Vision: The Student Research Symposium celebrates student research and promotes intellectual community across the university.

Mission: The Student Research Symposium offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to present their research, scholarship, and creative productions to the A&M-SA community.

Special thanks to the Student Research Symposium 2016 Committee members! Your hard work and dedication have truly made this a success!

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2016**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
Central Academic Building (CAB) 3rd Floor Lobby  
8:30-9:00 a.m.

**Workshop A: Writing an Effective Resume**  
CAB 219  
9:00-10:20 a.m.

Writing an Effective Resume will explore the content and construction of resumes, how employers view resumes, and why details are critically important. Reference sheets will also be discussed. Afterwards, attendees should be able to construct an excellent resume, which can be used for applying to jobs and graduate schools.

Facilitator: Career Services Representative, TAMUSA

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**Poster Session 1**  
CAB 1st Floor Lobby  
9:00-10:20 a.m.

*Faculty Moderator: Dr. John Smith*

"The Texas Tea Challenge: YETI™ vs. RTIC™," Stacey Barnett (Biology)  
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. George R. Shelton*

"Relationship Between PTSD and Physical Activity in Military Service Members," Robbie Cadena (Kinesiology)  
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith*

"ECE: Is the SAISD Pre-K/ Head Start program-preparing students socially & academically for Kindergarten?" John Campbell (MA Special Education)  
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen*

"Bilingual Resource and Information Knowledge," Alejandro Delgado (MS Bilingual Education)  
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu*

"Analysis of Pigment Mutants of the Photosynthetic Bacterium Rhodospirillum centenum," Dayana Ebad Fardzadeh, Nathan Speer, Sandra Velasco, Alma Castaneda, Robert Carrasco (Biology)  
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brenda Rushing*
"Effect of Hydration Status on Readings of Percent Body Fat Using BIA Monitors," Adam Garcia (Kinesiology)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith*

"Accuracy of a Portable Spirometer in Determining Forced Vital Capacity," Kristina Garcia (Kinesiology)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith*

"Effectiveness of Elementary Homework as an Instructional Practice," Melisa Gonzalez (Special Education)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen*

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  *Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Katherine Bridgman*
| “Mosquito Species Distribution in Suburban, Urban, and Semi-Rural Residences in San Antonio, Texas,” Michelle Ximenez (Biology)
  *Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Megan Wise de Valdez*
| “Gilman versus Roosevelt: Evolving Roles for American Women,” Charles Benson (English)
  *Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ann Bliss* |
### Workshop B: Applying to Graduate School

**CAB 219**  
**10:30-11:50 a.m.**

Applying to a graduate or professional school (medical, dental, pharmacy, law, business school, etc.) is a complex process. Knowing what is expected of you as an applicant, following directions and due-dates and establishing back-up plans can move you closer to achieving your academic and professional goals. This workshop will help you understand the many aspects of the application process.

**Facilitator:** Jesse Samudio, UTSA

### Poster Session 2

**CAB 2nd Floor Lobby**  
**10:30-11:50 a.m.**

**Moderator:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “How Do Unhealthy Eating Habits Affect Students Mental Health?” Joseph Flores, Crystal Alvarado, Joseph Sambrano (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Pets’ Effect on Personal Well-Being,” Darcy Focke, Cassidy Kalisky, Alyssa Acevedo, Coreena Luna, Lucy Lopez, Daisy DeLaRosa (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Caffeine and the Stresses of Scholarly Achievement,” Victoria Frazier, Alexandra Hernandez, Berenise Sanchez, Alexander Greig (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Does Low Self-Esteem Contribute to Aggression?” Jessica Guzman (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Cody Cox

- “Personality Traits and Motivation in College,” Zachary Hanich, Gerona Nylander, Tasha Calliham (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Factors of Academic Performance,” Lydia Hoertz, Tianna Dokes, & Marilu Ramirez (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Hey Extrovert…Get Off Your Phone!” Amado Navarro, Isabel Carrazco, Midea Leija, Anastasia Medina, Stacey Esquivel, Emiliano Saldana (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Comparing Jealousy Among Genders,” Angela Roumo, Sandra Patino, Blanca Gutierrez, Ana Gutierrez, Cruz Rocha (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann

- “Examining Possible Indicators of Road Rage,” Jennifer Tejeda, Valarie Jimenez, Audrey Calvo, David Gallardo, Booker Woods (Psychology)  
  **Faculty Sponsor:** Dr. Amy Bohmann
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### Lunch and Featured Speakers

**CAB Vista Room**
12:00-1:15

**Opening Remarks**

**Dr. Steven Olswang**  
*Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University-San Antonio*

**Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson**  
*President, Texas A&M University-San Antonio*

**Keynote Address**

*Empowering Tomorrow’s Water Science Savvy Citizens: A Formula for Success in Delivering Experiential Technology-Enhanced STEM Education*

**Dr. Rudolph Rosen**  
*Director of the Institute for Water Resources Science and Technology, Texas A&M University-San Antonio*
Workshop C: Publishing Your Research  
CAB 219  
1:30-2:15 p.m.

