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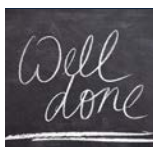
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SCHOLARFEST 2020

Anticipation is building with the launch of [ScholarFest 2020](#) just around the corner! This celebration of research, scholarship, and creative achievement at APU kicks off on Monday, March 30, with APU President Paul Ferguson addressing the community during chapel. In this keynote address, Dr. Ferguson will highlight connections between serious scholarship and spirituality and share his vision for advancing research, scholarship, and creative achievement at APU. Dr. Ferguson's chapel address not only kicks off the month-long ScholarFest 2020 happening, but also starts the weeklong series of [presidential inaugural activities](#) culminating with the new president's *Investiture Ceremony* and *Official Launch of the APU Strategic Plan: 2020-27*.

The ScholarFest advisory team of 15 faculty and staff from across campus is enthusiastic about the exceptional slate of activities now on the [ScholarFest 2020 schedule](#). There are stand-out special lectures, departmental and campus-wide symposia, panels featuring faculty 'great-grant-getters', a panel of distinguished faculty scholars, student/faculty research 'showcase' panels, student research poster forums, a variety of musical performances, artistic displays and workshops, school- and college-based activities, and more. ScholarFest 2020 concludes with the April 23 Honoring Excellence event (UTCC, 3:00-4:30 p.m.) hosted by the interim provost during which several APU community scholars will be recognized and honored. Since last June, the ScholarFest advisory team has met regularly to see that goals of ScholarFest will be met. These goals include: (1) stimulating the APU community to excellence in research, scholarship, and creative achievement; (2) honoring many faculty who have exhibited excellence in research, scholarship, and creative achievement; (3) inspiring prospective students; (4) nurturing a culture of scholarly accomplishment; and (5) providing opportunities for all academic units to showcase their scholarly excellence. Will these goals be met? You be the judge! You are invited to come to ScholarFest 2020 and decide for yourself. But first, read on as this issue of *Cornerstone* highlights many of the special ScholarFest 2020 activities.

"ScholarFest 2020 provides all disciplines opportunities to display their research, scholarship and creative achievement. Given the terrific community response during the ScholarFest planning, we eagerly anticipate the launch of this four-week (March 30-April 24) celebration!"

*Donald Isaak
Office of Research and Grants*

Congratulations!

Recent Grant Funding

(November 2019-January 2020)

Louise Huang (CLAS). *Aerospace Workforce Development Program.* Funded by California Space Grant Consortium (CaSGC) at UC San Diego. (\$8,000)

Alexander Jun, Nathan Risdon (BAS). *Chapel for All? The Intersection of Race, Theology (or Faith), and Grace in Christian College Chapel Programs.* Funded by Calvin University. (\$18,000)

Chris Neal (SOT/CVM). *Youth Leadership Initiative Sustainability Grant.* Funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. (\$299,692)

Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda (BAS). *Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Child Development Institute Pilot Project - Supplement.* Funded by Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority. (\$36,200)

William Whitney (BAS). *ACT Fellowship: Understanding the Virtues of Purpose, Patience and Hope in the Midst of Suffering or Significant Stress.* Funded by the John Templeton Foundation. (\$219,915)

Jr. Faculty Mentoring Fellowship Awards 2020-21 Cohort



Donna Gallup, EdD, LSW, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences



Jill Olausson, PhD, RN, CDE, Assistant Professor, Chair, Department of Healthcare Administration and Leadership School of Nursing



Andrew Shelton, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences



Sandor Volkan-Kacso, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Best Paper Award

Drs. **Hsi-Jen (James) Yeh and Rick Sturdivant**, along with two colleagues, were awarded *Best Paper* for their presentation *Programmable Turbine Failsafe System for Pico-Hydroelectric Power in the Nepal Himalayas* at the IEEE Green Energy and Smart Systems 2019 Conference in Long Beach.

CPJ Hatfield Prize

BAS SW Daniel Montoya was recently awarded the Hatfield Prize by the Center for Public Justice to conduct research on the reintegration of families who have experienced chronic homelessness. This \$5,000 grant will fund his research under the guidance of Dr. Anupama Jacob (BAS Social Work).



Poster Research Forums & Oral Symposium

During ScholarFest 2020, APU students and faculty will have opportunities to showcase their work through an Oral Symposium and Student Research Poster Forums.

Applications have been received throughout the past month and the proposal numbers currently stand at 31, 36, and 16 for the respective Oral Symposium and UG and Graduate Poster Forums.

Mark your calendars and do plan to attend these events:

"I look forward to seeing the diversity of scholarship that our undergraduate and graduate students across disciplines are engaged in."

