotoxic Effects of Nicotine-Free Cinnamon-Flavored and Unflavored E-Cigarette Vapor Condensate on Human Cell Lines”

at the annual meeting of The National Collegiate Honors Council, San Diego, CA (November 6-9, 2025).

The SRU Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship & Creative Achievement (April 17, 2025):

- **DeCicco, M., Forbes, W. along with Gramlich, C. - Storm Harbor**
Poster presentation “Survey of Intestinal Parasites in Well-Cared For Horses at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center”.
- **Evans, P. & Guiney, E.**
Poster presentation “Essential Oils and Antibiotic Properties”.
- **Greer, A. along with Falso, P.**
Poster presentation “Investigation of the hyperglycemic stress response in crayfish”.
- **Henry, R. & Adegbulu, A. along with Hrizo, S. and Piechowski, J.**
Poster presentation “Examining E-Cigarette Condensate for Impacts on Human Cell Viability”.
- **Klink, J. & Smith, S. along with Maltman, C.**
Poster presentation “Metal Tolerance Among Microbial Communities Impacted by Acid Mine Drainage”.
- **Pebly, Q., Forbes, W. along with Gramlich, C.- Storm Harbor**
Poster presentation “Investigation of Drug Resistance of Small Strongyles in Horses at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center”.
- **Pflugh, A. along with Maltman, C.**
Poster presentation “Taxonomic Description of *Serratia* sp. J2, Which Possesses Metallophore Activity Towards, and Resistance to, the Rare Earth Elements”.
- **Pifer, M. along with Shoemaker, C.**
Poster presentation “Selective Feeding by *Lumbricus terrestris*: Implications for Native and Invasive Plant Litter Decomposition”.





- **Sarver, M. along with Eade, A.**
Poster presentation “Evaluation of Sustainable Single Use Honey Packaging”.
- **Slifkin, A. & Kaufman, R. along with Maltman, C.**
Poster presentation “Toxicity of the Rare Earth Elements Towards Bacteria Work”.
- **Vaughn, M. & Dedrick, B. along with Hrizo, S. and Buckley, M.**
Poster presentation “Utilizing RNA-seq to Understand the Molecular Effects of Sublethal Concentration of Imidacloprid in the Human Cell Lines SH-SY5Y and MCF7”.
- **Zaveri, H. & Wilkinson, J. along with Buckley, M. and Hrizo, S.**
Poster presentation “Investigating the Mechanisms of Resveratrol-induced Heat Stress Resistance in Drosophila: The Role of Heat Shock”.

CHEMISTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCES

Burkhart, P., Buell, C., Vazquez, J., & Livingston, J. (2026)
Presented “Glacial Lake Evenson: Geomorphic and Sedimentologic Evidence for a Previously Unrecognized Ice Age Pro-Glacial Lake, Mercer County, Pennsylvania” at the NE Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Hartford, CT (March 22-24, 2026).

Wang, J. (2026)
Presented “Comparing Walkability Around HUD and Non-HUD Senior Housing in Pittsburgh Using a Senior Walkability Index” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in San Francisco, CA (March 17-21, 2026).



ENGINEERING

Hamidi, S. (2025)
Presented “Using field & remote-sensing data to investigate the interplay between eutrophication, algal blooms & greenhouse gas emissions in freshwater lakes and reservoirs” at World Environmental & Water Resources Congress in Anchorage, Alaska (May 20, 2025).
<https://www.ewricongress.org>

Limon, S. (2025)
Collaborating student, Risat Chowdhury, from North Carolina A&T university
Presented “All-Terminal Network Reliability Estimation Using a Link Degradation Prediction Model” at RAMS Conference (January 27, 2025).
This paper is the winner of the 2025 Stan Oftshun Award for Best RAMS paper.

Sun, X. (2025)
Presented “CO₂-Responsive Nanogel Transportation and Plugging Efficiency in Sandstone Rock for Enhanced Gas Storage Efficiency” at the SPE Eastern Regional Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia. (October 29, 2025).

MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS, AND PHYSICS

Ballew, J. (2025)
Presented “Communication in Upper-Level Proof Courses” at the MAA Allegheny Mountain Section Meeting at St. Vincent College in Latrobe (March 28, 2025).

Brimkov, B. (2025)
Presented “AIM Special Session on Applications and Generalizations of Zero Forcing” at the annual Joint Math Meetings conference in Seattle, Washington (January 11, 2025)
<https://meetings.ams.org/math/jmm2025/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/44878>

Crescenzo, K. & Fernacz, A (2025) (students)
Presented “Relative Entropy and Asymptotic in Bubbling Particle - Fluid Systems. They provided one of thirteen student talks” at the MAA Allegheny Mountain Section Meeting at St. Vincent College in Latrobe (March 28, 2025).



Graham, R. (2025)

- Presented "Self-efficacy in Geometry with Pre-service Teachers: Does a Focus on Fewer Topics at Greater Depth Make a Difference?" at the PAMTE Conference in Shippensburg, PA (May 21, 2025).
- Poster presentation "Self-efficacy in Geometry with Pre-service Teachers: Does a Focus on Fewer Topics at Greater Depth Make a Difference?" at the PME-NA conference in State College, PA (October 27, 2025).

Miller, J. L. (2025)

- Presented "Clue Problems and Other Deductive Reasoning Tasks" at the Annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PCTM) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (July 25, 2025).
<https://sites.google.com/pctm.org/pctm2025/friday>
- Presented "'Reverse Tasks' for Middle School/Junior High Topics" at the annual National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Atlanta, GA (October 18, 2025)

PARKS AND CONSERVATION

The SRU Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship & Creative Achievement (April 17, 2025): Student Presentations

- Landis, P., Ponchione, J., Carbone, K., Strauss, M., Ferzetti, N., Lucas, E., & Yost, M. along with Davis, S. and Thomas, R. Poster presentation "A 2024 Campus Wide Survey Analysis of Climate Change Understanding, Perspective, and Overall Willingness at Slippery Rock University".
- Vincent, L. along with Thomas, R. Poster presentation "Early-Successional Habitats: The Effects of Select Cutting on Songbird Populations in Moraine State Park".

Thomas, B. (2025)

Presented "Cultivating Connections in Higher Education" at the annual meeting of The North American Association for Environmental Education, virtual conference (November 5, 2025).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Bhandari, S. (2025)

Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics - NASA grant was extended which will allow him two physics students, Audrey Schubert and Chamath Bandara, to continue working on building a laser-cooled atom trap to study Bose Einstein Condensate at microkelvin temperatures.

Bortz, S. (2025)

Macoskey Center -

- Received an award in the amount of \$22,500 from the West Penn Energy Fund to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability education through three initiatives: 1) energy audit; 2) kitchen efficiency upgrades; and 3) Earth Month programming.
- PA Dept. Of Community & Economic Development: Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Program Grant Implementation - \$250,000 - The Macoskey Center (MC) in collaboration with SRU Facilities, Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc., DElliott Engineering, and a PASSHE-approved contractor began to construct the MC's Boardwalk & Accessible Trail Project. This project includes 2 handicap accessible parking spots, a 700' accessible pathway that connects these parking spots to an outdoor classroom space and the MC's Bluebird Trail, and a 300' ADA-accessible boardwalk made of composite decking and with an observation deck.

Dafoe, N. (2025)

College of Engineering and Science - Received an award in the amount of \$1,396 from the Construction Industry Advancement Program of Western Pennsylvania to purchase equipment for the first year of the Construction Management program.

**Davis, S. (2025)***Parks and Conservation -*

- Received an award in the amount of \$94,511 from Northern Michigan University through the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service to provide an updated understanding of park/refuge visitor's perceptions and attitudes towards climate change.
- Received an award in the amount of \$4,174 from Colorado State University through the U.S. Department of the Interior to serve as the primary facilitator for workshop meetings to collaborate and share data on bat observations.

Eade, A. (2025)

Biology - Received sponsorship from Aramark to support honey bee related student research and educational initiatives at the Rock Apiary, April 2025.

Thomas, B. (2025)

Parks and Conservation Program - Received an award in the amount of \$9,919 from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education through the Professional Development Council to study culturally-responsive conservation education in northern Thailand during the Spring 2026 semester.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Brimkov, B. (2025)

Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics - "Recent Progress on Conjectures about Zero Forcing Sets and Forts," \$1,500.

Hamidi, S. (2025)*Engineering -*

- "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Green Infrastructure on Sediment Transport in Hickey Run Using OpenHydroQual," \$1,500.
- "Using Fields and Remote-Sensing Data to Investigate the Interplay Between Eutrophication, Algal Blooms, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Freshwater Lakes and Reservoirs," \$1,500.

Maltman, C. (2025)

Biology - "Unique Properties of Bacteria Isolated from Mine Sites," \$1,500.

Wahbeh, A. (2025)

Computing and Security - "Evaluating Topic Models with Open AI Embeddings: A Comparative Analysis on Variable-Length Texts Using Two Datasets and Highlighting Competency Gaps in Health Informatics Education Using Advanced Text-Embedding Models," \$1,500.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Shoemaker, C. (2025)

Biology - "Establishing a Baseline of Insect Community Structure, Abundance, and Diversity in Rural Western PA," \$3,900.

INTERNAL GRANTS – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Cichra, J. (student) & Su, J.-W. (faculty) (2025)

Engineering - "Soft Robotics and E-nose: Enhancing Sensor Accuracy and Control Through Wireless Data Transmission," \$1,500.

Nunes, A. (student) & Guiney, E. (faculty) (2025)

Biology - "Multi-Species Whole Genome Sequencing (Metagenomics) in an Acid Mine Drainage Microbial Community," \$1,500.

Safran, S. (student) & Thomas, R. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "Equitable Nature Education for Students in Urban Areas: Examining Science Identity and Aspirations," \$1,484.





Tandukar, A. (student) & Santos, I. (faculty) (2025)

Engineering - "Soil Testing and Property Analysis of Rare Earth Enriched Acid Mine Drainage Sludge," \$1,500.

INTERNAL GRANTS – GREEN FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Updegraph, J. & Bortz, S. (2025)

Macoskey Center - "Macoskey Center Forest Management Plan," \$5,500.

INTERNAL GRANTS – STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Carbone, K. (student) & Davis, S. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA," Abstract "Survey administered to college students on their thoughts and opinions on climate change." \$150.00.

Ferzetti, N. (student) & Davis, S. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA," Abstract "Survey administered to college students on their thoughts and opinions on climate change." \$150.00.

Landis, P. (student) & Davis, S. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA," Abstract "Survey administered to college students on their thoughts and opinions on climate change." \$150.50.

