

Office of Undergraduate Research NCUR 2019 Updates

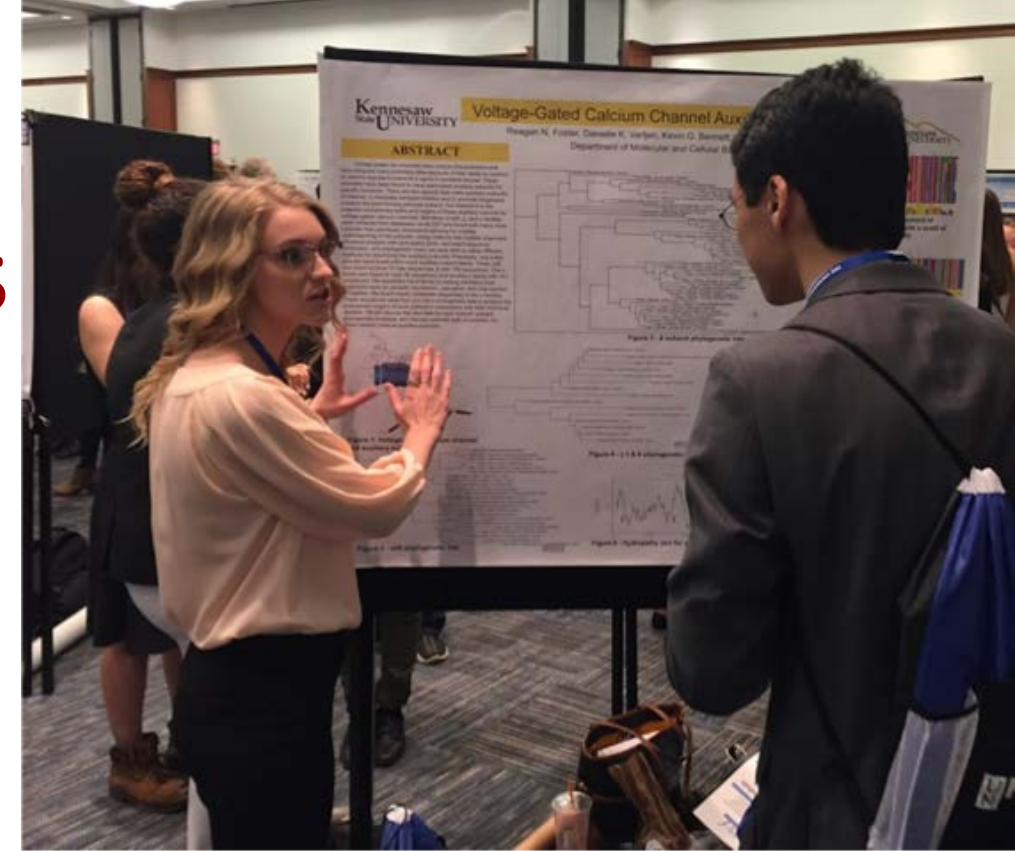
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