Anupama Jacob
BAS Social Work

ORAL SYMPOSIUM

April 6-8, 2020, 2-7 pm every day (detailed scheduled TBA)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH POSTERS

April 13 2020, 4:30-6:30 pm, UTCC

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH POSTERS

April 14, 2020 4:30-6:30 pm, LAPC

"A dedicated campus wide celebration of scholarship, research and creative arts provides opportunity for collaboration between disciplines #apusolarfest."
Kevin Huang
CLAS Biology Chemistry

These interdisciplinary gatherings allow departments across campus to highlight their student research engagement. Deadline for application submissions is **February 21, 2020**. Thanks to those that have already submitted, and if you have not submitted your proposal yet, this is the last call! Go to the [ScholarFest website](#) for directions on submitting your application.

"As part of the Advisory Committee, I have seen ScholarFest develop from an idea to an exciting array of events celebrating the wonderfully diverse scholarship being produced at APU. Linking these events under the banner of ScholarFest invites a wider, interdisciplinary audience to what in the past remained discipline-specific events, thus ensuring that student, staff and faculty achievements are recognized across the university."

Veronica Gutierrez
UG Research Program, CLAS History & Political Sciences

GRANTS ACADEMY 2020 SAVE THE DATES

May 29 | June 12

(9am-3pm)

A unique opportunity to gain traction with grants development and writing!



Honoring Excellence

Faculty Recognition

As part of ScholarFest 2020, the provost will host an Honoring Excellence event during which those in the APU community will be recognized for their excellence in research, scholarship and creative achievements. The event will take place on **April 23, 2020 (3:00-4:30 pm) in UTCC** and is prompted by a desire to both celebrate and stimulate the APU community involvement in research, grants, scholarship, and creative achievement. Honoring Excellence will include three novel opportunities for recognition.

"Whenever I've had the opportunity to see the work of students and faculty on campus, I've come away with a sense of amazement at what we can accomplish together and a renewed energy in my own research. ScholarFest will give all of us that opportunity across four weeks, and I can't wait to glean new insights from multiple disciplines as I attend the different events"

Stacy Kula
School of Education

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards recognize APU departmental faculty who have demonstrated superior research, scholarship, and/or creative achievements. The awards are based on a faculty member's scholarly productivity or impact through presentations, publications, creative excellence, grant applications, and awards over the past two years. How is this recognition different from the existing campus-wide awards given out at the end of each academic year? The ScholarFest awards are not campus-wide competitions; instead, they provide opportunities for each department to see excellence in their faculty celebrated before a broad audience.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MENTOR AWARDS

These awards recognize APU departmental faculty who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate

and/or graduate students in their scholarly and professional development. One faculty-mentoring award is available for each department on campus.

MILLION DOLLAR CLUB INDUCTION

The Office of Research and Grants will initiate the Million Dollar Club (MDC) in April 2020 to recognize external grant and contract productivity by members of the University community. MDC inductees will include APU faculty and staff having received a cumulative grant or contract funding equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000. More details on the criteria of determining the inductees are posted [here](#).

In addition to these novel awards, Honoring Excellence will be a fantastic venue to recognize and celebrate new awardees for vital existing campus initiatives including the: (1) Faculty Research Council 2019-2020 grant awards (UG, masters, and doctoral); (2) Scholarly Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) awards; (3) Junior Faculty Mentoring Program completion recognition (2019-2020); and (4) Fellowship for Scholarly Work with Ethics & Culture (FSWEC) awards.

Join us on April 23, 2020!

"ScholarFest is an exciting reconception of Common Day of Learning. This ambitious month-long celebration, however, will do so much more. We hope to engage and stimulate the APU community to further pursue excellence in research, scholarship and creative achievements. You wouldn't want to miss it!"

Marta Cenac-Mehedinti
Office of Research and Grants

Calendar & Events

Events/Workshops

Upcoming Sabbatical Talks

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. | LAPC
February 25, 2020: Ryan Montague
March 19, 2020: Cindy Tanis
March 26, 2020: Abbylin Sellers
April 7, 2020: Kathryn Ecklund

Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Fellowship Talk

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. | LAPC
April 22, 2020: Matthew Smith

Skill Development

Finding Funding Opportunities:
Pivot Advanced Workshop
May 15, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
ORG Conference Room
(680 E. Alostia Ave. Suite 115)

Grants Academy

May 29 and June 12, 2020
9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Wilden Hall

ScholarFest 2020

March 30 – April 24, 2020

Research Ethics

IRB (Human subjects research)

IACUC (Animal subjects research)

March 4, 2020: Full Board Review deadline for March meeting

April 1, 2020: Full Board Review deadline for April meeting

May 6, 2020: Full Board Review deadline for May meeting



US Scholar 2021-22 Application Deadline

September 15, 2020
Contact: disaak@apu.edu

Faculty Research Council Grants

Doctoral Proposals Due
March 22, 2020

- Research Grants (maximum \$10,000)
- Planning Grants (maximum \$3,000)
- Publication Assistance or Subvention Grants (maximum \$3,000)

