

WPU Honors Students Present their Research at Conferences Across the Country



Kayleigh Orochi at the 2017 NRHC

Conference in Pittsburgh

Twenty William Paterson University Honors students have presented their research at three conferences this Spring 2017, in disciplines ranging from psychology, to communication disorders, to music.

The Eastern Psychological Association Conference in Boston, MA, took place from March 16 to 18; the National Council on Undergraduate Research took place at the University of Memphis in Memphis, TN from April 6 to 8; and the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Pittsburgh, PA held from April 6 to 9.

“Faculty are emphasizing opportunities for all students to present at conferences, where they can participate in panels and poster sessions and obtain feedback from experts in their academic field,” says Barbara Andrew, Director of the Honors College at William Paterson. *“We have doubled the number of students presenting at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference from two years ago,”* reports Andrew.

“This year, seven William Paterson students will be presenting at the Eastern Psychological Association, an amazing increase from the one or two students who have participated in previous years” says Amy Learmonth, professor of psychology and director of the Cognitive Science Honors track. *“I am very proud of them.”*

The Honors College projects are varied, ranging from research into PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) among labor and delivery nurses to whether modality matters in a comparison of comprehension on mobile

screens versus on paper. In addition to the external conferences, the William Paterson Honors College students will present their research on campus during Explorations 2017, the University's expanded and enhanced series of programming in April that celebrates and highlights the depth and quality of research, scholarship, and creative expression.

Below is a list of all student participants, their hometowns, majors and research titles:

Eastern Psychological Association

Kaylalee Garcia of New Milford, Integrated Math and Science-Mathematics, "*Misguided by Useless Information: Investigating the Illusion of Knowledge & Confidence*"

Isabella Llopiz of Fort Lee, Psychology, "*Does Drug Use Affect False Memory Susceptibility?*"

Jennifer Haggis of River Edge, Psychology, "*Fear of the Unknown*"

Deanna Sumrein of Wayne, Psychology and Communication Disorders, "*Differences between Nap and No Nap Preschool Children in Lexical Recall*"

Abigail DeBel of Lincoln Park, Communication Disorders, "*Does Modality Matter? Reading Comprehension on Mobile Screens and on Paper*"

Katherine Stetser of Cherry Hill, Communication Disorders, "*Perceptions of College Students Toward People Who Stutter*"

Lily Fritsch of Medford, Communication Disorders, "*Should I Keep Moving?*"

National Council on Undergraduate Research

Timothy Malone of Mahwah, Music, Independent Track, "*What Mozart is in the Mozart Effect?*"

Northeast Regional Honors Conference

Lynda Amici of Beachwood, Nursing, "*Alarm Fatigue in Adult Critical Care Settings*"

Megan Baird of Rockaway, Independent Track, Mathematics, "*From Student to Intern: An Overview of the Pharmaceutical Field*"

Christopher Cela of Nutley, Nursing, *“The Role of Stigma in NICU Nurses Perceptions of Caring for the NAS Mother Baby Dyad”*

Savannah Crippen of Toms River, Psychology, Clinical and Neuropsychology Track *“High Sensation Seeking and the effects of mindfulness meditation”*

Amanda Egri of Iselin, Nursing, *“The Effect of Nurse Fatigue on Patient Outcomes”*

Karisa Foreman of Avenel, Social Sciences Track, Psychology, *“Analysis of Self Help Internet Resources of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder”*

Alissa Lianne Lopez of Cedar Grove, Independent Track, Communication - Public Relations and Journalism, *"Frenemies: Bridging the divide between journalists and PR professionals"*

Julia MacDonald of Highland Lakes, Biology, *"Determining the Presence of Federally Threatened Bat Species, Myotis Septentrionalis, on High Mountain Park Preserve using Acoustic Monitoring"*

Kayleigh Orocchi of New Milford, Nursing, *“PTSD: Labor & Delivery Nurses”*

Xanilyn Red of Metuchen, Nursing, *“Burnout in the Nursing Profession”*

Erin Roach of Clark, Nursing, *“An analysis of nurses' experience performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and their level of post code stress.”*

Sarah Wilmore of Jersey City, Nursing, *“Perceived Depression Stigma and Treatment Seeking Behavior and Attitudes amongst Blacks and Whites”*

Here's a look at some of the past conferences which have taken place in the past :

Northern Regional Honors Council Conference 2015

Battlefields of Change



(from left) Matthew Louie, Trishia Omana, Jan Pinkston, Sara Williams, Rebecca Lubitz, and Dr. Susan Dinan

This year's Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference, sponsored by the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Northeast Regional Honors Council, was held April 9-April 11 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The conference establishes a forum for research, discussion, and networking. It presents students with the opportunity to present their thesis research to other university students and faculty members. Students can gain valuable presentation experience as well as have the opportunity to assess the reception of their research by a large audience.

The Honors College is proud to announce that four William Paterson Honors students presented at this year's "Battlefields of Change" conference. Nursing students, Matthew Louie, Rebecca Lubitz, Trishia Omana, and Sara Williams attended the conference with Dr. Susan Dinan, Director of the Honors College, and Jan Pinkston, Assistant Director of the Honors College. In addition to presenting at the conference, students also enjoyed opportunities to visit the historic sites at Gettysburg before returning to present their research to the University community during Honors Week.

Northern Regional Honors Council Conference 2014

Standing on the Edge: Challenging Boundaries and Power



(from left) Neal Joshi, Devin Pendergast, Rebecca Wance, Dr. Susan Dinan, Caitlin Hoolihan, Katherine Pirera, Alexis Martinez, and Tanya Monroe

This year, seven William Paterson Honors students along with Dr. Susan Dinan, Director of the Honors College, attended the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Niagara Falls, New York. The conference was held in early April and gave students the opportunity to present their thesis research. Students also had the opportunity to engage with peers and faculty members from Honors programs across the country and enjoyed an afternoon of sightseeing.

Northern Regional Honors Council Conference 2013

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: Foundations, Tensions and Mediations



(third from left) Honors student Luis Vaca

Honors student, Luis Vaca, presented his Honors thesis project, *Consumer Perceptions of Country of Origin in the Car Industry*, at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Philadelphia earlier this month. Luis is a senior set to graduate in May with a degree in Marketing and Global Business. He chose to conduct his research under the Honors Marketing Track with the direction of Dr. Bela Florenthal. Dr. Shan Feng served as his thesis supervisor. The Honors College wishes to congratulate Luis on his outstanding achievements.