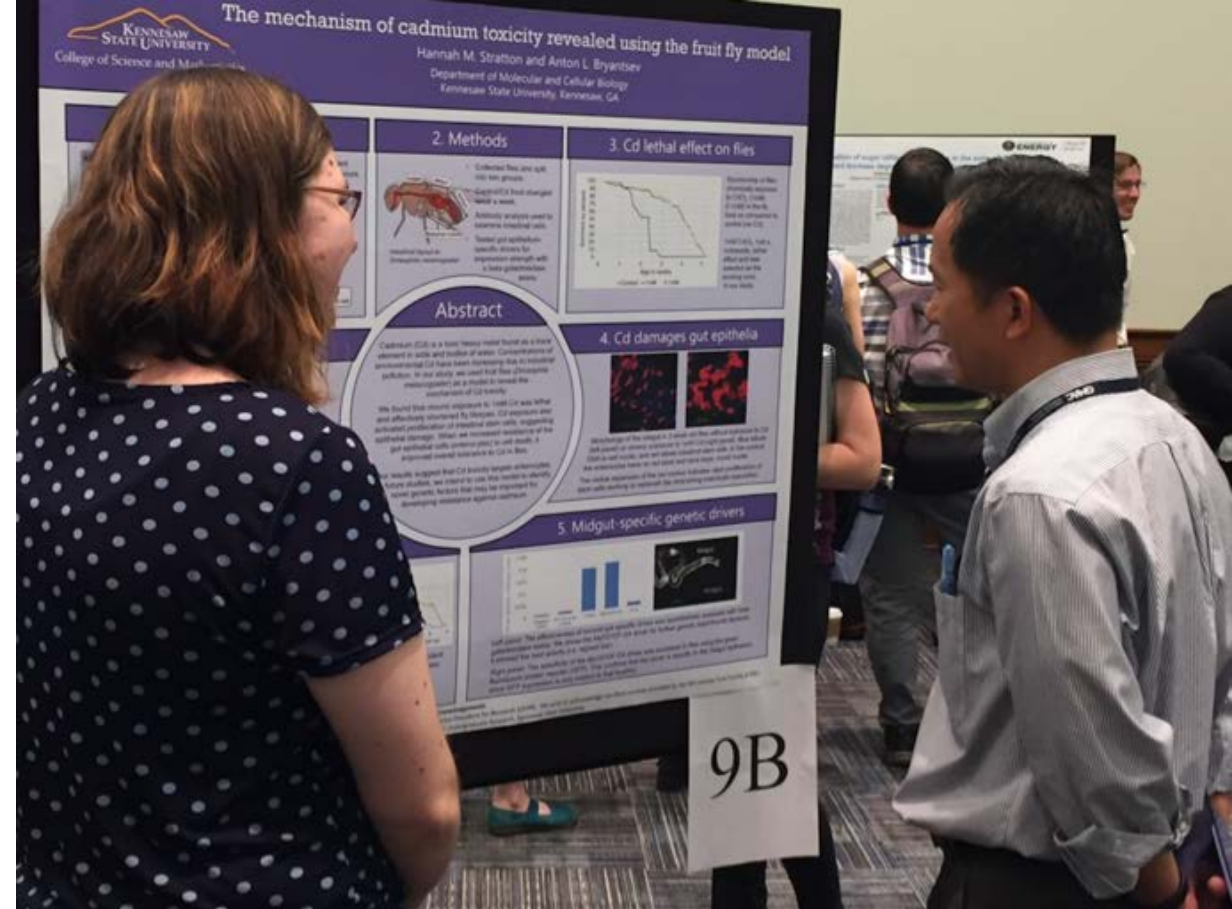
Office of Undergraduate Research: Events and Programs