Ponchione, J. (student) & Davis, S. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA," Abstract "Survey administered to college students on their thoughts and opinions on climate change." \$150.00.

Stauss, M. (student) & Davis, S. (faculty) (2025)

Parks and Conservation - "North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA," Abstract "Survey

administered to college students on their thoughts and opinions on climate change." \$150.00.

Vaughn, M. (student) & Buckley, M. (faculty) (2025)

Biology - "American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL," Abstract "Conference presentation on research that was conducted to determine if imidacloprid is responsible for changes in gene expression." \$300.00.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Christensen, L. (2025)

Engineering - Accompanied CES students Rozic, Michael, Jake Lewin, Madison Warner, Kadin McClymonds & Ryan Thompson to the American Society of Mechanical Engineering student leader weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana (October 4, 2025).

Eade, A. (2025)

Biology - Lead 3 workshops on the Virtual Human Dissector (VHD) for intermediate level users at the 2025 Toltech User Meeting, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO (June 5, 2025).

Hzizo, S. & Clark, R. accompanied CES students Heer Zaveri (Biology), Erin Melcher (Biology), Martina Tatalias (Engineering), Amber Maurer (Engineering), Haley Barner (Chemistry), Vanessa Painter (Chemistry), Amina Tandukar (Engineering), and Vasundhara Devi Singari (Engineering) to the Next Gen Women in STEM event at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA (October 11, 2025).

<https://asmedigitalcollection.asme.org/manufacturing/article-abstract/147/9/091003/1215362/Integrating-Decision-Trees-and-Clustering-for?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Santos, I. (2025)

Engineering - Along with student Amina Tandukar have been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Student Award Foundation (SAF) cash award from the Pittsburgh Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Awards were given at the dinner February 22, 2025 in Pittsburgh PA.



Sun, X. (2025)

Engineering -

- Served as the guest editor for the book published by MDPI on Gels for Oil and Gas Industry Applications in January 2025.
<https://www.mdpi.com/books/reprint/10397-gels-for-oil-and-gas-industry-applications-2nd-edition>
- Along with students Josiah, James and Patrick Krupp- attended the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, in Houston, Texas, October 20-22.
- Along with students Taylor, Allison, James Josiah, Patrick Krupp, Mason Switalski, Aidan Detman, Micah DeJulia, and Leo Labrakopoulos - attended SPE Eastern Regional Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia, October 28-30.

Thomas, R. (2025)

Parks and Conservation - Accompanied students Halulko Jackson, Ella Mallogrino, Hailey Minard Allison O'Donnell, Reiley Powell, Kaitlin Simpson, Madelyn Simpson and Jason Updegraph from the College of Engineering and Science and Macoskey Center graduate assistants to the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators Conference in Erie, PA, March 10 - 12, 2025.

Wahbeh, A. (2025)

Computing and Security - Chaired a mini track, Analytics and Intelligent Decision Support for Green IS and Sustainability Applications, at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, in Wikoloa, Hawaii (January 7-10, 2025).



COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ahuja, N. A., Eshak, T. B., Angus, K., Robare, J. F., & Gulabani, M. (2025)
Public Health - Association of Perceived Stress, Social Support, and Self-Esteem with E-Cigarette Use Among U.S. College-Aged Young Adults.
Substance use & misuse, 60(4), 550-557.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39676278/>

Ahuja, N. A., Gulabani, M., & Ahuja, N. A. (2025)
Public Health - Factors affecting U.S. adults' comfort level in sharing social needs information with healthcare providers. *Patient education and counseling*, 130, 108493.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39531862/#:~:text=Conclusion%3A%20Various%20factors%20such%20as,sharing%20information%20about%20social%20needs> .

Ahuja, N.A., Mahmood, A.Q., Kedia, S.K., Dillon, P., & Bailey, J (2025)
Public Health - Patient-Centered Communication and Cancer Information Overload among Adults Without a History of Cancer in the United States. *Journal of Health Communication*.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39952783/>



Anning, J.H., Edinger, J., & Matthews, C. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Facilitating physical activity through the stages of care for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD): practical guidance for healthcare professionals and caregivers. *Journal of Rehabilitation Practices and Research*, 6(2):190. <https://gexinonline.com/uploads/articles/article-jrpr-190.pdf>.

Anning, J.H., Hughes, C.J., Sprigle, S.H., & Hays, C. (2025) *Exercise Science and Physical Therapy* - A proposal to standardize acceleration development training using series elastic bands. *NSCA Coach*, 12(4):10-16.

Chen, C.-H., Yeh, M.-C., Liu, C., Tseng, Y.-J., & Lu, S.-T. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Biomechanical Differences Between Ipsilateral and Contralateral Change-of-Direction Movements Using the Same Planting Foot in Recreational Team Sport Players. *Journal of Sports Science & Medicine*. 24(4), 721.

Gomes, D., Sinnott, A., Zynda, A. J., Kochick, V. L., Ostop, S., Trbovich, A. M., Feder, A., Collins, M. W., & Kontos, A. P. (2025) *Physical Therapy* - Minimal detectable change scores and factors associated with Dynamic Exertion Test (EXiT) performance after sport-related concussion. *Sports Health*.

Holmstrup, M. & Brock, J. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Co-authored along with Benjamin D.H. Gordon, Reuben Howden, Ian Swaine, Jamie Edwards, and Jamie O'Driscoll an article "A Comparison of Hemodynamic Responses to Isometric and Aerobic Exercise: A Randomized Crossover Controlled Study" in the *Translational Journal of the American College of Sports Medicine*. Summer 2025 https://journals.lww.com/acsm-tj/fulltext/2025/07180/a_comparison_of_hemodynamic_responses_to_isometric.3.aspx

Jenny, S. (2025) *Exercise Science* -

- Microsoft's Mixer Mystery: Was Poaching Twitch's Biggest Streamers Always Doomed to Fail?, *The International Journal of Esports*. 1(1).

- <https://www.ijesports.org/article/159/html> New Study Shines Light on the Triumphs and Challenges of Collegiate Esports. *The Esports Advocate*, August 26, 2025. <https://esportsadvocate.net/2025/08/new-study-shines-light-on-the-triumphs-and-challenges-of-collegiate-esports>
- Study finds collegiate esports boost student success and retention. *The Esports Radar*, August 26, 2025. <https://esportsradar.gg/study-finds-collegiate-esports-boost-student-success-and-retention/>

Jenny, S. E. et al. (2025) *Exercise Science* -

- Listen to the coaches: Practitioners' perspective on the relevance of selected cognitive skills and assessments for esports performance. *International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching*, 20(5), 1850-1862. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17479541251342721>
- Benefits of collegiate esports study: Full methodology and results. *Voice of Intercollegiate Esports (VOICE)*. <https://voicecollegiate.org/blog-posts/full-methodology-results-benefits-of-collegiate-esports-study>
- Benefits of collegiate esports study: Executive summary. *Voice of Intercollegiate Esports (VOICE)*. <https://voicecollegiate.org/blog-posts/executive-summary-benefits-of-collegiate-esports-study>

Jenny, S. E. & Pastore, R. (2025) *Exercise Science* -

- World esports artificial intelligence (AI) ethics guidelines. *International Esports Federation (IESF)*. <https://archive.iesf.org/iesf/document.do?mode=view&articleNo=2865&article.offset=0&articleLimit=10&srCategoryId=103>
- Research report on the world esports AI ethics guidelines: Establishing standardized ethical AI guidelines in esports through critical stakeholder input. *International Esports Federation (IESF)*. <https://archive.iesf.org/iesf/document.do?mode=view&articleNo=2841&article.offset=0&articleLimit=10&srCategoryId=6>



Kemeny, B., Angelini, W., Decker, C., Lemire, E., & Snyder, A. (2025) *Recreational Therapy* - Adaptive Riding: An Intervention to Improve Falls in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease. *Innovations in Aging*. 9(2). <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.4325>

Kemeny, B. & Decker, C. (2025) *Recreational Therapy* - Report from CTRS@s: Recreational Therapy Incorporating Equines. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*. 59(4). <https://doi.org/10.18666/TRJ-2025-V59-I4-12955>

Klemp, A., Ormsbee, M. J., Yeh, M-C., Sokolowski, C., Kim, D. H., Panton, L. B., & Kim, J. S. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Neither pre-sleep nor post-exercise protein consumption influences resistance exercise training adaptations in older adults. *Journal of the International Society of Sports Nutrition*. 22(1), 2519511.

Mueller, K. E., Whaley, D., & Thomas, A. (2026) *Recreational Therapy* - Adaptive sport as complementary and holistic health intervention: Outcomes for participants to improve resiliency, promote health, and live in recovery. *Healthcare*. 14(2), 167. <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare14020167>

Siebert, J., Kennedy, K., & Osterhout, D. (2025) *Physician Assistant* - Neurons Are Not All the Same: Diversity in Neuronal Populations and Their Intrinsic Responses to Spinal Cord Injury. *ASN Neuro*, 17(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/17590914.2024.2440299>

Strahler, D., Verba, S., Walsh, C., & Rathlef, J. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Building Faculty Capacity: Initial Impact of a Service-Learning Faculty Learning Community Model. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 29(3), 45-62.

Thomas, A., Mueller, K. E., Sharpe, S., Whaley, D., Heffner, C., & Farrell, J. W. (2025) *Recreational Therapy* - Proposing practice recommendations for adaptive sports for the disciplines of recreational therapy, exercise physiology, and athletic training. *American*

Journal of Recreation Therapy, 24(1), 7-18. <https://doi.org/10.5055/ajrt.0308>

Thomas, A., Mueller, K.E., & Whaley, D. (2026) *Recreational Therapy* - Recreational therapy students' perspectives of a class time fieldwork experience for adolescents who engage in health risk behaviors. *American Journal of Recreation Therapy*, 25(1), 15-23. <https://doi.org/10.5055/ajrt.0318>

BOOKS

Jenny, S. E. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Series Editor: Routledge Research Series in Esports and Video Gaming. First published book in series: *The Psychology of Esports Performance* by Sharpe & Poulus. <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Research-Series-in-Esports-and-Video-Gaming/book-series/RRSEVG>

Jenny, S. E. et al. (Editors). (2025) *Exercise Science* - Esports business management (2nd ed.). Human Kinetics. <https://us.humankinetics.com/products/esports-business-management-2nd-edition-ebook-with-hkpropel-access#tab-tableofcontents>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Jenny, S. E. & Darvin, L. (2025) *Exercise Science* - Esports Culture and Issues (Chapter 3). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 35-52). Human Kinetics.





