

2009 Undergraduate Scholars Forum Award Winners

- **Outstanding Paper Presentation Awards**

Awards were presented for the Best Presentation from each of the concurrent sessions at the forum. The best presentations in session winners are:

- **Stephanie Bearjar**
Department of Economics
“Income Inequality and Population Growth Rates: An Analysis of Post-Industrial Europe”
- **Jesse Brown**
Department of Art
“Man of the House: Domestic Masculinity”
- **Vernon Brundage**
Department of Economics
“Downfall or Difference? Examining the Role of Parents/Guardians in the Success of African-American Students’ Pursuit of Higher Education”
- **Matthew Celestin**
Department of Criminology
“Brazil: Road to Economic Development”
- **Jennifer DeAngelis**
Department of Professional Studies in Education
“Anti-Bias Curriculum: Alleviating the Test Gap”
- **Tara Friedl**
Department of Journalism
“If a Bias Exists Against Women in Sports Media, How Do We Change It?”
- **Brandon Gomez**
Department of Communications Media
“y r IUP stdnts using txt msging? A Study of the Dynamics of Text Messaging”
- **Meghan Heasley**
Department of English
“God’s Right to the First Born Son: The Sacrifices of Isaac and Jesus”
- **Quiana Lightner**
Department of Anthropology
“The Educational Plight of Blacks and Latinos at Indiana University of Pennsylvania”
- **Thomas Melvin**
Department of Biology
“Gauging the Nature of Science for Non-Science Majors”

- **Dragomir Milanovic**
Department of Biochemistry
“The Srs2 Protein Expression Using the pET11c Expression vector in the BL21 (DE3) Bacterial Protein Expression Strain of Escherichia coli”
- **Elizabeth Morisky and Andrew Thompson**
Various Departments
“Strengthening the Foundations: The PACT Program and Teacher Education”
- **Sarah Morrow**
Department of Theater and Dance
“Theatre Culture in Film”
- **Alicia Rich**
Department of Anthropology
“Fission-Fusion in Captive Western Lowland Gorillas”
- **Christopher Stefanides**
Department of Sociology
“Outdoor Recreational Activities impact on Self Concept”
- **Ashley Talley**
Department of History
“The PACT Program in Practice”
- **Kyle Walters**
Department of Criminology
“Are You In or Out? The Upper-Class Student Perceptions of Hazing”
- **Caitlin Williamson and Peter Stonehouse**
Department of Chemistry
“Calcium Tungstate: A Convenient Recoverable Catalyst for Hydrogen Peroxide Oxidation”
- **Bridget Young**
Department of Religious Studies
“Precious Blood Spilled in Desperation: The Sacrifice of Kings and Elite Members of Society”
- **Various Students and Departments**
“Lingering Questions: The Fairness Doctrine and Presidential Campaigns in Western Pennsylvania”

- **Honorable Mention for Paper Presentations**

- **Kelly Andrews**
Department of Journalism
“American Literature Anthologies: The Missing Minority Writers in the College Classroom”
- **Jessica Brown**
Department of Journalism
“Facebook and Public Relations”

- **Michael Browne**
Department of Sociology
“A Qualitative Approach to Presentation of Self and Student Activism”
- **Jonathan Crowley**
Department of History
“The History Beneath Our Feet”
- **Kyla Groat**
Department of Art
“Ushabt: An Analysis of an E-bay Antiquity”
- **Marissa Michael**
Department of English
“PACT and the Beginning Teacher”
- **Rachel Umbel**
Department of Physics
“The CEMA Approximation Extended to Ultrathin 3-Layer Structures”
- **David Shellem**
Department of Sociology
“How Connected are You? Networking and Discrimination within Greek Organizations”
- **Jason Shirey**
Department of Art
“The ‘Green’ in Design”
- **Best Poster Awards**
 - **Kyle Allshouse, Emmanuel Johnson and Michael Stewart**
College of Health and Human Services
“Proactive Police Crime Control: The Use of ‘Hot Spots’”
 - **Jessica Develin**
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
“Surface Decoration Analysis of 2008 Johnstown Site Excavation”
 - **Tracy Fisher**
College of Education and Educational Technology
“Thinking Hats and Accountable Talk”
 - **Joseph Rocco**
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
“Induction and Modulation of Host Murine Toll-like Receptor-2 (TLR2) and Cytokine Responses on Infection with Different Mycobacterium avium serovars and their ssGPL Mutants”

- **Jessica Sabol**
College of Fine Arts
“Violet Sharp: An Experience in New Play Dramaturgy”
- **Patricia Tolu-Ajayi**
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
“Effects of Temperature on the Ability of Tamoxifen to Induce Breast Cancer Cells to Behave More Like Normal Cells”
- **Best Performance Award**
 - **Nicholas Berninger**
Department of Music
The Trombone: “George Christoph Wagenseil and his Concerto for Alto Trombone”
- **Business Case Competition**
 - **Alyssa Shubra, Joseph Pelland, Tabitha Yagle, Amanda Frenchik and Zachary Morrow**
Eberly College of Business and Information Technology
“Competition in Video Game Consoles”
- **Best Bibliography Awards from IUP Libraries**
 - **Danielle Bothelo**
 - **Amy Devlin**
 - **Brittany Fuller**
 - **Quiana Lightner**
 - **Jessica Sabol**
 - **Patricia Tolu-Ajayai**
 - **Domanique Williams**
- **Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibit Awards**
 - **Michael Frederick**
The Dean’s Choice Award
“Self Portrait on a Bicycle”
 - **Joshua Kosker**
Honorable Mention
“Creamer #33”
 - **Katie Lind and Jamie Zbrzezny**
The Faculty Choice Award
“Expel”
 - **Aaron Treher**
The Kipp Gallery Award of Excellence
“Getting There, Being There, Going Away”

- **Sigma Xi Best Science Poster Awards**

First Place:

- **Christina Ritter and Ashley Hague**

Department of Geoscience

“ODP Eastern Equatorial Pacific Leg 138: Eolian Dust Provides Insight into Past and Future Climatic Conditions”

Second Place:

- **Joseph Rocco**

Department of Biology

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Third Place:

- **Stephanie Yarup and Brittany Viens**

Department of Psychology

“Study Skills Test Development”