

Fall 2021 Award Recipients

College of Arts & Sciences

Adams, Nick

Measuring Cosmic Muons with NIM+ v5 and Hexaboard

Faculty Mentor: Lawrence Sulak (Physics)

Alafriz, Kristen

Investigation of Visuo-Haptic Aftereffects and Integration of Curved Lines & Surfaces

Faculty Mentor: Arash Yazdanbakhsh (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Alvarado, Douglas

An Investigation of Genetic Mechanisms Underlying Strategic Growth in the Clown Anemonefish *Amphiprion percula*

Faculty Mentor: Peter Buston (Biology)

Amin, Vibhuti

Determining the Impact of Tethering on Inhibitor Binding through Kinetic Studies of BoNT/A-LC

Faculty Mentor: Karen Allen (Chemistry)

Andrews, Kendall

How does children's respiratory sinus arrhythmia dynamically change over the course of an emotional movie clip and what does this say about child emotional regulation?

Faculty Mentor: Nicholas Wagner (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Bashiru, Mariam

The Role of Nature in Facilitating Resilience and Well-being in Black Women Cancer Patients

Faculty Mentor: Brenda Phillips (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Bauer, Alexis

Analysis of the Eradication of Smallpox in Africa: Epidemiological and Historical Lessons to be Learned from the Deadliest Disease prior to the 21st Century

Faculty Mentor: James McCann (History)

Beatty, Charlotte

Protective Paternalism and Masculine Justice in the Boston Anti-Abortion Movement

Faculty Mentor: Merav Shohet (Anthropology)

Berard, Brennon

Characterization of Neuritogenesis by RET-mediated Signaling Dynamics in Differentiating Neuroblastoma Cells

Faculty Mentor: Adrian Whitty (Chemistry)

Bolshakova, Sonia

Disparities in Global Schizophrenia Diagnoses

Faculty Mentor: Carolyn Hodges-Simeon (Anthropology)

Bronson, Hayden

Measurement of top-W scattering in CMS

Faculty Mentor: Indara Suarez (Physics)

Candelario, Kimberly

Investigating Adaptive Divergence in the Temperate Coral *Astrangia poculata*

Faculty Mentor: Sarah Davies (Biology)

Carty, Marissa

Self-Compassion and Self-Esteem Journaling as an Intervention to Reduce Loneliness

Faculty Mentor: Brenda Phillips (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Chen, Angela

Identifying Novel Drug-like Inhibitors of the KEAP1-Nrf2 Protein-Protein Interaction

Faculty Mentor: Adrian Whitty (Chemistry)

Chen, Cici

A Neural Model Approach to Neuroanatomical and Neurobiological Changes in Alzheimer's Disease that Result in Visual Perception Changes Related to Spatio-Temporal Integration

Faculty Mentor: Arash Yazdanbakhsh (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Chiulli, Nicole

The Role of Reward Maximization in Interval Timing Tasks

Faculty Mentor: Ben Scott (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Choksi, Shania

Mapping of Ancient Hindu Sites and Mughal Roads of Kashmir, India, and the Use of Hindi on Historical Images of Kashmiri Sacred Sites

Faculty Mentor: Jan Haenraets (American & New England Studies)

Chon, Ryan

Towards the Reconstruction of the Consonantal Phonemic Inventory of Proto-Pahoturi

Faculty Mentor: Kate Lindsey (Linguistics)

Curiel, Keiddy

Effects of Climate Change Across Seasons on Soil Carbon and Nitrogen in a Northern Hardwood Forest

Faculty Mentor: Pamela Templer (Biology)

Currie, Lincoln

A Narrative Chronology of English-language Translations, Adaptations, and Performances of *Amor de don Perlimplín* con *Belisa en su jardín* by Federico García Lorca

Faculty Mentor: Christopher Maurer (Romance Studies (Spanish))

De Laney, Maura

Faculty and Student Perceptions of Academic Misconduct Cases
Faculty Mentor: Andrea Mercurio (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Deng, Megan

Neural and Computational Analyses of Visual Perceptual Changes of Motion Illusions in Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease as Diagnostic and Disease Stage Indicators
Faculty Mentor: Arash Yazdanbakhsh (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Diep, Mia

Dynamics of Neural Systems Modulating Defensive and Social Memories
Faculty Mentor: Steve Ramirez (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Dong, Marshal