In this workshop, the importance of conducting and publishing research for undergraduates will be discussed; in particular, opportunities for developing projects into publications and presentations, establishing collaborative relationships with peers and professors, finding forums for presenting your research, and balancing the desire to publish research with other demands.

Facilitator: Dr. Cody Cox

Poster Session 3  
CAB 3rd Floor Lobby  
1:30-2:50 p.m.

Moderator: Dr. John Smith

“The Relationship between Physical Activity and Stress,” Allen Gentry (Kinesiology)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith

“Effects of an Electric Massage Chair on Anxiety and Stress Levels,” Serina Holder (Kinesiology)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith

“Relationship between Fitness and Joint Pain in Elderly,” Akbar Medivil and Rudolpho Garcia (Kinesiology)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Smith

“The Digital Divide Implication,” Diane Lopez (Sociology)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Simpson

“Bobwhite Quail Population Dynamics and Habitat Selection on A&M-San Antonio Campus,” Sarah Wright (Biology)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dean Wiemers

Presentation Session 3  
1:30-2:50 p.m.

CAB 218  
Moderator: Dr. Amy Porter

“Fort Ewell, 1852-1854,” William Scott (History)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Francis X. Galan

“The Use of Publics in Exploring History,” Brian Lambert (History)  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Katherine Bridgman

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| “Are You A Hometown Tourist?” Tina Chapoy, Megan Meyer, Rebecca Luna, Denise Rodriguez (Psychology) |
| <em>Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Bohmann</em> |
| “Is Your Personality Ruining Your Marriage?” Khadijat Dosunmu, Autumn Wilson (Psychology) |
| <em>Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Bohmann</em> |
| “Personality Traits, Moods, and Environment Influences on Music Preferences,” Kathryn Erwin, Leah Badilla, Helon Belton, Krystal Arocha, Keala Bischoff, Sabrina Jimenez, Alexa Andrade (Psychology) |
| <em>Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Bohmann</em> |
| “Social Media vs. Productivity.” Jamie Lynn Garcia, Laura Macmillan, Rita Rodriguez, Juan Sanchez, Falloodney Bernard (Psychology) |
| <em>Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Bohmann</em> |
| “Traveling Makes for Openness,” JoLynn Vigil, Nicole Martinez, Valerie Huerta, &amp; Elizabeth Ruiz (Psychology) |
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### SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 2016

#### Registration and Continental Breakfast
Central Academic Building (CAB) 3rd Floor Lobby
8:30-9:00 a.m.

#### Poster Session 5
CAB 3rd Floor Lobby
8:30-9:50 a.m.

*Moderator: Dr. Gary Coulton*

“Citi Group Ethical Dilemmas,” Jose M. Aguilera and Andy Najera (MPA)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam*

“Input and Output and its Relation to Second Language Learners,” Laura Borjas (MS Bilingual Education)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu*

“Teachers’ and Administrators’ Perceptions of High-Stakes Testing and Students with Disabilities,” Martin Garcia, (MA Special Education)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen*

“Is America Ready for the Next President?” Mark Klomann, Daniel Hernandez, Allison Berry, Regina Trevino, Regina Reynero-Canales, Connie Sullivan, Charlotte Sullivan (Psychology)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Bohmann*

“Maintaining the Spanish Language,” Yesenia Luveanos (MS Bilingual Education)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu*

“Questioning,” Alexandra Munoz (MS Reading)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jennifer Wilson*

“Likeliness to Hire,” Judith Ozuna, Melinda Castillo, Elizabeth Ruiz, Sarah Davila, Nicole Martinez (Psychology)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Cody Cox*

### Presentation Session 5
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|         | “Case Study: General Electric Uses Improper Accounting Methods,” Blanca Barajas and Patricia Cabral (MPA)
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|         | “Toshiba’s $1.2 Billion Scandal,” Selena Smith and Samantha Oetken (MPA)
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Workshop E: The Growing Importance of Certification
CAB 219
10:00-10:30 a.m.