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- Introduction to Esports (Chapter 1). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 1-14). Human Kinetics.
<https://us.humankinetics.com/products/esports-business-management-2nd-edition-ebook-with-hkpropel-access#tab-tableofcontents>
- Esports Stakeholders (Chapter 4). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 53-73). Human Kinetics.
- Esports Production Management and Communications (Chapter 10). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 169-185). Human Kinetics.
- Esports Team and Player Management (Chapter 13). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 231-244). Human Kinetics.
<https://us.humankinetics.com/products/esports-business-management-2nd-edition-ebook-with-hkpropel-access>

Jenny, S. E. & Sharpe, B. T. (2025)

Exercise Science - Levels of Esports (Chapter 2). In D. P. Hedlund, S. E. Jenny, & G. Fried (Eds.). *Esports business management* (2nd ed., pp. 15-34). Human Kinetics.

PRESENTATIONS

SOCIAL WORK

Abbs, K. (2025)

Presented "The Use of Service-Learning to Foster Student Growth" at National Organization for Student Success Conference, New Orleans, LA (February 19-22, 2025).



Eaton-Stull, Y. (2025)

- Presented "Animal-assisted interventions for crises and loss" at the Highmark Caring Place Grief Talks 2025 virtual conference (March 26, 2025).
- Presented "Therapy & crisis dogs in schools: Building community, enhancing coping & promoting resilience" at the PA Student Assistance Program Annual Conference, Penn State, PA (Feb 25, 2025).
- Presented "Animal-Assisted Crisis Response" to Gannon University graduate students, Erie PA (Feb 24, 2025).
- Presented "Labracadabra: The Magic of Animal-Assisted Social Work Practice" at the NASW MA Virtual Symposium (May 2, 2025).
- Presented "Therapy and crisis response dogs: Beneficial partners in treating those with substance abuse issues and supporting those left behind" at the Erie County Drug & Alcohol Coalition Conference in Erie, PA (June 13, 2025).

Gorgacz, M., Sell, A., Eaton-Stull, Y., & Abbs, K. (2025)

Presented "Enhancing Copings Skills for Incarcerated Individuals who experienced trauma: A comparison of groups with and without therapy dogs" at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work in New Orleans, LA (May 29, 2025).

Micsky, T. & Odon, M. (2025)

Facilitated a virtual conference presentation entitled "Teaching with Care: Applying Trauma-Informed Principles in the College Classroom" for The Teaching Professor Online Conference (July 23, 2025).

EXERCISE SCIENCE/ESPORTS

Boyle, J., Verba, S., & Urda, J. (2025)

Presented "The Effect of Low-Intensity Blood Flow Restriction Resistance Exercise on Cardiovascular Function in College-Aged Women" at the SRU Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement (April 17, 2025).

Deemer, M., Combs, A., Tomko, T., Opfer, E., Dembeck, A., Jensen, B., Holmstrup, M., & Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Presented "The Effect of Head-Up Orthostatic



Tilt on Inter-Arm Blood Pressure and Hemodynamics" at the 2025 SRU Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement. Slippery Rock, PA. (April 17, 2025).

Deemer, M., & Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Presented "Are Smartwatches Ready for Blood Pressure Monitoring? A Pilot Validity Study Across Multiple Conditions" at the 2025 Mid-Atlantic American College of Sports Medicine conference. Harrisburg, PA. (November 7-8 2025).

Huang, T.-H., Chen, Y., Yeh, M.-C., & Liu, C. (2025)

Presented "Relationship Between Biomechanical and Physiological Cycling Power Indices in Adolescent Cyclists" at the 2025 Cycling Science Conference. Taipei, Taiwan. (March 2025).

Jablonski, S., Herrington, Z., Verba, S., & Urda, J. (2025)

Presented "The Effects of Blood Flow Restriction Resistance Exercise on Cardiovascular Function in Normotensive College Women" at the 48th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter Conference of the American College of Sports Medicine. Harrisburg, PA (November 7-8, 2025).

Jenny, S.E. and Colleagues (2025)

- Presented "AI and esports - Leap or threat?" at World Esports Summit (WES) hosted by the International Esports Federation (IESF), Busan, South Korea. (February 2026).
- Conference Chair: Opening remarks at Esports Research Network Conference 2025. (November 2025).
- Presented with Schary, D. P. "Who plays collegiate esports? A comprehensive demographic analysis of VOICE-affiliated programs" at Esports Research Network Conference (2025).
- Presented with Schary, D. P. "What are the benefits of [collegiate] esports? A mixed-method cross-sectional exploratory study" at Esports Research Network Online Conference 2025.
- Presented "Introducing the collegiate esports medical support model" at Esports Research Network Conference 2025.
- Presented "Listen to the coaches: Practitioners' perspective on the relevance of selected cognitive skills and assessments for

esports performance" at Esports Research Network Conference 2025.

- Presented with Shinohara, T. Conference chair: Closing remarks. Esports Research Network Conference 2025.
- Invited Keynote Speaker - "Research + current look at esports" at Campus Takeover, Hosted by Gen.G and Syracuse Esports. Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. (September 2025).
- Presented with: Friedl, G., Willford, J., Kline, E., & DeMaria, R. "Student Health Advisory Panel (SHAP): Sleep and academic performance" at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock, PA. (May 2025).
- Presented "Shoe Talk: For the beginner to elite runner" at Rock Run Club and Grove City Athletics Club co-hosted event. Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock, PA. (May 2025).
- Presented "Esports Coaching and Developing your Coaching Philosophy" at Institut des Sciences du Sport-Santé de Paris (URP 3625) Sports Department, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France (February 17-21, 2025). https://www.linkedin.com/posts/diu-esports_retour-en-images-sur-la-troisi%C3%A8me-semaine-activity-7298631611430957056-C3-g
- Presented "Esports Performance Skills" at Institut des Sciences du Sport-Santé de Paris (URP 3625) Sports Department, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France (February 17-21, 2025). https://www.linkedin.com/posts/diu-esports_retour-en-images-sur-la-troisi%C3%A8me-semaine-activity-7298631611430957056-C3-g
- Presented "Esports Sustainability and the Future of Esports" at Institut des Sciences du Sport-Santé de Paris (URP 3625) Sports Department, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France (February 17-21, 2025). https://www.linkedin.com/posts/diu-esports_retour-en-images-sur-la-troisi%C3%A8me-semaine-activity-7298631611430957056-C3-g
- Invited interviewee to discuss his research and esports on The Ron Errett Show on 790 WPIC Radio, Sharon, PA (July 29, 2025).
- Invited for the Guest Researchers Faculty Program 2025 for the Diplôme Inter-Universitaire (DIU) Esports Manager Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France (February



17-21, 2025). <https://u-paris.fr/en/teacher-researchers-and-international-doctoral-students>

Lu, S.-T., Yeh, M.-C., Shiang, T.-Y., & Lu, C. (2025)

Presented "Estimating Cycling Power Indices Using Simplified Time-Trial Tests" at the 2025 Cycling Science Conference. Taipei, Taiwan. (March 2025).

McClure, P., Pearce, A., Grinstead, J., McCall, A., Borkovich, M., Curran, G., Rhinehart, K., Lynn, J., & Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Presented "Validation of Wrist-Worn Heart Rate Monitoring Devices" at the 2025 SRU Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement, Slippery Rock, PA. (April 17, 2025).

Pearce, A., McClure, P., Grinstead, & J., Lynn, J., & Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Presented "Wrist-Worn Heart Rate Trackers in Action: Validity During Cycling and Treadmill Workouts" at the 2025 Mid-Atlantic American College of Sports Medicine conference. Harrisburg, PA. (November 2025).

Urda, J., Verba, S., & Dicus, J. (2026)

Presented "Use and Perceptions of Generative AI in Undergraduate Exercise Science Students" at the 18th Annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy at Virginia Tech.

Wu, Y.-J., Yeh, M.-C., Becker, M., & Scherer, R. (2025)

Presented "The Development of Well-Being During Emerging Adulthood: A Systematic Review of Longitudinal Studies" at the 2025 Annual

Conference of Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Fribourg, Switzerland. (September 2025).

Yeh, M.-C., Yang, W. W., Hung, Y. H., Liu, Y. C., Kung, J. T., Ma, H. P., & Liu, C. (2025)

Presented a paper "Using a Sensor-Embedded Baseball to Identify Finger Characteristics Related to Spin Rate and Pitching Velocity in Pitchers" at the 2025 Symposium on Sport Science Research. Taipei, Taiwan. (November 2025).

Yeh, M.-C., McClure, P., Pearce, A., Grinstead, J., & Lynn, J. (2025)

Presented "Heart Rate Monitoring Accuracy of Wearable Devices: A Comparative Study" at the 2025 International Conference of Taiwan Society of Exercise Physiology and Fitness. Taichung, Taiwan. (June 2025).

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Fiedor, J., Hudson, V., & Yeropoli, B. (2025)

Poster Presentation "Diversity of Skin Tone Representation in Textbooks Used in DPT Courses" at The Annual American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, Houston, TX (February 13, 2025).

Hughes, C. (2025)

- Invited speaker on topic long term performance outcomes following ACL reconstruction applied to the squat exercise, Noraxon Users Meeting, Phoenix Arizona (October 24-26, 2025).



- Presented as poster and late-breaking oral presentation, "Orthopedic Risks to Cardiac Catheterization Operators wearing traditional lead protection versus using novel lead-less solutions: Insights from the Prospective ERGO-CATH Study" at Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions (SCAI) Scientific Sessions. Washington, D.C. (May 1, 2025).
- Presented "Sex and Operator Role based Differences in Ergonomic Risks to Catheterization Laboratory Operators: Insights from the Prospective ERGO-CATH Study" Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions. Washington, D.C. (May 2, 2025).

King, N. & Smith, T. (2025)

Poster Presentation "Does the Olfactory Recess Signify Olfactory Specialization in Strepsirrhine Primates and Other Mammals?" at 94th annual meeting of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, Baltimore, MD (March 13-15, 2025).

Kochick, V., Covert, K., Eisenhart, E., & Ostop, S. (2025)

Presented "Dynamic exercise after sport-related concussion: Timing, testing, and treatment" at the Annual APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), Houston, TX (February 13-15).

Kochick, V. & Juska, A. (2025)

Poster Presentation "The Molly Experience: Student physical therapist-driven management of adult cerebral palsy." At Move PA 2025, Harrisburg, PA (October 24-25, 2025).

Lindenberg, K. (2025)

Presented "70 is NOT the New 50: Addressing Common Concerns of (Seemingly Healthy) Older Adults" at the 15th Annual Southwest District of the APTA PA Mini Combined Sections Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (March 29, 2025).

Shipe, N. (2025)

Presented along with students, Shannon Jackson, Lydia Latimer, and Lorna Speigle - presented for the American Physical Therapy Association, APTA Move PA conference, Harrisburg, PA, October 24, 2025.



