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The Ohio University Emeriti Association was pleased to support undergraduate research and creative activity during the 2021-22 academic year. Seventeen students representing academic programs from across the University presented their research and creative activity at conferences throughout the country. Generous contributions from emeriti to the Emeriti Association and its endowment account has made this financial support possible.

Please read below about the students, their academic mentors and their conference participation. Students also describe what the experiences have meant to them.



Sociology/Anthropology

Kailee Lee Sites

Mentor: Nancy Tatarek
Social Science History Association
Philadelphia PA

“I presented a research project at this year’s Social Science History Association’s conference in Philadelphia. I was given an invaluable experience of presenting to more experienced peers as well as some feedback on my project.” – KS

Sydney Borsellino

Mentor: Amanda Cox
American Society of Criminology
Chicago IL

“...I think [sharing my research] helped others to see that even if a population may be stigmatized or controversial, their experiences are just as worthy of study as others. It solidified my career goals of being a professor of sociology and continuing to do research.” - SB



Dance

Gcinile Shongwe
Mentor: Zelma Badu-Youngue
National Dance Company of Ghana
Mechanicsburg PA

Anna Stover
Mentor: Zelma Badu-Youngue
National Dance Company of Ghana
Mechanicsburg PA

Noah Molina
Mentor: Zelma Badu-Youngue
National Dance Company of Ghana
Mechanicsburg PA

“I performed as a dancer in the Nukpokpo celebration of African culture and diaspora in Messiah University. I got to work with extremely talented guest artists and hosts, and I have learned a great deal from them.” – NM



Art and Design

Andrea Matthews

Mentor: Melissa Haviland
Southern Graphics Council International
Madison WI

Tristen Luken

Mentor: Melissa Haviland
Southern Graphics Council International
Madison WI

“I went to the national printmaking convention in Madison, Wisconsin. It involved multiple days of panels, artist talks, art shows, demonstration, and the opportunity to have others look and comment on our work. The connections I was able to form at this conference will for sure help me in the future. It is always important to get inspiration and knowledge from a variety of sources. It is easy to get yourself in a little bubble, which can cause your work to become stunted. An opportunity like this allows artists to learn about outside opportunities and come up with new ideas for work. I always feel more creativity flowed when surrounded by creativity.”- TL



Music Education

Hayden Frey

Mentor: Matthew Talbert
Ohio Music Association
Cleveland OH

Daniel Mulcahy

Mentor: Matthew James
Ohio Music Association
Cleveland OH



Business-HTC

Elsa Gran
Mentor: Mary Tucker
Academic and Business Research Institute
2021 Virtual Conference

Physiology

Lane Cullums
Mentor: Angela Hillman
ACSM Annual Meeting and World Congress
San Diego CA



Nursing

Caroline English
Mentor: Mel Brandau
Midwest Nursing Research Society
Schaumburg IL

“I presented research at the MNRS conference in Schaumburg, Illinois. The more I talked about it and saw how many people related and showed interest, the more I saw how important the topic was. [Presenting] was outside of my comfort zone. Presenting my research was a positive experience and helped prepare me for grad school.” – CE

Communication Studies - HTC

Haley Janoski
Mentor: China Billotte Verhoff
National Communications Association
Seattle WA



Biological Science - HTC

Lindsay Bachmann

Mentor: Xiaozhuo Chen

American Association for Cancer Research

New Orleans LA

Biological Science - HTC

Grace Counts

Mentor: Craig Nunemaker

Experimental Biology Conference

Philadelphia PA

“I presented my research during a poster session at Experimental Biology in Philadelphia, PA. Collaboration drives scientific research, and presenting at conferences is one way to foster collaboration. The more people are exposed to my research, the more suggestions, criticism, and ideas I can gather to further progress my project. Also, I hope that by sharing my research, other scientists may learn something that helps progress their own projects.” –GC



Environmental Plant Biology - HTC

Allie Binkiewicz
Mentor: Allan Schowalter
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
New Orleans LA

“I shared a research poster at the virtual ABCT Conference . [Sharing my research] inspired me to continue the path - the path that I had planned and hope to take - to attend graduate school and receive a doctorate in clinical psychology. It also has allowed me to be more confident in my abilities as a researcher, regardless of my status as an undergraduate. It puts me in a better position to start my new research project soon.” – AB



Geography - HTC

Lucy Thompson
Mentor: Rachel Terman
Appalachian Studies Association
Morgantown WVA

“I participated in a round table discussion on intersectional feminism as a facilitator at the Appalachian Studies Association conference in Morgantown, WV. I feel that my presence was important and impactful because there were not very many undergraduate students present and I brought a different perspective.” – LT