The Genji Poetry Database
Faculty Mentor: Keith Vincent (World Languages and Literatures)

Duffy, Erin

How does the type and amount of parental social support buffer against stress from COVID to promote parent and child mental health?
Faculty Mentor: Nicholas Wagner (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Evans, Shaina

Building a Pre-Conviction Profile of Health in Massachusetts' Criminal-legal System
Faculty Mentor: Jessica Simes (Sociology)

Feldman, Raphaël

Assessing Striatal-Wide Population Activity During Instrumental Learning.
Faculty Mentor: Mark Howe (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Fulton, Sam

Designing an Aerogel Cherenkov Detector
Faculty Mentor: Edward Kearns (Physics)

Furmanek, Julia

Power in Poetry: Confessional, Homophile and Beatnik Poems as Assertions of Authentic Selfhood in Postwar America
Faculty Mentor: William Howell (English)

Gambino, Marco

The Cannabinoid CP 55,940 and its Effects on Locomotor Function in *Drosophila Melanogaster*
Faculty Mentor: Kyle Gobrogge (Neuroscience)

Gan, Yaoyuan

Investigating long non-coding RNA in corals' symbiont partner Symbiodiniaceae
Faculty Mentor: Sarah Davies (Biology)

Gardiner, Lara

Investigating the Relationship between the Psychological Wellbeing of Women of Color with Cancer and Nature Access
Faculty Mentor: Brenda Phillips (Psychological & Brain Science)

Gillis, Melissa

Development of Lipid Nanoparticles to Prevent and Treat SARS-CoV-2
Faculty Mentor: Mark Grinstaff (Chemistry)

Godfrey-Nwachukwu, Chinyere

Using a New Behavior Paradigm to Identify Distinct Choice Strategies and Associative Learning Processes
Faculty Mentor: Mark Howe (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Gow, Sean

Mitochondrial Activity Analysis of Mutant Myoblasts with Impaired Expression of the Dlk1-Dio3 Noncoding RNA Locus
Faculty Mentor: Francisco Naya (Biology)

Gracia, David

Determining Proper Motions of Target Stars for the PINES Survey
Faculty Mentor: Philip Muirhead (Astronomy)

Gross, Abby

Assessing the Role of Hippocampal-Mediated, Drug-Related Memories in Relapse to Drug Seeking
Faculty Mentor: Steve Ramirez (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Gu, Anming

Continuation of Optimal Transport Based Mixup Generalization for Deep Learning
Faculty Mentor: Edward Chien (Computer Science)

Harfouche, Lana

Do 3- to 8-year-old typically-developing children consider disability status when evaluating norm violations?
Faculty Mentor: Deb Kelemen (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Hernandez, Ricardo

Terpene Remodeling of Raman Active Targets
Faculty Mentor: John Snyder (Chemistry)

Hong, Long

White Pine Encroachment into Hardwood Forests: Effects on Below Ground Microbial Communities, their Functions, and Soil Biogeochemistry
Faculty Mentor: Jennifer Bhatnagar (Biology)

Kanj, Natalia

Investigating the role of the imprinted Dlk1-Dio3 noncoding RNA locus in skeletal muscle
Faculty Mentor: Francisco Naya (Biology)

Kaufmann, Marine

Examining the role of affective arousal on pupillary light responses

Faculty Mentor: Sam Ling (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Li, Jason

Completing the development of a general purpose fast electronics data acquisition system

Faculty Mentor: Lawrence Sulak (Physics)

Liu, Cerelia

Remote Natural Language Sampling of Parents and Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Role of Activity and Language Level

Faculty Mentor: Helen Tager-Flusberg (Psychological & Brain Science)

Lyu, Andy

Streaming analytics as-a-service on the Mass Open Cloud

Faculty Mentor: Vasiliki Kalavri (Computer Science)

Mashimo, Bryce

Brain Metabolic Scaling in Ant Species *Atta cephalotes*

Faculty Mentor: James Traniello (Biology)

Mick, Steven

Characterizing Hybrid First Internal Exons with Comparative Genomics

Faculty Mentor: Ana Fiszbein (Biology)

Miranda, Crystal

The Evolving Minds Project

Faculty Mentor: Deborah Kelemen (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Natarajan, Sahana

