Spotlight on Interdisciplinary Global Aggie Projects
(Selected examples)
Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference 2018
See 2018 abstract book for more details about each project

Bilingual Education: Less Fallout from High-School Dropouts
Romae-Anne Aquino, International Relations

Testing the Efficacy of a Zika Vaccine in a Pregnant Rhesus Macaque Model of Congenital Zika Syndrome
Pablo Badra, Global Disease Biology

The United Nations Security Council’s Responsibility to Protect: Security or Trade?
Casey Crumrine, International Relations

Implementation of Positive Inclusivity in Design
Marielle Ednalino, Design

Demarginalizing the Migrant Experience through Narratives
Liliana Estrada Torres, Psychology

The Impact of Acculturation and Enculturation on Physical Health Outcomes
Jacinda Chan and Praveen Karunatileka, Psychology

Examining Ethnic, Gender, and SES Differences in the Social Validity of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
Helen Fann & Jinmeng Li, Psychology

Efficiency of Groundwater Use in Agriculture
Tadewos Getachew, Civil Engineering

The Expression of Genetically Variant Peptides in Pigmented and Non Pigmented Hair and its Implications for a Novel Technique of Human Identification
Rachel Franklin, Chemistry

The Middle East and North Africa in U.S. Media Representations: An Analysis of the Term “Greek Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox” in the New York Times (1900–1909)
Natalie Hovsepian, Anthropology

Effects of Heat Stress on Development of Bovine Ovarian Preantral Follicles
Kendall Hyde, Genetics and Genomics

Arabian Nights: Deconstructing Terminology and Exoticization in the New York Times
Carina Mkrtchyan, Anthropology

Case Study of a Cholera Outbreak in the 21st Century
Janice Mwaniki, Neurology, Physiology & Behavior

Mechanisms of Iron Acquisition in Brucella abortus Contribute to Growth in Placental Trophoblasts and Fetal Pathology
Ariel Munoz, Global Disease Biology

Hepatitis E Virus Nanoparticles as Insulin Oral Delivery Vector
Michelle Nguyen, Environmental Toxicology

Influence of N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase V N-Linked Glycans on the Molecular Dynamics of Human Integrin β1
Alejandra Quiroz Alonso, Global Disease Biology

Child Body Mass Index and Diet Behaviors Associated with Parent Restrictive Feeding Practices
Shanthal Ferreya, Human Development, and Alma Sanchez, Psychology

Incorporating a Socio-Scientific Issue Into the General Chemistry Curriculum to Improve Student Engagement
Jose Sandoval, Neurology, Physiology & Behavior; Dhruv Nandakumar, Computer Science; and Jennifer Kopetzky, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Food Waste and Ethno-Cultural Perceptions
Erika Pantoja, Community and Regional Development

Creating Clean Water Through Organic Filtration
Yordanos Shita, Geology

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Dear Students,

On behalf of UC Davis Global Affairs, I am thrilled to recognize our first cohort of “Global Aggie” Undergraduate Researchers!

As you know, the world is becoming more and more interdependent and interconnected. Many of our greatest challenges—such as the spread of disease, climate change, inequality, or food insecurity—are global in scale. And our ability to address them by engaging with collaborators across disciplines and across borders is greater than ever before.

This is why I was proud to see that so many Undergraduate Research Conference projects received a “Global Aggie” designation, indicating that their research reflected an effort to adopt a global perspective by including a focus:

- outside the United States;
- on addressing a Sustainable Development Goal;
- on a transnational population, person, place or practice (economic, cultural, environmental, etc.) within the U.S.;
- on how U.S.-based policies/practices are affecting or affected by global dynamics or
- on an international or intercultural collaboration.

Knowing the valuable impact that this type of global perspective has for students and for communities, we are taking on an ambitious goal: Global Education for All. This new university initiative will ensure that every UC Davis student has opportunities for meaningful international or intercultural experiences before graduation.

In the spirit of Global Education for All, I encourage you to continue using your ability to think and act both globally and locally to take on the opportunities of today and tomorrow. Congratulations to our inaugural “Global Aggie” Undergraduate Researchers!

Best wishes,

Joanna Regulska
Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor

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