Smith, T. (2025)

Poster Presentation "Fontanels and Sutures at Birth in Neonatal Primates: A Comparative Micro CT and Histological Study" at the 94th annual meeting of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, Baltimore, MD (March 13-15, 2025).

PSYCHOLOGY

Gorgacz, M., Sell, A., Eaton-Stull, Y., & Abbs, K. (2025)

Presented "Enhancing Copings Skills for Incarcerated Individuals who experienced trauma: A comparison of groups with and without therapy dogs" at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work in New Orleans, LA (May 29, 2025).

Howarth, K., Emerick, J., & Boerger, E. (2025)

- Poster Presentation "Self-Care and Subjective Well-Being in Slippery Rock Students" at the annual Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference, California, PA (April 12, 2025).
- Poster Presentation "Self-Care and Subjective Well-Being in Slippery Rock Students" at the annual Symposium for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Endeavor, Slippery Rock, PA (April 17, 2025).

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ufelle, A. (2025)

- Presented "Empowering the Next Generation of Public Health Leaders: Slippery Rock University's Online Master of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health" at the 38th Annual Meeting, Allegheny-Erie Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology, Morgantown, WV (October 29, 2025).
- Presented "Online Teaching of Environmental and Occupational Health" at the 152nd American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington, D.C. (November 3, 2025).



RECREATIONAL THERAPY

Kemeny, B. (2025)

- Presented “Social Prescribing and Recreational Therapy” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas (October 20, 2025).
- Presented a paper with students Chase Decker, Emma Lemire, and Alyssa Snyder. “Adaptive Riding for Falls Prevention in Individuals with Parkinson’s Disease” at the American Therapeutic Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas (October 19, 2025).
- Presented a paper with students Chase Decker, Emma Lemire, and Alyssa Snyder. “Adaptive Riding for Falls Prevention in Individuals with Parkinson’s Disease” at the Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in Boston, MA (November 12, 2025).

Mueller, K. (2025)

- Presented “Promoting Health, Improving Resiliency, and Living in Recovery for Adaptive Sport Athletes: A qualitative analysis using a participatory action research design” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Research Institute, San Antonio, TX (October 2025).
- Presented “Social Visits as a Social Support Intervention to Decrease Loneliness and Dementia-related Behaviors for Older Adults in Long-Term Care Communities” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Research Institute (October 2025).
- Presented “Best Practices for Adaptive Sports for the Disciplines of Recreational Therapy, Exercise Physiology, and Athletic Training” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Research Institute (October 2025).
- Presented with B. Kemeny “2025 Trends and Issues in Older Adult Settings for RT Practitioners: Educational topics with interactive discussions to inform today’s practice into the future” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference (October 2025).
- Presented “Framing the future: Advancing recreational therapies scope of practice” at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference (October 2025).



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Ahuja, N. & Robare, J. (2025)

Public Health Sciences - Received an award in the amount of \$19,842 from Truth Initiative to implement a 100% tobacco- and vape-free campus policy and promote quitting through the Truth Initiative’s EX ® Program by July 2027.

Kemeny, B. & Gramlich, C.

Psychology, Social Work, and Recreational Therapy/Storm Harbor Equestrian Center - Received an award in the amount of \$76,500 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs that promote independence, well-being, and quality of life for veterans with mental health.

Kline, E. (2025)

Dean of Students, received an award in the amount of \$3,000 from the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance to expand Wellness Peer Education activities related to alcohol education and prevention.



Siple, B. & Williams, J.

Athletic Training - Received an award in the amount of \$2,775 from the PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council, to elevate necessary professional development for Athletic Training preceptors to lead to richer experiential learning for students.

Walsh, M. & Kemeny, B.

Exercise Science/Recreational Therapy - Received an award in the amount of \$10,000 from The PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council, to educate university faculty to facilitate an intergenerational communication program between college freshmen and community-dwelling older adults through the CONNECT Program.

Yeh, M.-C.

Exercise Science - Received a \$1,000 and an honorable mention award from the Sport Science Research Ministry of Sports (Taiwan) for his published manuscript titled "Using a Sensor-Embedded Baseball to Identify Finger Characteristics Related to Spin Rate and Pitching Velocity in Pitchers".

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Ahuja, N. (2025)

Public Health Sciences -

- "Exposure to Health Information on Social Media and Belief about the Role of Alternative Tobacco Products in Cigarette Smoking Among U.S. Adults", \$1,500.
- "Socio-Demographic and Psychological Variations in Engagement with E-Cigarette Related Social Media Posts among U.S. Adolescent Users/Predictors of Oral Cancer Screening Behavior among Tobacco Users in Western India: An Application of

Information, Motivation, and Behavioral Skills Model," \$1,500.

Eaton-Stull, Y. (2025)

Psychology, Social Work, & Recreational Therapy - "Death, Detention and Dogs: Innovative Grief Groups for Individuals in Jail," \$1,500.

Gault, A. (2025)

Occupational Therapy - "The Impact of Mock Interviews and Video Stimulated Recall on New Graduates Employment Outcomes," \$1,500.

Keener, E. (2025)

Psychology -

- "Do Not Obey in Advance: Navigating DEI with Institutional Courage in Politically Polarized Spaces," \$1,500.
- "Embracing Complexity: Updating Psychological Approaches to Gender in a Time of Social Challenge," \$1,500.

Kochick, V. (2025)

Physical Therapy -

- "It's Not You, it's Me - the Truth about Managing Chronic Neurologic Conditions," \$1,389.
- "SP-20623 - Dynamic Exercise after Sport-Related Concussion: Timing, Testing, and Treatment," \$1,500.

Walsh, M. (2025)

Exercise Science - "Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport may Mask Hypermobility Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: A Retrospective Case Study," \$1,113.

Whitney, A & Gramlich, C. (2025)

Storm Harbor Equestrian Center - Received an award in the amount of \$5,000 from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International - National Philanthropic Trust Grant Program, to provide funding for equine assisted services and Professional credentialing.

Yeboah, E. (2025)

Social Work - "Supporting BIPOC in a Politically and Philosophically Divided Nation," \$1,500.

Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Exercise Science - "Validity of Commercially Available Wristband Heart Rate Monitoring Devices Under Exercise Condition," \$1,500.





INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Eaton-Stull, Y. (2025)

Psychology, Social Work, & Recreational Therapy - “Coping Skills Groups for Trauma with and without Therapy Dogs for Individuals who are Incarcerated,” \$3,841.

Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Exercise Science - “Validation of Wrist-Worn Devices for Blood Pressure Measurement,” \$4,940.

INTERNAL GRANTS – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Halper, R. & Yeh, M. (2025)

Exercise Science - “Validation of Commercially Available Wrist-Worn Devices for Aerobic Capacity Measurement,” \$1,490.

Ryan, C. (Student) & McKnight, S. (Faculty) (2025)

Psychology - “Thelate-Positive Potential Tagging Emotional Words for Emotional Memory Encoding,” \$1,300.

INTERNAL GRANTS – STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Hudson, V. & Fiedor, J. (2025)

Physical Therapy - “American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting Annual Conference, Houston, Texas,” Abstract “Conference presentation on research that was conducted to examine images in “required” textbooks utilized in the first year in the DPT program at SRU and quantify the diversity of tone in depictions of human skin.” \$300.00.

Yeropoli, B. & Fiedor, J. (2025)

Physical Therapy - “American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting Annual Conference, Houston, Texas,” Abstract “Conference presentation on research that was conducted to examine images in “required” textbooks utilized in the first year in the DPT program at SRU and quantify the diversity of tone in depictions of human skin.” \$300.00.

AWARDS

Jenny, S. E. (2025)

Exercise Science - National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) “Scholar of the Year” Winner. Nominated and voted upon by the leading competitive collegiate esports organization in North America.

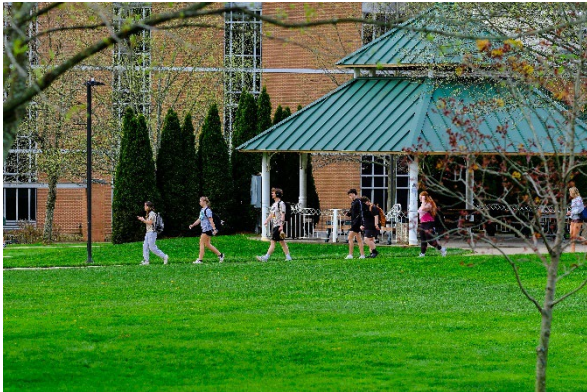
Mueller, K. (2025)

Recreational Therapy-American Therapeutic Recreation Association’s *Member of the Year* Award for “outstanding contributions to the organization”.

Yeh, M.-C. (2025)

Exercise Science - received an outstanding oral presentation award from the 2025 International Conference of Taiwan Society of Exercise Physiology and Fitness, Taichung, Taiwan for the presentation titled “Heart Rate Monitoring Accuracy of Wearable Devices: A Comparative Study”.





COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Covey, W. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Telling Stories Visually, Review Essay on Tony Lee Moral's Alfred Hitchcock Storyboards. London: Titan Books, 2024. *Hitchcock Annual* 28 (2025): 201-212.

Gressang, C. (2025)

History - Book review of Pie VII: Le Pape qui défia Napoléon. By Xavier Maréchaux. Paris: Passés Composés, 2024. xiv + 308 pp. €23 paper. For Church History, October 2025.

Ni, J. H. (2025)

History - Book review of Soda Science: Making the World Safe for Coca-Cola by Susan Greenhalgh (University of Chicago Press, 2024) was published in the Journal of Asian Studies, Vol. 85, no.1, November 2025, 269-270.

O'Connor, M. (2026)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Poetic Archeology: Excavating Found Text to Create Word-and-Image Poems. Teachers and Writers Magazine: The Best of 2024-2025, pp. 28-33. (Bechtel Prize finalist and featuring cover art by SRU student Sydney Wuchevich).

Silvestro, J. J. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing,

published the article, "Generative Artificial Memories: Teaching AI Text Generators as Rhetorical Memory Devices" in the journal Composition Studies. November 24, 2025. Volume 53, Issue 2.

Spina, N. (2025)

Political Science - The impact of early COVID-19 lockdowns on perceptions of American democracy. Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, 1-14.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2025.2570379>

Stryffeler, R. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing, published an article "Masculinity in the American Rust Belt" in the International Journal of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. October 17, 2025. Volume 1, Issue 3.

BOOKS

DiMarco, D. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Considering Nonhuman Animals in World Literature: *The Complete Angel Catbird*. *Approaches to Teaching the Works of Margaret Atwood*. Ed. Lauren Rule Maxwell, MLA, 2025.