Evaluating the effects of Shank 1 on APP and Tau proteins

Faculty Mentor: Lucia Pastorino (Neuroscience)

Nguyen, Hieu

In Search For A Hypothetical Z Prime Boson At The LHC

Faculty Mentor: David Sperka (Physics)

Nguyen, Nicole

A Qualitative Analysis of Stigma Syndemics and Suffering among End-Stage Kidney Disease Patients in Disenfranchised Urban Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Faculty Mentor: Merav Shohet (Anthropology)

Peterman, Natalie

Examining prosodic differences in spontaneous and stereotyped speech in individuals with ASD

Faculty Mentor: Helen Tager-Flusberg (Psychological & Brain Science)

Pfaff, Amelia

Understanding the Mechanism of NEMO Dimerization through Fluorescent Dimerization Experiments

Faculty Mentor: Adrian Whitty (Chemistry)

Plzak, Zoe

Simple Models for Pattern Formation on Growing Domains

Faculty Mentor: Ryan Goh (Mathematics and Statistics)

Przekop, Kyia

Brain and Body Metabolic Rate Subcaste Differences in *Camponotus Floridanus*

Faculty Mentor: James Traniello (Biology)

Pyo, Angela

Characterizing vCA1 astrocytic activity during stress and depression-like behaviors

Faculty Mentor: Steve Ramirez (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Remler, Ava

Simple models for pattern formation on growing domains

Faculty Mentor: Ryan Goh (Mathematics and Statistics)

Rice, Gabriella

Out of Bounds: The Borders of the Bayeux Tapestry, Model Books and the Loire Valley

Faculty Mentor: Deborah Kahn (History of Art and Architecture)

Rigor, Samantha

Environments Affecting the Presence of coda /t/ and /d/ in Asian American speech

Faculty Mentor: Charles Chang (Linguistics)

Riley, Jessica

Whole Brain and Subregional Brain Metabolic Scaling Relationships in *Atta cephalotes*

Faculty Mentor: James Traniello (Biology)

Rose, Maitreya

Assembling Nucleosomes, Optical Tweezer Experimentation and Single-Molecule Force Spectroscopy on H3.3 Variant Nucleosomes

Faculty Mentor: Masha Kamenetska (Chemistry and Physics)

Sabanos, Caroline

Synthesis of {V(O)-pinF} complexes and their reactivity

Faculty Mentor: Linda Doerrer (Chemistry)

Shin, Haneul

French Missions and French Colonization in Modern China: Quantification via the China Historical Christian Database

Faculty Mentor: Eugenio Menegon (History)

Shukla, Akshata

Spatial Analysis of Microbial Interactions in Salt Marsh Sediment

Faculty Mentor: Jeffrey Marlow (Biology)

Simone, Iris

Functionalization of Betulin to Terpene-Separated Amino Acids

Faculty Mentor: John Snyder (Chemistry)

Singer, Ethan

Leveraging Mass Voter Files and Data Science to Improve Voting Rights Data

Faculty Mentor: Maxwell Palmer (Political Science)

Swanson, Morgan

Bornean orangutan mothers' double burden during periods of food scarcity

Faculty Mentor: Cheryl Knott (Anthropology)

Tang, Kylie

Large Scale Dynamics of Striatal Cholinergic Interneurons and Acetylcholine Release During Movement In Normal and Parkinsonian States

Faculty Mentor: Mark Howe (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Tatlubaeva, Anastasia

Divisor-Marking Strategies in the Languages of Europe: A Corpus-based Typology

Faculty Mentor: Elizabeth Coppock (Linguistics)

Tomljanovich, Lyra

Online Professional Development to Aid Teachers' Comprehension of Natural Selection

Faculty Mentor: Deborah Kelemen (Psychological & Brain Sciences)

Wu, Kassandra

Determination of conserved regions in Cia2 essential to binding with Met18 via site-directed mutagenesis

Faculty Mentor: Deborah Perlstein (Chemistry)

Wyszynski, Sofia

An Evolutionary Analysis Of Blood Group O And Malaria

Faculty Mentor: Carolyn Hodges-Simeon (Anthropology)

Xia, Angela

How does genomic architecture and thermal limits facilitate species invasions in marine mollusks?

