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Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences
Excellence in Graduate Research: 2 awards
Effects of solvent cluster size on the conformational landscape and decarboxylation of malonate
Angel Tamez
Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Chemistry and Biochemistry
Faculty Advisor: Jeffrey Evanseck Ph.D.

An Analysis of Extraction Efficiencies of Various Swabs on Sperm Recovery
Lindsey Campany
Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Forensic Science and Law
Faculty Advisor: Pamela Marshall Ph.D

Center for African Studies
Award for Graduate Student Research in African Studies
Exploration of the cultural beliefs, values and practices of African American women regarding postpartum depression: A mini-focused ethnography
Stephanie Jacobs
School of Nursing || Graduate School of Nursing
Faculty Advisor: Rick Zoucha PhD, PMHCNS-BC, CTN-A, FAAN

Award for Graduate Student Research in Global Studies
Unpacking the Academic Interventions for Improving the Academic Skills of Black Girls with Disabilities: A Scoping Review
Olajumoke Oshokoya
School of Education || Counseling, Psychology, & Special Education
Faculty Advisor: Temple Lovelace PhD, BCBA-D
Additional Authors: Cliff Oliech, JoVonne Tabb & Mary Comis

Center for Community-Engaged Teaching & Research
CETR Award for Graduate Research
Exploration of the cultural beliefs, values and practices of African American women regarding postpartum depression: A mini-focused ethnography
Stephanie Jacobs
Center for Catholic Faith & Culture
Common Good Research Award
Catholic Terminal Sedation: A New Framework for Providing Terminal Palliative Sedation as a Requirement in Catholic Healthcare Organizations
Noah Dimas
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics
Faculty Advisor: Gerard Magill Ph.D.

Center for Global Health Ethics
Award for Graduate Research in Ethics
“Webside” Manner? Fostering Trust and Communication in the (Virtual) Patient-Healthcare Professional Relationship
Lukas Chandler
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics

Award for Graduate Research in Ethics
Seeking Moral Equality within Professional Hierarchies: An Ethical Analysis of Interprofessional Conflict in the Healthcare Environment
Anna Meurer
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics
Faculty Advisor: Gerard Magill Ph.D.

Center for Women's and Gender Studies
Award for graduate student research in Women’s and Gender studies
Exploration of the cultural beliefs, values and practices of African American women regarding postpartum depression: A mini-focused ethnography
Stephanie Jacobs
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Award for Graduate Student Research in Women’s and Gender studies
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Gumberg Library
Gumberg Library Award for Graduate Research
Antipsychotic Medication (APM) Use in Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs): An Integrative Literature Review (IR)
Karen Robson
School of Nursing || School of Nursing
Faculty Advisor: Linda Garand PhD, GCNS-BC

Honorable Mention
Using Video-Based Interventions to Support Soft Skills Acquisition for Enhancing Employment Opportunities for Individuals With Autism, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Cliff Oliech
Oral History Initiative Award
The Wife of a Pittsurger: A Story Forged in Iron and Steel
Cassidee Knott
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History
Faculty Advisor: Jennifer Taylor Dr

History Department
Clio Awards for Graduate Research
First Place:
Erasing Renewal or Renewing Erasure? A Community Profile of East Liberty
Aubrey Parke
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

Second Place:
Building a New City: New Castle, Pa
Bethany Funk
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History Department
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

Third Place:
Something Old into Something New: A History of Greensburg, PA
Samantha Stossel
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Department of History
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
Outstanding Poster or Presentation
Catholic Terminal Sedation: A New Framework for Providing Terminal Palliative Sedation as a Requirement in Catholic Healthcare Organizations
Noah Dimas
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics
Faculty Advisor: Gerard Magill Ph.D.

School of Nursing
Award for Graduate Research
Investigating Diabetes Distress, Self-Care and Personal Health Record Use
Khaliha Fisher-Grace
School of Nursing || Nursing
Faculty Advisor: Melanie Turk PhD

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Provost's Award for Outstanding Scholarship: 3 awards
Decreased provisioning of aquatic arthropod prey impacts the early development of migratory songbirds
Brandon Hoenig
Examining the Assessment Procedures for ACE's Screening
Jeremy Armann M.S.Ed.
School of Education || School Psychology
Faculty Advisor: Tammy Hughes Ph.D.
Additional Authors: Mary Comis M.S.Ed., Zachary Friedman M.S.Ed., Alexandra Leopold M.S.Ed.,

Perceptions and Knowledge of Special Education Law: A Pilot Study
Taylor Steeves
School of Education || Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education
Faculty Advisor: Laura Crothers, Ph.D
Additional Authors: Dr. Bridget Green and Dr. Apryl Poch

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Outstanding Research Award
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Honorable Mention
Air Pollution in the Steel City: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Air Quality in Allegheny County
Carissa Lange
Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Environmental Science and Management
Faculty Advisor: David Kahler Ph.D

Rangos School of Health Sciences
Rangos School of Health Sciences Award for Graduate Research
Effects of Alpha Stim® on Reported Anxiety Levels in Homeless Patients in an Extended Stay Shelter Clinic
Melody Hahn
Rangos School of Health Sciences || Pre-Medical & Health Professions Post Baccalaureate Program
Faculty Advisor: Paula Sammarone Turocy EdD, LAT, ATC