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

Schedule at a glance

(February 20, 2020 posting)

March 30

- 10:30-11:20 am Felix Event Center **President Ferguson Makes Keynote Chapel Presentation**
- 1:00-6:00 pm Wilden Hall **Study Away Symposium**

March 31

- 1:00-2:00 pm Segerstrom 120 **SURE Undergraduate Research Showcase-West**
- 7:00-9:00 pm Duke 520 **Cannabis and the Developing Brain (R.Castaneda)**
- 7:30-9:00 pm Seven Palms Amphitheatre **Spring Concert: No Cover and Wayfarer**

April 1

- 11:30 am-12:30 pm Wilden Hall 119 **SURE Undergraduate Research Showcase-East**
- 5:00-5:50 pm Duke 520 **Evidence-Based Approaches for Enhancing Diversity and Inclusion in the UG Experience**
- 8:00-9:00 pm Munson Chapel **Night of Percussion**

April 2

- 9:00 am-4:00 pm Felix Event Center **16th Nursing Research Symposium: Population Health Across the Globe**

April 3

- 10:00-11:20 am Felix Event Center **Presidential Investiture and Launch of APU Strategic Plan (2020-2025)**

April 4

- 9:00 am-5:00 pm Duke Academic Complex **IMPACT Conference**
- 9:00 am-4:00 pm Darling 413 **Screenwriting Master Class with Sheryl J. Anderson**
- 6:00-7:00 pm UTCC **Night of Gospel Comedy and Justice**

April 5

- 1:30-7:30 pm Munson Chapel **APU Living Composer Band Festival**

April 6

- 12:00-2:00 pm Wynn 111 **Insights on Suicide Awareness from Recent Research (K. Ecklund, C. Lehmann, S. Mansour, C. Leung)**
- 2:00-7:00 pm Duke Academic Complex **Oral Symposium 1: Insights from APU Students, Faculty and Staff**

April 7

- 2:00-7:00 pm Duke Academic Complex **Oral Symposium 2: Insights from APU Students, Faculty and Staff**
- 5:00-7:00 pm Heritage Art Gallery **Faculty Lecture: William Catling, On Navigating the Deep Pelagic**

April 8

- 11:30 am-1:00 pm LAPC **Great Grant-Getters Luncheon Dialogue (R. Castaneda, C. Adams)**
- 2:00-7:00 pm Duke **Oral Symposium 3: Insights from APU Students, Faculty and Staff**

April 9

- *Easter Break*

April 10

- *Easter Break*

April 11

- *Easter Break*

April 12

- *Easter Sunday*

Full Schedule also available on the [APU Events App](#)



Schedule at a glance

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April 13

- 12:00-2:00 pm
Duke Academic Complex
Brown Bag Symposium with Graduate Psychology Students
- 4:30-6:30 pm
UTCC
Undergraduate Student Research Poster

April 14

- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
LAPC
Great Grant-Getters Luncheon Dialogue (Lynda Reed, Mary Rawlings)
- 4:00-5:00 pm
Building One
EdShare: Research to Action
- 4:30-6:30 pm
LAPC
Graduate Student Research Poster
- 7:30-9:30 pm
Munson Chapel
East End and Lady Jazz Spring Concert

April 15

- 10:30-11:20 am
Segerstrom 162
CRIS Spatium
- 4:00-5:00 pm
Building One
EdShare: Research to Action

April 16

- 7:00-8:00 pm
Munson Chapel
Chamber Music Series: Vol. III

April 17

- 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Wilden Hall
Space Brain Odyssey: Exploring Changes in Brain Function as We Journey to and from Space (S. Wood)
- 7:30-7:00 pm
Citrus College, Haugh Performing Arts Center
War and Peace (APU Symphony Orchestra and Masterwork Chorale)

April 18

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April 19

April 20

- 7:30-9:00 pm
Munson Chapel
APU Jazz Combos Concert

April 21

- 4:30-6:30 pm
UTCC
Social Work Student Research Showcase Event

April 22

- 12:00-1:00 pm
LAPC
Recognition: Shakespeare, Modern Philosophy, and the Absurdity of Grace (M. Smith)
- 6:00-9:30 pm
Duke Academic Complex, DPT
California Physical Therapy Association, San Gabriel Valley District: APU Research Night
- 7:00-9:00 pm
Munson Chapel
Chamber Music Series: Vol. IV

April 23

- 3:00-4:30 pm
UTCC
Honoring Excellence Special Awards Event with the Provost

April 24

- 7:00-11:00 pm
Writers' Guild Theatre, Beverly Hills
Premier Night 2020

April 25

- 3:30-5:30 pm
Lake Avenue Church, Pasadena
Music of Americas! Community Concert (APU Studio Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Azusa Conservatory, etc)

April 26