Faculty Mentor: Sarah Davies (Biology)

Yang, Erwina

Characterizing Interaction Specificity between Transcription Factors and Cofactors P300 and CBP

Faculty Mentor: Trevor Siggers (Biology)

Zong, Will

National Science Foundation-Algorithms for Threat Detection Challenge (ATD 2021)

Faculty Mentor: Sang "Peter" Chin (Computer Science)

College of Fine Arts

Chang, Danielle

Radical Characters: A Curatorial Project Exploring Design and Culture in the Chinese and Chinese American Community

Faculty Mentor: Mary Yang (Graphic Design)

Howard, Brianna

Ink Formulation Characteristics to Improve Print Quality in E. Coli Melanin Photographic Prints

Faculty Mentor: Lucy Kim (Painting)

Mooneyham, Erin

Dogs or Foxes? Applying Metric Analysis to Distinguish Canids in the Archaeological Record

Faculty Mentor: Catherine West (Archaeology)

Prudhvi, Sanjana

Utilizing Microencapsulation to Optimize Production and Retention of Melanin in Recombinant E. coli

Faculty Mentor: Lucy Kim (Painting)

Regis, Ysabelle

Culture through Costume: Understanding Theatre Globally

Faculty Mentor: Joel Brandwine (Theatre Arts/ Technical Production)

Riedl, Jenna

The Smile Market: Increasing Artistic Entrepreneurship

Faculty Mentor: Emily Worden (Visual Arts)

Saathoff, Grace

Researching the Effects of 3D Programming and Machinery on Costume Production within Theatre Productions

Faculty Mentor: Joel Brandwine (Technical Production)

Young, Lillian

Creating the Underrepresented Composers Recital Music Database

Faculty Mentor: Daniel Doña (Performance and Applied Music)

College of General Studies

Pereira, Noah

Combating The Opioid Epidemic Through Decriminalization and Rehabilitation: Takeaways From Portugal and Drug Policy Reform in Massachusetts

Faculty Mentor: Daniela Melo (Social Sciences)

College of Engineering

Alba, Gabriela

Patient Specific TGF- β Internalization Rate Dependent Engineered Cartilage Tissue Growth

Faculty Mentor: Michael Albro (Mechanical Engineering)

Alghannam, Merna

Improving the Online Defense of Trojaned Models using Misattributions tool

Faculty Mentor: Wenchao Li (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Ang, Benjamin

Characterization of a Microfluidic Biosensor for Renal Proximal Tubule Epithelium Drug Toxicity Experiments

Faculty Mentor: Xin Zhang (Mechanical Engineering)

Bachrach, Jacqueline

CuPID Cubesat Observatory

Faculty Mentor: Brian Walsh (Mechanical Engineering)

Bakre, Shirin

Engineering protein signal peptides for more effective WNT ligand secretion from endothelial cells.

Faculty Mentor: Christopher Chen (Biomedical Engineering)

Baumann, Amanda

Solid Sorbent Carbon Capture

Faculty Mentor: Emily Ryan (Mechanical Engineering)

Baweja, Apaar

Fabrication and Frequency Measurements of Monolayer Tungsten Disulfide Nanomechanical Resonators

Faculty Mentor: Scott Bunch (Mechanical Engineering)

Berniac, Gabriela

Conditioning Neural Progenitor Cells for Transplantation into Injury Environments in the Central Nervous System

Faculty Mentor: Timothy O'Shea (Biomedical Engineering)

Bolognino, John

Fisheye Re-ID: Reliably re-identifying people in large indoor spaces for people-counting

Faculty Mentor: Prakash Ishwar (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Caplan, Sophie

4D Printing Materials with Programmed Stiffness and Thermal Responsiveness

Faculty Mentor: J. William Boley (Mechanical Engineering)

Cheng, Chia Jen

Crack Detection via Convolutional Neural Network Trained on Synthetic Data

Faculty Mentor: Emma Lejeune (Mechanical Engineering)

Desai, Diya

Raman Spectroscopic Monitoring of Engineered Cartilage growth for Osteoarthritis Treatment

Faculty Mentor: Michael Albro (Mechanical Engineering)

Detering, Emerson

Computer controlled manipulation of nanoparticles using electric fields and control theory

Faculty Mentor: Sean Andersson (Mechanical Engineering)

