

for Sustainable Innovation

2019 Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium

10:00 AM Welcome, Dr. David Sanchez

10:05 AM Reducing Emissions - Fuel Consumption Reduction Technologies for Pittsburgh Port Authority Buses

Advisor: Matthew Barry, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Kathryn Rossi, chemical & petroleum engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

10:15 AM Silk-based flexible/wearable electronics: towards sustainable fabrication and materials engineering

Advisor: Mostafa Bedewy, industrial engineering

Student: Rim Biaz, industrial engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

10:25 AM Validating citizen science tools used to identify lead water lines

Advisor: Mike Blackhurst, university center for urban and social research
Student: Arianna Heilbrunn, environmental studies (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

10:35 AM Ni-Mn-Ga magnetic shape memory alloys for power generation applications

Advisor: Markus Chmielus, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Tyler Paplham, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

10:45 AM Chemical semantics and its implications on environmental transport, fate, and toxicity

Advisors: Leanne Gilbertson and Carla Ng, civil & environmental engineering
Student: Rachel Fay, civil & environmental engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

10:55 AM Durable Antireflective, Anti-Soiling and Self-Cleaning Solar Glass

Advisor: Paul Leu, industrial engineering

Student: Sooraj Sharma, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

11:05 AM Structural Design with Bamboo

Advisor: Kent Harries, civil & environmental engineering

Student: Harisa Martinos, architectural studies (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

11:15 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 AM Capturing and storing energy from hurricane waves with a piezoelectric device

Advisor: Katherine Hornbostel, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Stephanie Litwack, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

11:40 AM Capturing carbon dioxide from the ocean with a membrane device

Advisor: Katherine Hornbostel, mechanical engineering & materials science Student: Christopher Snodgrass, bioengineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

11:50 AM Reducing frictional energy losses in transportation and industry: Surface coatings and the effect of surface

roughness on friction

Advisor: Tevis Jacobs, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Annie Shi, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

Noon Using acoustic sensors and machine learning to locate birds and bats in the field

Advisor: Justin Kitzes, biological sciences

Student: Jiade Song, industrial engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

12:10 PM Small & Mighty: Exploring nature to identify bacteria capable of degrading a new generation of environmental

contaminants

Advisor: Sarah Haig, civil & environmental engineering

Student: Kareem Rabbat, civil & environmental engineering (Charles and Linda Sorber Scholar)

12:20 PM Increasing the Structural Resilience of Reinforced Concrete through Bio-Remediation

Advisor: Sarah Haig, civil & environmental engineering

Student: Aamil Shah, bioengineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

12:30 - 1:10 LUNCH

1:10 PM Smarter Riversheds – real-time sensor networks

Advisor: David Sanchez, civil & environmental engineering

Student: Carlie Johnson, civil & environmental engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

1:20 PM Recirculating Aquaculture – managing water quality in a closed system

Advisor: David Sanchez, civil & environmental engineering

Student: Mason Unger, civil & environmental engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

1:30 PM Campus-Wide Sustainability Dashboard

Advisor: Aurora Sharrard, Director, University Office of Sustainability

Collaborators: Melissa Bilec & Michael Blackhurst, plus interactions with Pitt Facilities Management

Student: Jonathan Coles, civil & environmental engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

1:40 PM Examination of Electrode Performance for Redox Flow Batteries

Advisor: James McKone, chemical & petroleum engineering

Student: Carissa Yim, chemical & petroleum engineering (Frank and Daphna Lederman Scholar)

1:50 PM What the Frack: Designing nanocatalysts for responsible use of natural gas

Advisor: Goetz Veser, chemical & petroleum engineering

Student: Albert Lopez-Martinez, chemical & petroleum engineering (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

2:00 PM Post-processing design on superalloys by additive manufacturing for NASA space technology missions.

Advisor: Wei Xiong, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Yinxuan Li, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)

2:10 PM Graphene-based composite materials for high performance thermoelectric devices

Advisor: Minhee Yun, electrical and computer engineering

Student: Seth So, electrical and computer engineering (Douglas Condon Scholar)

2:20 PM Developing a novel photopolymer based additive manufacturing machine (3D Printer) for high-resolution

applications

Advisor: Xiayun Zhao, mechanical engineering & materials science

Student: Yue Zhang, mechanical engineering & materials science (John C. Mascaro Scholar)