Katsiadas, N. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing, published a book, Tolkien's Medievalism in Ruins: The Function of Relics and Ruins in Middle-earth, Bloomsbury Publishing, New York, New York, October 16, 2025.

McGinty, P. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing, published a book, Town College City Road, with the University of Wisconsin Press, October 1, 2025.

Melago, K. (2025)

Music - *Field experience immersion in music: A planning guide*. Fflat Books.

Sands, K., Petray, M. J., Clements, G., & Santelmann, L. (2026)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing, Linguistic Foundations for Second Language Teaching and Learning: Bridging the Disciplinary Divide. Cambridge University Press.



BOOK CHAPTERS

DiMarco, D. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Considering Non-Human Animals in World Literature: The Complete Angel Catbird. In the book *Approaches to Teaching the Works of Margaret Atwood*. Published by the Modern Language Associates (MLA), Fall 2025.

Gressang, C. (2025)

History - Les carmélites de Compiègne Politiques du martyre pendant la Révolution française (1789-1794). In *Le martyre politique en Europe du Sud (XIXeXXIe siècle) Figures, mutations, usages*, Pierre-Marie Delpu, ed. Casa de Velázquez, 2025. <https://books.openedition.org/cvz/56430>, October 2025.

Hayase, H., Ishimaru, Y., & Petray, M. J. (2026)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Chapter 24, Japanese University Students and US Immersion Programming: Developing English Competence and Global Perspectives. In T. Mammadova, S. Curle, D. Yüksel, and T. J. Allen (Eds.), *The Linguistic Landscape of Higher Education Internationalization, Volume 2: English as a Global Medium: Pedagogical and Professional Perspectives*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Katsiadass, N. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Two chapters, Introduction and Romantic Nostalgia in Tolkien's Relics and Ruins: Longing for Aman; Gondolin, and Númenor in The Lost Road. In Katsiadass, N. & Sell, C. (Eds), *Tolkien's Medievalism in Ruins: The Function of Relics and Ruins in Middle-earth*. Bloomsbury Publishing, New York, October 16, 2025.

Lee, J. S. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - What Are These Towers of Silver?. In Katsiadass, N. & Sell, C. (Eds), *Tolkien's Medievalism in Ruins: The Function of Relics and Ruins in Middle-earth*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2025.

Pearcy, T. (2025)

History - publication of the nation of Panamá's presidential archive online at archivosporras.com. The collection includes 30,000 documents and constitutes the founding documents of a sovereign nation that have never been accessible. It is the first project of its kind in history. Beta site opened

November 2025, and the entire project will be donated to the Universidad de Panamá and that nation's Ministerio del Interior in Summer 2026.

Petray, M. J. & Clements, G.

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing -

- **(2025)** *Linguicism in the Classroom: Equity, Pedagogical Praxis, and Institutional Policy in Multilingual Higher Education.* In D. Köksal, A. Irgatoğlu, & S. Beceren (Eds.), *Language Unbound: Shaping the Future of Language Education*. The International Association of Education Researchers (ULEAD) Press.
- **(2026)** Chapter 1, *Where are we now? The Status of Linguistics in U.S. Master's-Level L2 Teacher Training Programs.* In Sands, Petray, Clements, & Santelmann (Eds.), *Linguistic Foundations for Second Language Teaching and Learning: Bridging the Disciplinary Divide*. Cambridge University Press.

Petray, M. J. & Dieter, G. (2024)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - Chapter 2 - Global Learning for the Global Educator: Agency in Developing Cultural Competence in Teacher Education. In Tours & Lynch (Eds.), *Developing Effective International Education Experiences: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers for the Classroom*. Vernon Press.

Petray, M. J., Santelmann, L., & Clements, G. (2026)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing, Conclusion: Where Do We Go From Here? In Sands, Petray, Clements, & Santelmann (Eds.), *Linguistic Foundations for Second Language Teaching and Learning: Bridging the Disciplinary Divide*. Cambridge University Press.





Sands, K., Santelmann, L. Clements, G., & Petray, M. J. (2026) *Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing*, Introduction: Setting the Stage. In Sands, Petray, Clements, & Santelmann (Eds.), *Linguistic Foundations for Second Language Teaching and Learning: Bridging the Disciplinary Divide*. Cambridge University Press.

PRESENTATIONS /PERFORMANCES /EXHIBITIONS

ART

Antonellis, T. (2025)

- Had artwork “Cape Cod Volute” exhibited at the 111th Annual Art Exhibition, Erie Art Museum, Erie Pennsylvania, February 20 - December 14, 2025.
- Was invited to submit artwork “One Breath One Line” to *Climate, Change, Psychoanalysis* by authors Carolina Bacchi (Author), Luca Di Donna (Author), release date February 2025.

Berdis, E. A. (2025)

- Gave a public artist’s lecture about his exhibition titled, “Paper Bullies and Friends of Dorothy” at the Abington Art Center, Philadelphia, PA, February 19, 2025.
- Participated in the Capacities of Care group exhibition at the HUB-Robeson Center-Art Alley, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, February 14-May 31, 2025.
- Presented a solo exhibition titled, “Paper Bullies and Friends of Dorothy” at the Abington Art Center, Philadelphia, PA, January 16 - February 24, 2025.
- Was juried into the National Art Education Association Member Exhibition for his work, “Bury My Bones Out Back.” This is a digital exhibition that can be viewed online through April 2025.

Elliott, E. (2025)

Along with Sean Macmillan and fifteen Art students participated in SculptureX 2025. Students presented work and gave artist talks at The Sculpture Center, Cleveland, OH, February 8, 2025.

Hertel, H. (2025)

Art, News video/ Interview with Commodore Russ Tompson, Erie Yacht Club: Floating art show adds captivating color to Lake Erie by Jennifer Mobilia, Fox 66 News, www.yourerie.com <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/floating-art-show-adds-captivating-color-to-lake-erie/> , Erie, PA, August 14, 2025.

Shumway, J. (2025)

- Exhibited in the Los Angeles Center for Digital Art (LACDA) Spring 2025 International Juried Competition. His artwork, Omniglyph Hybrid Grouping 05.30.23, digital image/archival digital print was featured in the exhibition. The exhibition was juried by Joel Feree, Program Director, Art + Technology Lab, LACMA, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, March 6-29, 2025.
- Exhibited the artwork, Omniglyph: Hybrid Grouping 07.10.23, in the Digital Art, Assemblage, Collage 2025 Exhibition at the Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY, June - July 2025.
- Exhibited the artwork, Omniglyph: Hybrid Grouping 05.31.23, in the Electron Salon Exhibition at the Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, Los Angeles, CA, August 2025.

Westman, B. (2025)

- Attended the meeting at the University of Rzeszow, Poland, to discuss the organization of the collaborative project: the International Printmaking Exhibition (fall 2026) involving: Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, USA, Budapesti Metropolitan Egyetem, Budapest, Hungary, Eszterházy Károly Katolikus Egyetem, Eger, Hungary, University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, Athens School of Fine Arts (ASFA), Athens, Greece, and University of Rzeszow, Faculty of Fine Arts, Rzeszow, Poland, June 10, 2025.
- Gave a presentation about her artwork *Composition #19*, to Group A members. Group A is an organization gathering artists from the Pittsburgh region, organized in 1944. Springboard Design Studio, Pittsburgh, February 13, 2025.



CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kuehn, S. (2025)

Presented in a book discussion panel, “Author Meets Critic: The Price of Freedom: Criminalization and the Management of Outsiders in Germany & US,” at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, DC (November 12, 2025).

Kuehn, S. & Ridener, R. with students, Margaret Morton and Sydney Berger (2025)

Poster Presentation “The Cost of Freedom: Examining the Socioeconomic Impact of Cash Bail in PA,” at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, DC (November 12, 2025).

Roth, J. (2025)

Poster & Pedagogy “Lessons from a Classroom Poster Session” at the annual meeting of the (PACJE) Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, DeSales University, Center Valley, PA (April 4 - 5, 2025).

Schanz, Y. (2025)

Presented “Aggression & SELF-ESTEEM & AGGRESSION: ASYSTEMATIC REVIEW” at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, DC (November 13, 2025).

DANCE

Keller, J. (2025)

Presented the Faculty & Guest Artist Concert, Miller Theater, Slippery Rock University Performing Arts Center, Slippery Rock, PA, October 25, 2025.

Kouwe, E. (2025)

- Collaborated as a performer with choreographer Jeanine Durning, a 2025 Guggenheim fellow, in creative process for a new work through an artist residency at Amherst College, Amherst, MA, May 4-13, 2025.
- Performed in *The Play* by Guggenheim Fellow Jeanine Durning, by invitation at Bates Dance Festival, where she was also invited to be an Artist in Residence, Bates Dance Festival, Lewiston, ME, July 17-August 2, 2025.
- Performed in *The Play* by Guggenheim Fellow Jeanine Durning, by invitation at the Field Center, where she was also invited to be an Artist in Residence, the Field Center, Bellows Falls, VT, August 27, 2025.

- Completed an invited artist residency and performance of *The Play* by Jeanine Durning, in which she is a creative collaborator and performer, at Bates Dance Festival in Lewiston, ME. (July 17- August 2, 2025)
- Completed an invited artist residency and performance of *The Play* by Jeanine Durning, in which she is a creative collaborator and performer, at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. (January 10-17, 2026)
- Completed an invited artist residency and performance of *The Play* by Jeanine Durning, in which she is a creative collaborator and performer, at The Field Center in Rockford, VT. (August 25-31, 2025)

Romaine, I. (2025)

- Curated a dance screening of guest artist dance films and short documentaries, *Strands of Identity: Guest Artist Screening*, Salt Lake City, UT, August 10, 2025.
- Crator of programming for an international dance film festival, *Dance on Camera Festival*, New York, NY, August 4, 2025-February 2026.
- Exhibited *F3VER*, Sans Souci Festival of Dance Cinema, Indigo Bridge Theater, featured in a 20th anniversary program highlighting festival archives, Conifer, CO, May 17, 2025.
- Featured artist ongoing, presented short dance film in a multidisciplinary arts festival program, *LA POPS UP*, Los Angeles, CA, July 2, 2025.
- Film screening of a short dance film as part of festival program *F3VER*, Utah Dance Film Festival, Salt Lake City, UT, August 10, 2025.
- Film screening, presented curated film program in public screening event, *Strands of Identity*, Salt Lake City, UT, August 10, 2025.
- Filmed *Red Line and Unearthed* presented in the University of Utah School of Dance’s mainstage production for ANEW: A Black History Month Celebration, Marriott Center for Dance, Salt Lake City, UT, February 13-15 & 20-22, 2025.
- Filmed *Strands of Identity* shoot, Salt Lake City, UT, March 8-11, 2025.
- Guest instructor, led workshops in creative dance for youth participants, *The DANCE This Camp at Centrum*, Port Townsend, WA, August 15, 2025.