Diamond, Elizabeth

Ingestible Micro-Bio-Electronic Device for Disease Diagnosis and Monitoring

Faculty Mentor: Rabia Yazicigil (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Diaz, Sebastian

Increasing the throughput of an autonomous experimentation system for mechanics

Faculty Mentor: Keith Brown (Mechanical Engineering)

Ducharme, Benjamin

Characterizing the Young's Modulus of Nanoparticles via Mechanosensitive Ion Conduction in Solid-State Nanopores

Faculty Mentor: Chuanhua Duan (Mechanical Engineering)

Filippova, Sofiya

Solid Sorbent Carbon Capture

Faculty Mentor: Emily Ryan (Mechanical Engineering)

Goode, Isabelle

Sex Dependency of Murine Flexor Tendons in Response to Inflammation

Faculty Mentor: Brianne Connizzo (Biomedical Engineering)

Gruspier, Daniel

Mid-Infrared Photothermal Microscopy of Micro-Scale Samples in Water

Faculty Mentor: Michelle Sander (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Holbert, Hannah

Realistic Behavior Simulation

Faculty Mentor: Eshed Ohn-Bar (Computer Science)

Huang, Fangrui

Using Attention-Based Machine Learning Models to Identify Gene-enhancer Pairs

Faculty Mentor: Ashok Cutkosky (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Huang, Jami

"Generalizing Computer Vision from Simulation to Real for Accessibility"

Faculty Mentor: Eshed Ohn-Bar (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Hui, Veronica

Exploring the Sufficiency of Akt Isoforms in Explaining Mutation-Specific Phenotypic Changes in Breast Cancer

Faculty Mentor: Christopher Chen (Biomedical Engineering)

Jalihal, Parth

Kinetic characterization of single-mismatched oligonucleotide pairs on a label-free sensor with potential diagnostic applications

Faculty Mentor: Selim Unlu (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Kao, Brandon

The Role of Glucose in Tendon Explant Health

Faculty Mentor: Brianne Connizzo (Biomedical Engineering)

Katsarakes, Perry

Characterization of Quantum Dot Cytotoxicity

Faculty Mentor: Allison Dennis (Biomedical Engineering)

Kelly, Owen

Characterization of the tumor-lymphatic model through immunofluorescence staining

Faculty Mentor: Joe Tien (Biomedical Engineering)

Knox, Carlton

Machine learning based hot spot prediction on processor chips

Faculty Mentor: Ayse Coskun (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Krska, William

Two-Dimensional Non-Line-of-Sight Scene Estimation from Dual Edge Occluders

Faculty Mentor: Vivek Goyal (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Langenbrunner, Eva

The Mechanical Consequences of the Curing Process on Photocurable Resins

Faculty Mentor: Keith Brown (Mechanical Engineering)

Lee, Megan

Integration of Components of Soft Robot for Heart Surgery

Faculty Mentor: Tommaso Ranzani (Mechanical Engineering)

Lee, Harin

Soft-Robotic Fiber Jamming Mechanism for Variable Stiffness in Catheter Applications

Faculty Mentor: Sheila Russo (Mechanical Engineering)

Li, Yuke

Testing Actin-Based Knock-In System in Natural Isolates of *D. discoideum* for Targeted Integration

Faculty Mentor: Allyson Sgro (Biomedical Engineering)

Lim, Zi Heng

Development of a fully soft stabilization system for minimally invasive intracardiac surgery

Faculty Mentor: Tommaso Ranzani (Mechanical Engineering)

Lu, Zhangchi

AI-Enabled Measurement of Inter-People Distances using Fisheye Cameras

Faculty Mentor: Janusz Konrad (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Mahabir, Brian

Development and evaluation of electrodynamic screen (EDS) films for water-free removal of dust from solar panels

Faculty Mentor: Malay Mazumder (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Margaronis, Artemis

Using Biodegradable Bornite Nanocrystals to Target Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Through the Photothermal Effect

Faculty Mentor: Allison Dennis (Biomedical Engineering)

Ngo, Jonathan

Ordered Reliability Bits Guessing Random Additive Noise Decoding (ORBGRAND)

Faculty Mentor: Rabia Yazicigil (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Obenreder, Mackenzie

How fatty acids in obesity affect the invasion and escape of breast cancer

Faculty Mentor: Joe Tien (Biomedical Engineering)