- Symposium of Student Scholars
- Student funding (URCA, Posters on the Hill, NCUR 2018)
- Faculty funding (CARET, NCUR 2018)
- Undergraduate Research Club
- Find a project/find a researcher
- Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research (KJUR)
- Workshops, consultations, class presentations
- Join the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) for free
- NCUR 2019



NCUR 2019: Overview

- The 33rd Annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
 - April 11-13, 2019
 - Kennesaw campus
- In 2017 (at the University of Memphis)
 - Nearly 400 institutions
 - 47 U.S. states
 - 4,139 attendees
 - Over 4,000 abstracts submitted (~88% acceptance rate)
- Estimated economic impact
 - \$2.1 to \$2.5 million for Cobb County and surrounding area
 - \$100,000 and \$300,000 in revenue for KSU



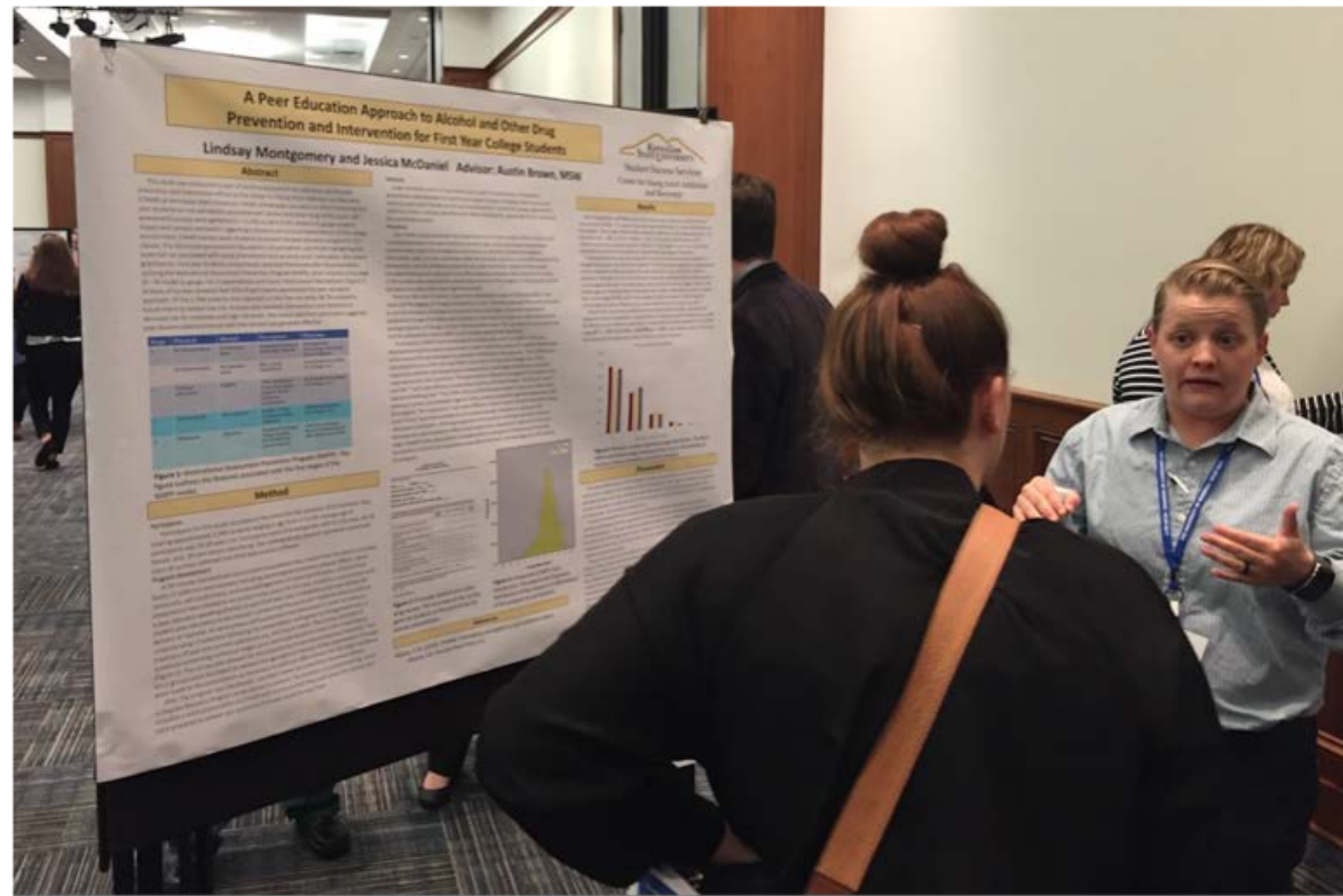
NCUR 2019: Types of Sessions

- Student Presentations
 - Posters
 - Oral presentations
 - Visual arts displays
 - Performances
- Student-Focused Programming
 - Workshops (e.g., applying to grad school)
 - Graduate/professional school fair
 - Career fair
 - Departmental open houses



NCUR 2019 at KSU: Types of Sessions

- Departmental open houses
 - Recruit NCUR attendees to come to KSU
 - Promote facilities and program
 - Connect students from the same major
 - Thursday April 11, 2019 around 4pm
 - Shuttles to the Marietta campus departments
 - If a department hosts an open house, the chair will be provided the emails for accepted students/faculty mentors so you can advertise your open house before the event