- Participated in Dance Camera West International Film Festival - Film: F3VER, Official Selection, Visibility Block, Barnsdall Gallery Theater, Los Angeles, CA, January 31, 2025.
- Resident artist, IMMERSION 6.0 VR Creation Lab Residency, The School of Making Thinking and Cucalorus Film Foundation, developed immersive VR work exploring Wilmington's cultural landscape, Wilmington, NC, May 18-31, 2025.
- Streaming release, distributed short dance film via international streaming platform, F3VER, OVID.tv, July 15- September 7, 2025. *Red Line*, LUCID, August 5, 2025-Ongoing. *The Weight of Salt*, LUCID, August 5, 2025 - Ongoing.
- Streaming release, short dance film addressing themes of endurance and identity, *Why Do I Always Survive*, LUCID, August 6, 2025 -Ongoing.

VanSlander, D. (Will) (2025)

Was accepted to present his choreography, the Koresh Dance Showcase, Philadelphia, PA, January 18-19, 2025.

HISTORY

Colvin, A. (2025)

Student - presented a paper, *Ashfall of Santorini: How a Minoan Eruption Possibly Produced the Ten Plagues*, at The Phi Alpha Theta 2025 Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2025.

Cowan, A. (2025)

Presented "the Reacting to the Past Game: Renewal or Removal? Urban Redevelopment and Pittsburgh's Hill District, 1949-1963" at the 2025 Game Development Conference in Big Rapids, MI (July 10-12, 2025).

Gressang, C. (2025)

Presented "Resisting Theophilanthropy: The Debate over Religion Between 1797-1801" at the Society for French Historical Studies 2025 Conference in Paris, France (July 15-19, 2025).

Harris, L. (2025)

Student - Presented "The Madman's Ambition: An Analysis of Charles J. Guiteau's Crime and Beliefs" at The Phi Alpha Theta 2025 Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. (January 2-5, 2025).



Liu, H.-W. (2025)

Presented "China's Kashmir War" at the British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies 2025 Annual Conference at the University of Glasgow (May 23, 2025).

Ni, J. H. (2025)

Presented "A Way of Socialization: 'Friends-Seeking Campaign in Republican Beijing, 1940-1942'" and chaired a panel on "Social Transformation in Republican China" at the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (SWACS), virtual (November 7, 2025)

Rush, A. (2025)

Student - Presented "Prejudice Within the Parade: Exploring the Racism and Sexism of the Philadelphia Mummers" at The Phi Alpha Theta 2025 Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. (January 2-5, 2025).

Walk, G. (2025)

Student - Presented "Conservative Politics: Violence and the Execution of Princess de Lamballe During the French Revolution" at The Phi Alpha Theta 2025 Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. (January 2-5, 2025).

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, CULTURES, AND WRITING

Balavage, E. (2025)

- Gave an invited talk, "Human Flesh, Consumption and Transformation: Cannibalism in the Work of T. S. Eliot," for The Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace, Zoom (December 17, 2025).



- Gave an invited talk, "Precarious Labor and Adjunctification in Higher Education," for The Space Between: Literature and Culture, 1914-1945 Society, Zoom (December 11, 2025).

Covey, W. (2025)

- Presented "Always Watching: Ratter and Digital Voyeurism." Digital Projections and Screened Identities in US American Culture. PopMeC Association for US Popular Culture Studies. Virtual Conference. Universidad de Valladolid. Valladolid, Spain (September 4-5, 2025).
- Presented "Newman's Own: The Effects of Gender and Mental Illness on Gamma Rays." The 47th Comparative Drama Conference. The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). London, England. Online presentation (July 9-11, 2025).

DiMarco, D. (2025)

Presented "Solastalgia and Data Aestheticization in Josh Neufeld's A.D. and Mary and Bryan Talbot's Rain" at the national Popular Culture Association, New Orleans, LA (April 16-19, 2025).

Ishimaru, Y. (2025)

Presented "Fostering Cross-Cultural Engagement through a Decade of Partnership between Slippery Rock University and Saga University" at 53rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference (November 14-16, 2025).

López, D. (2025)

Presented "La precariedad asalariada como impulsor de la desintegración de la psique en Ocaso y fascinación de Eva Baltasar" at the 2025 KFLC The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference, Lexington, KY (April 17-19, 2025).

McGinty, P. (2025)

Presented "Emplaced Escalation: Helping Creative Writing Students Create Tension within Their Rust



Belt Identities" at the annual Modern Languages Association Convention, New Orleans, LA (January 2025).

Naviaux, J. (2025)

Presented "Making Service Count: Entangling Service, Teaching, and Research" at the PASSHE Women's Consortium Leadership Institute, State College, PA (July 27-30, 2025).

O'Connor, M. (2025)

- Presented "Green and Whitewashing for Fun and Profit: American Promotional Comics 1950-1980" at the national Popular Culture Association Conference (PCA) in New Orleans, LA (April 16-19, 2025).
- Presented "Vanishing Food Traditions in Honduras: An Oral History" at the Oral History Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia (October 14-19, 2025).

Petray, M. J. (2025)

Presented "Addressing Linguicism in the Classroom: International Higher Education Perspectives for Applied Linguistics and Language Teacher Education" at the 14th International ELT Research Conference, at Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Ankara, Türkiye (October 1, 2025).

Petray, M. J. & Clements, G. (2025)

- Invited Guest Speaker "Some People Got Everything/Some People Got Nothing: Linguistic Discrimination in Higher Education" at University of Pittsburgh Linguistics Colloquium. Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA (March 14, 2025).
- Presented "Addressing Linguicism in the Classroom: International Higher Education Perspectives for Applied Linguistics and Language Teacher Education" at 14th International ELT Research Conference. 2025 ULEAD Congress, International Association of Educational Researchers, and Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Ankara, Türkiye, via Zoom (September 26-27, 2025).

Petray, M. J. & Geib Chavin, E.

- (2025) Invited Developer & Guest Expert Presenter for Professional Development Workshop Series for Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) Multilingual Writing Faculty. "Workshop #1: Assigning and Evaluating ML Writing", via Zoom. (March 28,



2025) " at Workshop #2: Translingualism and Code-Switching", via Zoom (June 6, 2025).

- **(2026)** Invited Developer & Guest Expert Presenter for Professional Development Workshop Series for Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) Multilingual Writing Faculty. Workshop #1: "AI as a Writing Coach for Adult English as a New Language Writers", via Zoom. (February 20, 2026). Workshop #2: "Voice, Genre, and Integrity in AI-Supported English as a New Language Writing", via Zoom (February 27, 2026).

Petray, M. J., Ishimaru, Y., Vandegrift, S., Burgos, J., López, D., & Dieter, G. (2026)
Organized & Presented with Panel of 6 Speakers for "Essential Skills, Invisible Work: What Higher Ed Keeps Missing" at 2026 PASSHE Women's Consortium Conference. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Kutztown, PA (March 9, 2026).

Stuart, J. (2025)

Presented "Book arts and Writing Workshops in a Local Women's Support Community" at the annual Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP) Conference, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY (July 6-10, 2025).

MUSIC

Candelaria-Pieve, C. & Hahna, N. (2025)

Presented "Voz Versátil: Enhancing Functional Voice Skills for Music Therapists" at the annual Great Lakes Region American Music Therapy Association (GLR-AMTA) Conference, Columbus, Ohio (March 15, 2025).

Glover, D. (2025)

- Performed with the Duquesne University Jazz Guitar Ensemble, Pittsburgh, PA, April 8.
- Performed seven times at different venues, including with The Lisa Bleil Quartet, Pittsburgh, PA on May 4 and with Craig Davis at the Stifel Center, in Wheeling, WV, April 12.
- Served as a clinician at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 13-15.
- Served as a clinician at the SRU Jazz Festival, Slippery Rock, PA, May 3.
- Recorded an album with the Jason Kush quartet at Manchester Craftsman's Guild, in Pittsburgh, PA, May 19-20, 2025.

- Served as a clinician at Kiski Jazz Camp, Pittsburgh, PA, June 16-17.
- Served as a clinician at SRU Jazz Academy, in Slippery Rock, PA, June 23-27.

Hahna, N. D., Baker, A. (faculty), Rieger, R., Loss, A., McNerney, L., O'Malley, A., Rossi, E., & Schooly, E. (2026)

- Presented "Music Therapy for Gynecological Cancer Survivors: A Collaborative Thematic Analysis" at the Mid-Atlantic Region American Music Therapy Association (MAR-AMTA) conference at Immaculate University (March 1, 2026).
- Presented "Music Therapy for Gynecological Cancer Survivors: A Collaborative Thematic Analysis" at the World Congress of Music Therapy conference in Bologna, Italy (July 7-12, 2026).

Helmick, J. & Melago, K. (2026).

- Presented "The Modern Instrumental Methods Course: Where Pedagogy Unites with Technology and Composition" at New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, United States (February 19-21, 2026).
- Presented "Banding Together: Surviving, Thriving, and High-Fiving in Faculty Collaboration" at New Jersey Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, United States (February 19-21, 2026).

Melago, K. A. (2025)

- Moderated a panel presentation "Hindsight is 20/20: Advice for Music Education Majors from Student Teachers and New Teachers" at National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference - Hartford, Connecticut (April 24-27, 2025).
- Moderated a panel presentation, "Hindsight is 20/20: Advice for Music Education Majors from Student Teachers and New Teachers" at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference - Pocono Manor, PA (April 9-12, 2025).
- Moderated a panel presentation, "Where's the Band Director? You're Talking to Her! Women Band Directors' Panel Discussion" at National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference - Hartford, Connecticut (April 26, 2025).



- Presented a session, “Bring Your Professor! Strategies for Embedding Social Emotional Learning into Your Music Teacher Education Program.” National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference - Hartford, Connecticut (April 24-27, 2025).

Melago, K. A. - Music, & Dr. Scott Edgar (Lake Forest College) (2025)

- Presented “Bring Your Professor! Strategies for Embedding Social Emotional Learning into Your Music Teacher Education Program” at Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference - Pocono Manor (PA - April 11, 2025).
- Presented “Embedding SEL in music teacher preparation: Strategies to renew, reinvigorate, and recharge” at National Association for Music Education Society for Music Teacher Education Symposium, Indianapolis, IN, United States (October 23-25, 2025).

Melago, K. & Helmick, J.