Ostrovsky, Nicole

Engineering Peptides and Peptidomimetics to Interfere at the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein-ACE2 Interface

Faculty Mentor: Diane Joseph-McCarthy (Biomedical Engineering)

Panenko, tom

VIVID: Smartphone-based Ride Identification and Assistance for People with Visual Impairments

Faculty Mentor: Eshed Ohn-Bar (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Pang, Yanni

MicroFaaS: Bare Metal Serverless on Single-board Computers

Faculty Mentor: Ayse Coskun (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Pinto, Felicia

The Role of Glutamine Supplementation in Protein Synthesis of Murine Tendon Explants

Faculty Mentor: Brianne Connizzo (Biomedical Engineering)

Rathi, Anushka

Development of Gait Corrective Ankle-Foot Orthosis

Faculty Mentor: Tommaso Ranzani (Mechanical Engineering)

Sen, Riya

Formulation of Trehalose Based Nanoparticles for Therapeutic Protein Delivery

Faculty Mentor: Timothy O'Shea (Biomedical Engineering)

Shekhar, Medha

Characterization of cell death and fibrotic remodeling in an in vitro model of cardiac injury

Faculty Mentor: Christopher Chen (Biomedical Engineering)

Shterenberg, Joshua

Anomaly Diagnosis in High Performance Computing Systems Using Semi-Supervised Machine Learning

Faculty Mentor: Ayse Coskun (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Silfen, Zachary

In Silico Prototyping for Intranasally-Administered Agents for COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Pathogens

Faculty Mentor: Diane Joseph-McCarthy (Bioengineering Technology & Entrepreneurship Center)

Smolina, Dasha

Bootstrappable Homomorphic Encryption-based Breast Cancer Prediction using Deep Convolutional Neural Network

Faculty Mentor: Ajay Joshi (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Tasich, Ksenija

Developing a Minimally-Invasive Device that Quantifies Fibrosis and Assesses Chronic Kidney Disease Using Optical Spectroscopy

Faculty Mentor: Ousama Aamar (Biomedical Engineering)

Valdiviezo, Zenia

Electrophysiological and cerebrospinal fluid responses in the aging human brain during wakefulness

Faculty Mentor: Laura Lewis (Biomedical Engineering)

Watkins, Luisa

Demystifying Bounded Noise

Faculty Mentor: Vivek Goyal (Electrical & Computer Engineering)

Ye, Jonathan

Developing a Pneumatic Soft Robotic Haptic Feedback Glove to Assist Minimally Invasive Surgery

Faculty Mentor: Sheila Russo (Mechanical Engineering)

Zhou, Brian

Comparing Spo0A Activity Level in B. Subtilis Using Fluorescent Reporters

Faculty Mentor: Allyson Sgro (Biomedical Engineering)

School of Medicine

Binaggia, Alessia

Pilot Testing PRE-CARE to Address Unmet Social Needs for Preschoolers with Inattention and/or Hyperactivity
Faculty Mentor: Andrea Spencer (Psychiatry)

Bodanapu, Geethika

Assessing the feasibility and acceptability of embedding Paid Family Leave assistance in a Pediatric Clinic Setting to improve health equity.
Faculty Mentor: Lucy Marcil (Pediatrics)

Chen, Raymon

Regulation of γ -globin Gene Expression by Long Non-Coding RNA
Faculty Mentor: Shuaying Cui (Hematology & Medical Oncology)

Chen, Serena

SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Occurrences among healthcare Personnel (STOP)
Faculty Mentor: Tara Bouton (Section of Infectious Disease)

Cheng, Fangzhou

The Reversal of Protein S-glutathionylation by N-acetylcysteine in Vascular Endothelial Dysfunction Associated with Aging
Faculty Mentor: Jingyan Han (Medicine)

Dholiya, Prakruti

Tagging the endogenous dot1l gene with Auxin-Inducible Degron (AID) in colorectal cancer cell lines using CRISPR/Cas9
Faculty Mentor: Alla Grishok (Biochemistry)

Faber-Rico, Bella

Qualitative Analysis of Telehealth Inequities in Boston's Black and Latinx Communities
Faculty Mentor: Lance Laird (Family Medicine)