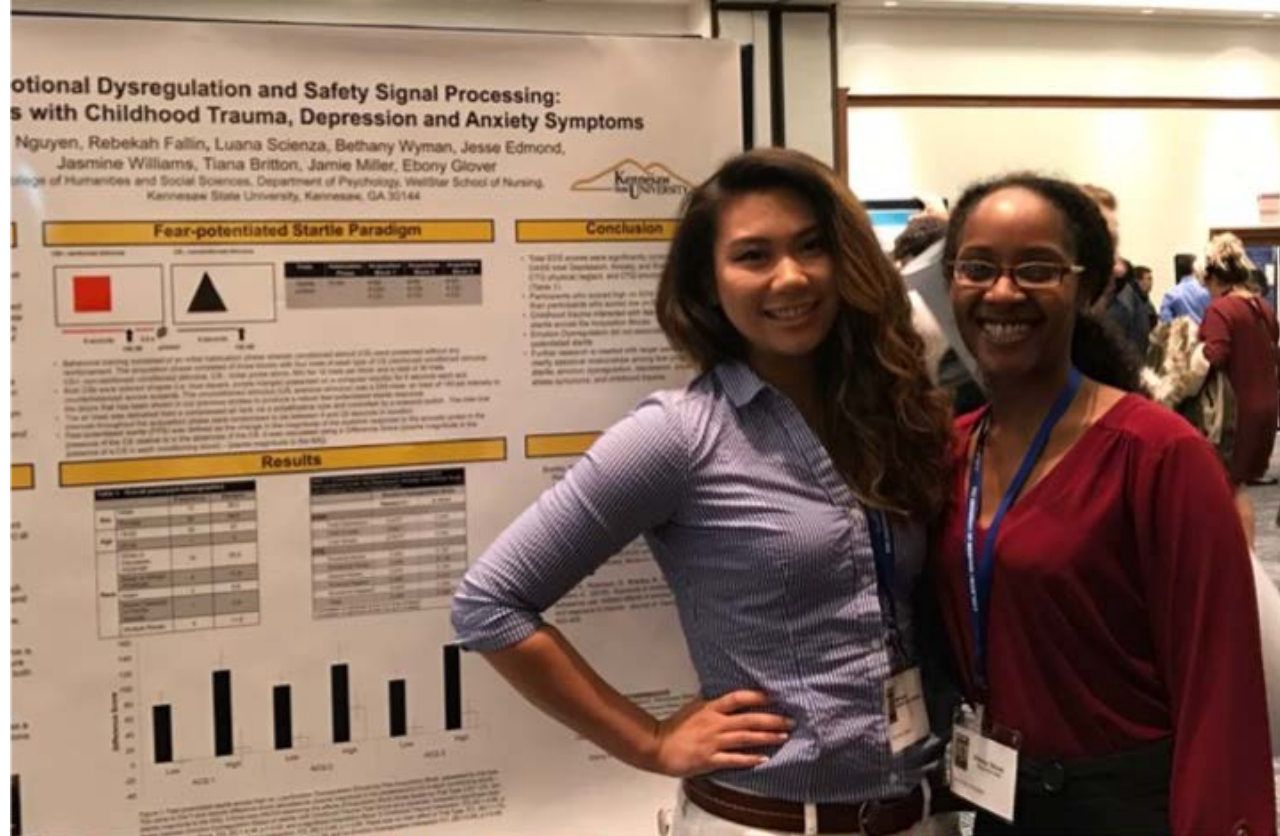
NCUR 2019: Types of Sessions

- Other sessions and events
 - Faculty sessions (1 hr/day)
 - Plenary speakers (one per day)
 - “Big Event” on Friday evening
 - Optional excursions
 - Typically begin Saturday afternoon
 - Extra costs for attendees