The proliferation of colleges and degrees awarded has led to a transition phase in the job market. Decades ago, a college degree was the terminal expectation in education. Today, increasingly it is a first step towards independent certification in one's field. For example, while Certified Public Accountant CPA has been the gold standard for accountants today there are numerous other designations such as Certified Internal Auditor CIA or Certified Information Systems Auditor CISA. Other examples include: Marketing - Market Research Analyst MRA, Real Estate - Certified Property Manager CPM, Management - Certificate in Analytical Skills, Information Technology - Apple Certified System Administrator ACSA. This workshop will feature individuals holding such certifications explaining how certification has advanced their career.

Facilitator: Dr. Dennis Elam

Poster Session 6
CAB 4th Floor Lobby
10:45-12:00 a.m.

Moderator: Dr. Edith Esparza-Young

“ELL students in High Needs Schools,” Viola Babi (MA Educational Administration)
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Murakami

“How Physical Activity Affects Academic, Health, and Behavioral Development in Elementary Students,” Misty Barclay (MA Special Education)
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen

“High Needs Rural School and the Sustainability of Principals and Teachers to Increase Student Success,” Tanya Castillo (MA Educational Administration)
Faculty Sponsor: Elizabeth Murakami

“Educator Perceptions of the Use of Social Media in the Classroom,” Elizabeth Cuellar (MA Special Education)
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen

“The Impact of Structured Teacher Support Systems,” Nicole Esparza (MA Educational Administration)
Faculty Sponsor: Elizabeth Murakami

“Book Club Experience,” Arturo Flores and Sydney Sartor Arnette (MS Bilingual Education)
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jennifer Wilson

“What are the Techniques Will Immigrants Use With a University Degree to Learn to Write and Read the English Language?” Iris Gutierrez (MS Bilingual Education)
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu
“Discipline and Behavior in High Need Middle School Students,” Magdelena Guiterrez (MA Administration)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Murakami_

“Impact of Dyslexia on Gender, Emotions, and Memory,” Debbie Hansen (MA Special Education)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mishaleen Allen_

“Lights, Camera, Sound: A Study of Technology and English Phonemic Awareness,” Diana Sierra-Gonzalez (MS Bilingual Education)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu_

“Achieving Mathematics Success in High Need Schools,” Elisa Prieto (MA Educational Administration)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Murakami_

“Components of a Successful Dual Language Program,” Alma Ramos (MS Bilingual Education)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu_

“Stop and Think: Critical Analysis of a Text,” Stephanie Reyes (MS Reading)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jennifer Wilson_

“Social Media in The Classroom: A Comparison of Traditional Communication and Social Media in The K-5 Classroom,” Rosalva Rodriguez (MS Bilingual Education)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Hsiao-Ping Wu_

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_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam_ |
|        | “The Predictive Value of Socioeconomics in Healthcare,” James Lewis, Greg Martinez, Jason Foster (MPA)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam_ |
|        | “PTSD and the Effects on College Hours,” Michael Torres, Samantha Reyes, Jeremy Kohlwe, Brianna Booth, Lisa Martinez, Jose Ramirez (Psychology)  
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_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam_ |
|        | “How Social Media May Bias Consumers’ Perception and Attitude,” Sidraa Naeem (MBA)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Weixing M. Ford_ |
|        | “You Are Being Watched: Do Performance Appraisals Have a Positive or Negative Effect on Performance” Abraham Vazquez (MBA)  
_Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Josephine Sosa-Fey_ |
| CAB 337 | *Faculty Moderator: Josephine Sosa-Fey*

"Correlation Between Fraud and Social Mood," Mary Martinez, Victoria Roeder, Jessica Madrid (MPA)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam*

"Volkswagen Software Scandal," Leopoldo Martinez, Gabriel Charles, Carlos Alaniz (MPA)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Dennis Elam*

| CAB 338 | *Faculty Moderator: Dr. Katherine Gillen*

"The San Antonio Sporting District: The Impact of Prostitution on the Dissolution of Separate Gender Spheres," Courtney Hall (History)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. William Bush*

"'The Rope Toter': Asa Mitchell and the San Antonio Vigilance Committee," Deane E. Rapp (History)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Francis Galan*

"Psychosocial Effects of a Non-Ideal Smile," Amy Martinez (Biology)
*Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tamara Casso*
We invite A&M-SA faculty to encourage their students to submit their research presentation proposals to the 2017 Student Research Symposium at Texas A&M University-San Antonio Friday & Saturday April 28 - 29, 2017

More details will be forthcoming via email in the near future.

Dr. Josie Sosa-Fey & Dr. Kate Gillen - Co-Chairs