Garcia, David

The localization of golgin and P2X7 in cell-cell signaling, migration, and actin rearrangement in the context of corneal wound healing in diabetic and normal mice models.
Faculty Mentor: Vickery Trinkaus-Randall (Biochemistry)

Gomez, Juliana

Post-Operative Smoking and Patient Outcomes Among Patients Undergoing Resection of Primary Lung Cancer
Faculty Mentor: Kei Suzuki (Surgery)

Guttermann, Anna

Evaluation of GABA-A receptor composition at the transcriptomic and protein level during the prodromal period in a rat model of Alzheimer's Disease.
Faculty Mentor: Shelley Russek (Neuroscience)

Havale, Isha

Mechanism of Aortic Carboxypeptidase-like Protein Control of Extracellular Matrix Mechanics

Faculty Mentor: Matthew Layne (Biochemistry)

Henault, Emily

The Function of mrc1a in the Zebrafish Blood Stem Cell Niche

Faculty Mentor: Elliott Hagedorn (Hematology & Medical Oncology)

Holtcamp, Jessica

An Open-Label Clinical Trial Evaluating the Immunogenicity of the 9vHPV Vaccination Regimen over 6 Months Among Women Aged 16 to 45 years old, An Exploratory Immunogenicity Study

Faculty Mentor: Natalie Joseph (Pediatrics)

Ibrahim, Mohamed

To determine the PACAP neuronal projection to the BNST activated by chronic intermittent alcohol drinking in mice.

Faculty Mentor: Valentina Sabino (Pharmacology)

Kiyanda, Alexis

Investigating HIV, Endemic Infections, Hypertension and Atherosclerosis Together in Ghana (I HEART GHANA)

Faculty Mentor: Kaku So-Armah (Internal Medicine)

Lei, Yang

Investigating the Effect of CKLF on Treg in MYCN-Driven Neuroblastoma

Faculty Mentor: Hui Feng (Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics)

Lesch, Kayla

Community-Powered Food Systems Co-Design Project (CPFSCDP)

Faculty Mentor: Renee Boynton Jarrett (Pediatrics)

L'Huillier Lanna, Helena

Centering Parenting Research Network Pilot Initiative

Faculty Mentor: Renee Boynton-Jarrett (Pediatrics)

Lohse, Max

Creation of a conditional hnRNPUL1 knock-out in human cell culture using CRISPR/Cas9

Faculty Mentor: Michael Blower (Biochemistry)

Lu, James

Modeling multiciliated cells in human bronchial epithelial cells using air-liquid interface cell culture

Faculty Mentor: Xaralabos Varelas (Biochemistry)

Lu, Simon

Identification of the serine phosphorylation sites in interferon regulatory factor 5 (IRF5) required for IRF5 activation in a mouse model of the autoimmune disease systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Faculty Mentor: Ian Rifkin (Nephrology)

Matsuo, Mao

Evaluating the role of flavivirus RNA secondary structure on host tropism

Faculty Mentor: Florian Douam (Microbiology)

Nanshah, Dhanvil

Porcine Corneal Cross-Linking Experiment

Faculty Mentor: Hyunjoo Lee (Ophthalmology)

Ngo, Andrew

Investigating Impact of T cell Receptor Signaling on HIV Proviral Reservoir Using Bioengineered Receptor

Faculty Mentor: Andrew Henderson (Microbiology)

Park, Elaine

MicroRNA as the Driving Force Behind the Cambrian Explosion

Faculty Mentor: Daniel Cifuentes Buira (Biochemistry)

Patel, Priya

Juvenile Bioarchaeology: The Study of Weaning Practices through Isotopic Analysis

Faculty Mentor: Sean Tallman (Anatomy and Neurobiology)

Sakharkar, Mitali

Distribution and Transcriptomic Profiling of Muscarinic Receptors on Excitatory and Inhibitory Cell Types in primate lateral prefrontal and anterior cingulate cortices

Faculty Mentor: Maria Medalla (Neurobiology)

Sarjoo, Arianna

Identifying peptides that bind IL13R α 2 in basal-like breast cancer cells to inhibit cell proliferation and tumorigenicity

Faculty Mentor: Sam Thiagalingam (Biomedical Genetics)

Schingo, Victor

Modeling Colorectal Cancer initiation using human iPSC-derived intestinal organoids.