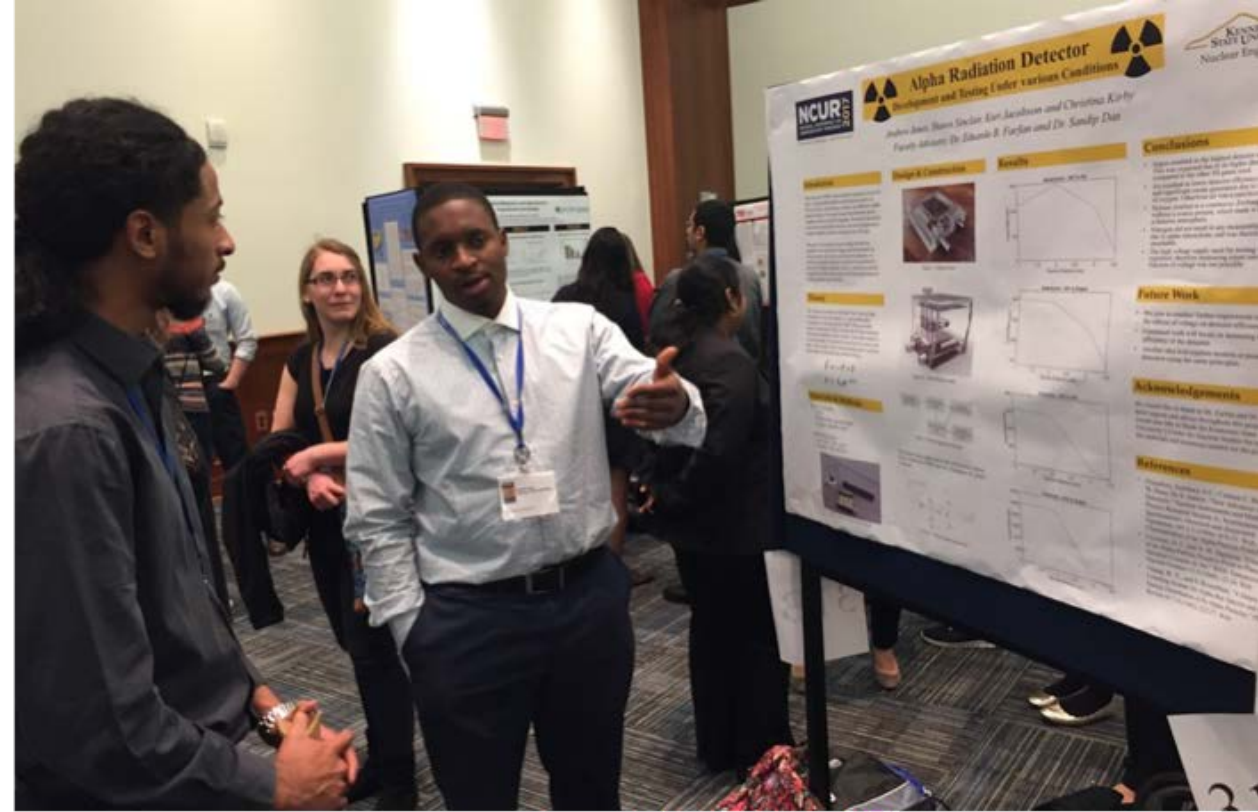
NCUR 2019 at KSU

- Volunteers needed! (~700)
- For example:
 - Moderating oral presentation sessions (faculty)
 - Reviewing abstracts (faculty)
 - Staffing the registration tables (students)
 - Helping lost attendees find buildings (students)
 - Planning the conference (everyone)