- **(2025)** Presented “Embedding Technology, Composing, and Arranging in Woodwind and Brass Methods Courses: An Efficient and Effective Approach” at the International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education, Kansas City, MO (March 19-22, 2025).
- **(2026)** Presented “Efficient and Effective Performance-Based Projects for Teaching Woodwind and Brass Methods” at National Association of College Wind & Percussion Instructors Conference, Brookings, SD, United States (March 1-2, 2026).

Melago, K., Kaufman, T.A., Eastman, E., Oswald, M., Kauppila, E., & Ryals, L. (2025)
(April 24-27). *Where’s the band director? You’re talking to her! Women band directors’ panel discussion.* [panel moderator]. National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference, Hartford, CT, United States.

Oelrich, J, Melago, K., & Helmick, J. (2026)
Presented “From Studio Tradition to Student Goals: Rethinking Applied Instruction” at National Association of College Wind & Percussion Instructors Conference, Brookings, SD, United States (March 1-2, 2026).

Utsch, G. (2025)

- Performed with his jazz group, RML Jazz, including performances at the LaMont Restaurant, with the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, and Walnut Grill, Pittsburgh, PA, April 6, May 14, 19, 26, 31, June 4, 2025, and presented a jazz piano workshops as part of the SRU Jazz Festival, Slippery Rock, PA, May 3, and for the summer SRU Jazz Academy, Slippery Rock, PA (June 24-26, 2025).
- Continued performing in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas with the Pittsburgh-based band RML Jazz, Pittsburgh, PA, July 11, 26, 31, August 2, 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 23, September 7, 20, 27.

PHILOSOPHY

Cooklin, K. (2025)

Presented “Pornography Addiction Discourse and Epistemic Injustice” at the Association for Women in Psychology’s 50th Annual Conference in Santa Fe, NM (March 6-9, 2025).

Schoenberg, L. (2025)

Presented “Owning the Questions” at the Leadership and the Good Life Conference at West Chester University, West Chester, PA (June 5-6, 2025).

THEATRE

Eggert, R. (2025)

Arts Management student, presented a pecha kucha, *Arcade Comedy Theater*, sponsored by Dr. Kari-Anne Innes at the Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference (international), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, May 22, 2025.





Galligan-Stierle, A. (2025)

- Performed the title role of George Seurat in “Sunday in the Park with George” at Front Porch Theatricals, Pittsburgh, PA (August 15-24, 2025).
- Played the role of *Bob Cratchit* at Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera’s production of *A Musical Christmas Carol*, Pittsburgh, PA (December 10-23, 2025).

Innes, K.-A. (2025)

- Directed the Summer Theatre Camp production of *The Fifteen Minute Hamlet* at Hobnob Theatre Company, Butler, PA (July 15-25, 2025).
- Performed in a production of *Merry Wives of Windsor* at Hobnob Theatre Company, Butler, PA (July 18-27, 2025).

Kuchta, S. (2025)

- Presented a workshop, *An Introduction to Prop and Scenic Design*, at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Education Center, Pittsburgh, PA (July 15, 2025).
- Presented a Props and Scenic design, *Macbeth*, Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Parks, Pittsburgh, PA (September 1-30, 2025).

Storms, K. (2025)

Studies student - Presented a pecha kucha, *The White Horse Inn: Rebuilding Hope*, sponsored by Dr. Kari-Anne Innes at the Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference (international), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (May 22, 2025).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EXTERNAL GRANT

Kouwe, E. (2025)

Dance -

- Was selected through a grant competition to have her work *GRAPPLING* funded and presented by the New Hazlett Theater in Pittsburgh, PA (April 16-17, 2026).
- Received a PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Grant to produce a two-part concert series at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater in Pittsburgh, PA. The concerts included

Pittsburgh artists as well as SRU students performing Kouwe’s choreography, and Kouwe performed in *The Play* by Jeanine Durning. The event included masterclasses for SRU students with guest artists Jeanine Durning, Miguel Castillo, and Sarah Konner (May 5-8, 2026).

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Cooklin, K. (2025)

Philosophy - “Pornography Addiction Discourse and Epistemic Injustice,” \$1,500.

Eisenreich, C. (2025)

Music - “SRU Flute Ensemble Presents: Wunderlust,” \$467.

Kreiser, C. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Writing - “Kinda Seems Like This Stuff is Just Made Up: Possibilities, Improv Practices, and Readings of James Joyce’s *Ulysses*,” \$1,500.

Kuehn, S. (2025)

Criminology and Criminal Justice - “Criminal Justice Statistics: Practitioner Perspectives on Skills that Matter,” \$1,500.

Little Tran, T. (2025)

Music - “Choral Pedagogy in Practice: Equity, Expression, Technique,” \$1,410.

McGinty, P. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing -

- “Emplaced Escalation: Helping Creative Writing Students Create Tension within Their Rust Belt Identities and Teaching the Rust Belt: How Emplaced Humanities Practices can Reenvision the Rust Belt,” \$1,400.
- “Town College City Road,” \$1,410.





Melago, K. (2025)

Music - "Embedding Technology, Composing, and Arranging in Woodwind and Brass Methods Courses: An Efficient and Effective Approach," \$1,225.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Hertel, H. (2025)

Art - "Floating Art Exhibition," \$5,000.

Kouwe, E. (2025)

Dance, received a Faculty Student Research and Creative Activities Grant for her work *GRAPPLING*, to collaborate with an SRU student who will perform in the piece at the New Hazlett Theater in Pittsburgh, PA. (April 16-17, 2026)

Little Tran, T. (2025)

Music - "Investigating Vocal Pedagogy Perceptions Among Pennsylvania Music Education Students and Teachers," \$5,000.

INTERNAL GRANTS – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Spradling, N. (student) & Keller, J. (faculty) (2025)

Dance - "Tactile Connections: The Exploration of Proprioception and Touch in Contemporary Dance Partnerships," \$1,500.

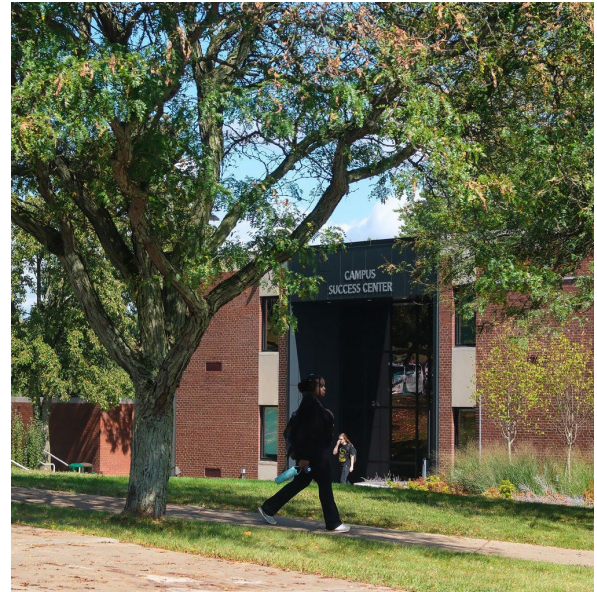
Stedina, P. J. (student) & Macmillan, S. (faculty) (2025)

Art - "Interwoven: Explorations in Metal," \$1,491.

INTERNAL GRANTS – STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Fraer, K. (student) & Teodoro, M. (faculty) (2025)

Dance - "Seek the Sun Yoga Retreat, Trocones, Mexico," Abstract "Conduct research on Yoga practices and gain certification." \$300.00.



Hamilton, B. (student) & Melago, K. (faculty) (2025)

Music - "NAfME Eastern Division Conference, Hartford, Connecticut," Abstract "Present a session to music education students regarding teacher preparation programs." \$300.00.

Obergefell, R. (student) & Melago, K. (faculty) (2025)

Music - "National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference, Hartford, CT," Abstract "Panel discussion sharing reflections on experiences that they participated in and content knowledge that they learned during their degree." \$300.00.

Presutti, N. (student) & Melago, K. (faculty) (2025)

Music - "National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Eastern Division Conference, Hartford, CT," Abstract "Panel discussion sharing reflections on experiences that they participated in and content knowledge that they learned during their degree." \$300.00.

Smith, M. (student) & Teodoro, M. (faculty) (2025)

Dance - "Seek the Sun Yoga Retreat, Trocones, Mexico," Abstract "Conduct research on Yoga practices and gain certification." \$300.00.



Staib, L. (student) & Teodoro, M. (faculty) (2025)

Dance - "Seek the Sun Yoga Retreat, Trocones, Mexico," Abstract "Conduct research on Yoga practices and gain certification." \$300.00.

AWARDS

Cowan, A. (2025)

History - was awarded First Place winner for his pedagogical game National Garden of American Heroes by the 2025 Reacting to the Past (RTTP) Consortium Microgame Competition, October 2025.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

Anthony, J. (2025)

Music - toured and performed with The Vindys as direct support for Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo's spring tour, North America, April-June 2025.

Hahna, N. D. (2026)

Music Therapy - Served as an elected delegate to the AMTA Assembly of Delegates for the Mid-Atlantic Region; Served as an elected Assembly Delegate Representative to the AMTA Board of Directors (2026-2027).

Hahna, N. & Baker, A. (2025)

Music - With Rhiannon Reiger (alumna), Lilla McNerney (student), Elizabeth Schooley (student), Ashley Loss (student), Anna O'Malley (student), and Emily Rossi (alumna), presented *Music Therapy for Cancer Survivors: A Qualitative Thematic Analysis*, at the annual Great Lakes Region American Music Therapy Association (GLR-AMTA) Conference, Columbus, Ohio, March 15, 2025.



Helmick, J. (2025)

Music -

- London New Year's Day Parade, served as a music and logistics consultant for the London New Year's Day Parade interfacing with marching bands and performance groups from across the world, London, UK, January 1-3, 2025.
- Rome New Year's Day Parade, served as a music and logistics consultant for the Rome New Year's Day Parade interfacing with marching bands and performance groups from across the world, Rome and Vatican City, Italy, January 1-3, 2025.
- National Band Association Concert Band Clinic, served as guest conductor and clinician for the clinic sponsored by the National Band Association at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, January 2025.
- Northwest High School Honor Band, served as guest conductor for the annual Northwest High School Honor Band at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, January 9-12, 2025.
- Slippery Rock University Holocaust Remembrance Program, students in the SRU Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed during the annual program and community engagement initiative organized by Eric Tuten, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, March 26, 2025.
- SRU Wind Ensemble Concert for the Evans City Community Outreach Partnership, as part of the annual partnership the Slippery Rock University Wind Ensemble performed for the student's visiting campus as part of this community-engagement initiative, Ehrman Crest Middle School, Slippery Rock, PA, February 18, 2025.
- SRU Wind Ensemble Concert, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, March 5, 2025.
- Washington County Honor Band, served as guest conductor for the annual Washington County Honor Band at Trinity High School, Camp Hill, PA, January 30-February 1, 2025.