Faculty Mentor: Gustavo Mostoslavsky (Medicine)

Shanabrook, Kristin

Leveraging the Framingham Study to Investigate Relationships between Traumatic Brain Injury, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Faculty Mentor: Jesse Mez (Neurology)

Siddiqui, Omar

Dermatology Education Project

Faculty Mentor: Margaret Lee (Pediatric Dermatology)

Siu, Jessica

In vivo Analysis of Kidney Glomerular Tubular and Fibrosis Phenotypes in Two Genetically Modified Mouse Models

Faculty Mentor: Weining Lu (Medicine)

Sood, Himani

Clinical and Diagnostic Predictors of Functional Outcome in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury at Boston Medical Center

Faculty Mentor: Ali Daneshmand (Neurology)

Tseng, Angeline

The Effect of Recombinant ApoE Proteins on ApoE and mCRP Model

Faculty Mentor: Wendy Qiu (Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics)

Tuekam Nono, Evans

Flavivirus derived self-replicating RNA vaccine platform

Faculty Mentor: Florian Douam (Virology and Immunology)

Zaltz, Emily

Understanding the molecular mechanisms of glomerular kidney disease and renal fibrosis in a mouse model using single cell RNA sequencing technology

Faculty Mentor: Weining Lu (Nephrology)

Pardee School of Global Studies

Sever, Levent

Mobility Diplomacy: How States in the Global South Maximize Passport Power

Faculty Mentor: Noora Lori (International Relations)

Questrom School of Business

Chen, Xingru

Regression Discontinuity with Measurement Error: Implementation in Stata

Faculty Mentor: Jetson Leder-Luis (Markets, Public Policy, and Law)

Liu, Sihan

Analyzing Company Review Changes Under the Pandemic

Faculty Mentor: Giorgos Zervas (Marketing)

Nguyen, Khanh Ly

The Effects of Government Policies on Market Returns under Covid-19 in the United States: Implications for Policymakers and Investors

Faculty Mentor: Vidit Munshi (Markets, Public Policy, and Law)

Wright, Baiden

Exploring the Complicated Nature of Fraud in the Public and Private Sectors

Faculty Mentor: Jetson Leder-Luis (Markets, Public Policy, and Law)

Sargent College

Addesso, David

Understanding Inequalities in Health Outcomes For Hispanic Post-stroke Bilinguals

Faculty Mentor: Swathi Kiran (Neurorehabilitation)

Albright, Cate

Designing Methods for Estimating the Rate of Transmission of Novel SARS-CoV-2 Variants

Faculty Mentor: Laura Forsberg White (Biostatistics)

Bujiriri, Baderha

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Identifying Skeletal Muscle Characteristics in Idiopathic Pulmonary Disease

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Preparation of the Global 24-hr Recall Software, INDDX24 Dietary Data App, for the APLUS-BU Growth and Microbiome Study.

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Investigating the direct responses to semantic-based treatment in Mandarin-English bilinguals with aphasia

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How Global LGBTQ+ Identities Affect Health, Relationships, and Experiences: Qualitative Interviews with Queer Individuals from Around the World

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Investigating Phoneme Sequence Learning in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease

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Exploration of Musicianship and Enhanced Neural Processing of Speech

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Effect of gradually reduced training on portion size estimation and the plausibility of reported energy intake from a web-based food diary

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Resistance to Frailty: Investigating Immunity to Osteoarthritis Due to Hormone Deficiency

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The role of indexical features in feedforward streaming during cocktail party listening

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Turn Detection in Post Stroke Walking Using Inertial Measurement Unit

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An Investigation into National Rates of Students With Disabilities Experiencing Homelessness

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Building Capacity to Adapt to Excessive Heat Exposure in Chelsea and East Boston through Photovoice and Current Intervention Strategies

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Demographic Patterns of Aviation Noise Pollution

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The Relationship between Sexually Explicit Online Media Consumption, Condom Attitudes, and Engagement in Condomless Anal Sex among Adolescent Sexual Minority Males.

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The Use of Models and Modeling Conversations during Fifth-Grade Science Investigations

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Working Conditions and Instructional Decision Making in Classrooms for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)

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Identifying the Frontal Lobe Activation Areas of the Brain During Interactions with Teachers and Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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Modeling Chemotaxis in a Collaborative Platform for Systems Biology of Microbial Communities

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