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 Hydropgen 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, Emmanual 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
    "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"

  Third Place:

  - **Stephanie Yarup and Brittany Viens**
    Department of Psychology
    "Study Skills Test Development"