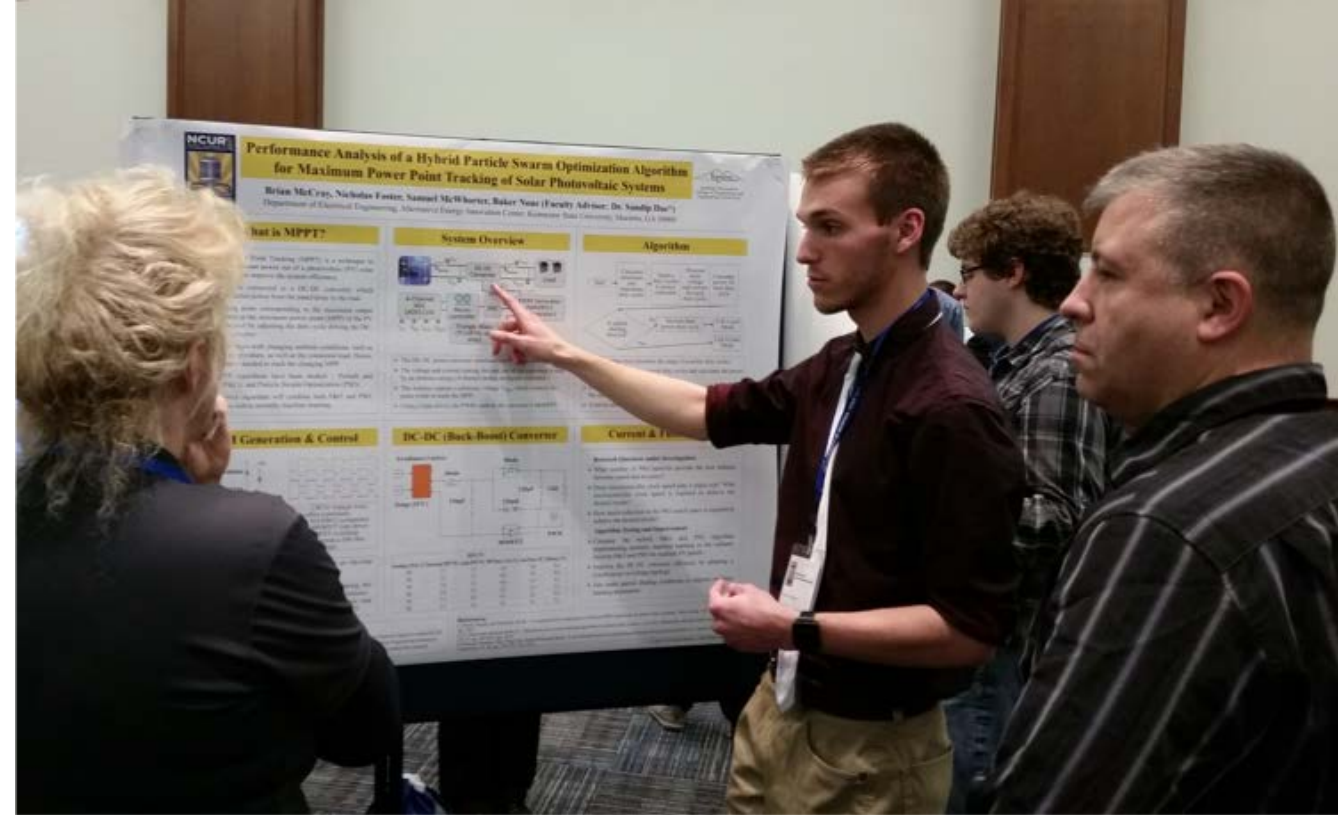
NCUR 2019 at KSU

- Timing of the conference
 - *Not* during Spring Break so KSU students are here and can benefit
- Classes will be redirected to the conference:
 - We would like our students to be able to present, volunteer, and attend sessions
 - Faculty are needed as volunteers (and to support their own undergraduate researchers who are presenting at the conference)
 - A conference of this size is going to take over much of the campus space; it isn't possible to also hold classes
 - Faculty are encouraged to create assignments where students attend sessions in their discipline and write reflections about the experience



NCUR 2019: What Can You Do?

- Encourage students in your classes to get involved in undergraduate research projects during the next year and to volunteer at the conference
- Send feedback/ideas you have about the conference to the Office of Undergraduate Research (our@kennesaw.edu)
- Spread the word about NCUR 2019 (e.g., within your department, college, professional networks)
- Consider integrating undergraduate research into existing courses (the Office of Undergraduate Research can help)
- If you're interested, review abstracts in December/January 2018, moderate oral presentations at the conference, and/or join a planning committee (email our@kennesaw.edu for more information)



Thank You!

Questions or
comments?

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