Innes, K.-A. (2025)

Theatre - served on the planning committee and moderated a pecha kucha panel, Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference (international), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, May 22-24, 2025.

**Ishimaru, Y. (2025, 2026)***Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing -*

- Coordinated the SRU World Language & Cultures Competition for High School Students, engaging over 600 participants through tests, workshops, and activities (October 7, 2025)
- Coordinated the Cultural Immersion Program for Saga University and Miyazaki International University Students (February 9-March 8, 2025, September 14-20, 2025, February 15-March 7, 2026)
- Served as a Judge at the Annual High School Japanese Speech Contest at Pittsburgh University (February 27, 2026, March 6, 2026)

Keller, J. (2025)*Dance -*

- Participated as a faculty trip leader for an international program with 11 SRU dance majors to Colombia, South America, August 5-14, 2025.
- Represented Slippery Rock University at the annual Chapter 10 Dance Masters Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, September 28, 2025.
- Served as the Artistic Director of the Emerging Artists Dance Concert, Performing Arts Center, Slippery Rock University, January 31-February 1, 2025.
- Served as the Faculty Rehearsal Assistant for "Strange Attractor," a guest artist work created on 10 dance majors by Brooklyn-based choreography Cameron McKinney, the SRU Performing Arts Center, January 31-February 1, 2025.
- Completed a six-week online course by the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) on the pedagogy of tactile aid in the dance classroom, Slippery Rock, PA, July 7-August 17, 2025.
- Served as the Faculty Rehearsal Assistant for "Where I want to be," a guest artist work created on 15 dance majors by Pittsburgh-based choreography Staycee Pearl, the SRU Performing Arts Center, January 31-February 1, 2025.
- Taught a Contact Improvisation class at the Universidad del Atlantico in Barranquilla, Colombia, as part of an international exchange between SRU dance majors and Atlantico dance majors, August 8, 2025.
- Was the cinematographer for Inter-Library Loan, a dance film directed by Marta Renzi and



selected for screening at the Miami Screen Dance, this is one of 16 festivals to date that has screened this film, Miami, FL, Jan. 17-25, 2025.

- Was the faculty coordinator for the restaging of a historic work by the Trisha Brown Dance Company on SRU dance majors, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, September 15-23, 2025.
- Attended the annual conference by the National Association of Schools of Dance as SRU's institutional representative, Tucson, AZ, September 11-13, 2025.
- Was the cinematographer for Inter-Library Loan, a dance film directed by Marta Renzi and selected for screening at the Greensboro Dance Film Festival, this is one of 16 festivals to date that has screened this film, Greensboro, NC, February 22, 2025.
- Was the cinematographer for Inter-Library Loan, a dance film directed by Marta Renzi and selected for screening at the Third Coast Dance Film Fest where is won "Best of Fest," this is one of 16 festivals to date that has screened this film, Reno, NV, February 20, 2025.
- Was the faculty coordinator for the restaging of a contemporary dance work by Jaka Zakajinn, Artistic Director of the Pillow Project, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, September 26-29, 2025.

Kouwe, E. (2025)*Dance -*

- Taught a workshop in Countertechnique, a postmodern dance technique, at a professional and pre-professional dance intensive, Contempora, San Juan, PR, July 9-11, 2025.



- Was selected as a Lead Artist in the New Hazlett Theater's Community Supported Art Season 13. Her work "GRAPPLING" was chosen to be presented by the theater in spring 2026 and was awarded funding, New Hazlett Theater, Pittsburgh, PA, September 25, 2025.
- Taught as an invited guest artist at Contempora, a contemporary dance festival in San Juan, PR. (July 3-5, 2025)

Kuehn, S. (2025)

Criminology and Criminal Justice - Attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences ACJS Conference as the co-program chair organizing the conference, Denver, CO, March 11-16, 2025.

Lee, J. S. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - recognized by Robin's Home as Community Partner of the Month, Butler, PA, January 24, 2025.

Little Trần, T. (2025)

Music - presented the Gear Up Voice Academy, Slippery Rock, PA, June 29-July 3, 2025.



Melago, K. A. (2025)

Music -

- Selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to serve on the committee for the review and revision of the PA Arts and Humanities Standards, daily April-June 2025.
- Interviewed on Musicast podcast (January 2025).
- Served as a member of the planning committee for Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Crescendo Conference (2021-present).

- Served as a member of the planning committee for Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Crescendo Conference, daily April -June 2025.
- Served as chair of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Society for Music Teacher Education (July 2020-present).
- Served as Master Class Competition Coordinator for the National Flute Association 2021-2025).
- Served as Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Teacher Training, Recruitment, and Retention Council committee member (2011-present).
- Served as Society for Music Teacher Education Teacher Recruitment Area for Strategic Planning and Action committee member (2011-present).

Melago, K. A. & Helmick, J. (2025)

Music -

- Taught Field Experience Immersion in Music class, including observing, assisting, and teaching in the Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Fe Indian School, and New Mexico School for the Arts.
- With SRU music education students (Alexandra Flynn, Gabe Koller, Rose Obergefell, and Nate Presutti), interviewed on Musicast podcast, January 2025.

Romaine, I. (2025)

Dance -

- Contributor, Lifetime Achievement Tribute for Dr. Brenda Dixon Gottschild, CORPS de Ballet International Conference, submitted a letter honoring Dr. Gottschild's legacy, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2, 2025.
- Served as a Juror for Bates Dance Festival & Flatlands Dance Film Festival, evaluated 36 screen dance works, developed a rubric and provided written feedback to curate 6-7 films in conversation with Space Carcasses by Onye Ozuzu and Simon Rouby, Lewiston, ME, February 10 - March 14, 2025.
- Served as juror for interdisciplinary dance and film works, *Dance-a-lorus*, Wilmington, NC, August 5, 2025.



- Taught workshop: *Sound in Film, DCW Co-Creation Lab* to 12 artists, led participants through sound and film exercises and film demonstration. Co-led a second session, guided students in experimenting with filmmaking concepts and creative techniques at Dance Camera West, Barnsdall Gallery Theater, Los Angeles, CA, January 30, 2025.

Ruppert, T. & DiMarco, D. (2025)

Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing - signed a contract with Bloomsbury publishing, New York, NY, for collection edition, Mary Shelley Today: 21st-Century Adaptations of Frankenstein, May 16, 2025.

Sparrow, T. (2025)

Philosophy - Conducted a peer-review of an article for the journal *Studia Phaenomenologica*, February, 2025.

Sparrow, T. & Colvin, A. (2025)

Philosophy - Served as faculty mentors to three philosophy students (Cameron Antoniotti, Jordan Ensign, and Sean Logue) presenting at the Interdisciplinary Association of Philosophy and Religious Studies (IAPRS) Undergraduate Conference: Philosophy Across Disciplines at East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA, March 28-29, 2025

Tedesco, B. (2025)

Theatre - Director of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime', Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, April 18-22, 2025.

Teodoro, M. & Keller, J. (2025)

Accompanied twelve dance majors to Colombia for research purposes and engaged with local college students, artists and the community in the cities of Cartagena and Barranquilla, Colombia, August 5-14, 2025.

Viatori, L. (2025)

Dance -

- Was invited to teach at the Grier Gala held at the Grier School for Girls, Tyrone, PA, November 14-16, 2025.
- Was invited to teach at the Montana Dance Arts Association Fall Workshop, Billings, MT, October 17-19, 2025.
- Director of FORGE Summer Intensive, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, June 15-28, 2025.



UNIVERSITY OFFICES & UNITS

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cannon-Rech, N. & Brungard, A. B. (2025)

Bailey Library - Reflections on crafting an ACRL framework companion document for and by science and technology librarians. In Lisbon, S. P., & Willey, M. (Eds.), *Teaching information literacy by discipline*. Association of College and Research Libraries.

<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1210&context=lib-facpubs>

PRESENTATIONS

BAILEY LIBRARY

Brungard, A. B. (2025)

Presented "Information Literacy for Career Readiness: Engaging Online Learners in Professional Research" at the Association of College and Research Libraries Distance and Online Learning Section Annual Meeting (April 21, 2025).

Zanin-Yost, A. (2025)

- Presented "Tra le Onde della Conoscenza: un Vademecum per la Programmazione della Formazione in Biblioteca" [The Waves of Knowledge: Planning Continuing Education for Librarians] at the Convegno Stelline. Milan, Italy. (March 12, 2025).



- Presented “Strengthening Evidence-Based Practice: The Librarian’s Role in Graduate Research Education” at the Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference (September 7, 2025).

RESEACH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Alie, N. (2025)

Global Engagement - Received an award in the amount of \$102,392 from the International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) to host two undergraduate students from Pakistan.

Brungard, A. B. & Zanin-Yost, A. (2025)

Bailiey Library - Enhancing Research Competency in STEM and Health Sciences. Received an award in the amount of \$9,760 from the PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council, to develop interactive, discipline-specific research tutorials for STEM and health science students, covering essential research skills, effective database use, and emerging topics such as AI in research.

Swauger, M. (2025)

Community-Engaged Learning - Received an award in the amount of \$25,000 from Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV to provide virtual tutoring opportunities for foster children.

Wilmes, D. (2025)

Student Affairs - Received an award in the amount of \$39,000 from the U.S. Department of Education for the continuation of the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program. This funding is for Year 04 of a four-year grant.

Zanin-Yost, A. (2025)

Bailiey Library - Received an award in the amount of \$2,000 from the American Library Association, to create a LibGuide of Complementary and Alternative Medicine to support the campus community’s wellbeing and to make an educated decision to improve personal wellbeing.

INTERNAL GRANTS – FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Zanin-Yost, A. (2025)

Bailiey Library - “Bridging Expertise: Integrating Research in Occupational Therapy,” \$1,202.

INTERNAL GRANTS – GREEN FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Brungard, A. B. (2025)

Bailiey Library - Greener Library Plant Initiative Project Director. Received \$4,351 from the SRU Green Fund Advisory Board to install air purifying plants in high traffic areas in the library.

Cott, D. (2025)

Facilities - “Tree Plantings Fall 2024,” \$4,999.

Zackal, J. (2025)

University Marketing and Communication - “Digital Magazine,” \$16,490.





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From left, Padma Anand, Joseph Losko, Jialing Wang, Amy Rickman, Jeffrey Forrest, Benjamas Jirasakuldech and Hye Ryung Won.

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