

RESEARCH EVENING

April 29, 2026
6-8:30 p.m.

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RESEARCH EVENING



Students' research presentations are from individual research and the following courses:
EDF 610 Teacher Research, EDF 785 Contemporary School Reform, PSY 799 Doctoral Dissertation,
SRM 627 Survey Research Methods, SRM 680 An Introduction to Qualitative Research and SRM 686 Case Study

Link for the online presentations: <https://unc.link/research>

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6-7 p.m. Session 1 Oral Presentations

Virtual Room 1 (18 min. talks)

****Lural Ramírez, Educational Studies, SRM 686**

Community Building Through Campus Facilities Access

Sarah Vogt, Erica Beaulieu and Cara Shannon, Special Education, SRM 627

Beliefs and Practices in Reading Fluency with Neurodivergent Students

Michelle Kennedy, Educational Studies, SRM 686

The Role of the Instructional Assistant in an ESOL College Learning Environment

Virtual Room 2 (18 min. talks)

Emily Nickerson, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, SRM 680

School Gun Violence and a Case Study on the Impact on School Administrators

Rebecca Rountree, Jordan Petz and Hannah Tait, Nursing Education, SRM 680

Faculty Perspectives of High Stakes Testing: A Phenomenological Study

Virtual Room 3

Cheryl Smith, Special Education, SRM 680

Teacher Perceptions of Speech Therapy Service Models in Early Childhood Education

Jennifer Ramey, Educational Studies, SRM686

An Inquiry into Kindergarten: Portraiture

Katherine Valentine, Nursing Education, SRM 686

Universal Design for Instruction Implementation Among Prelicensure Nursing Faculty: A Case Study

Campus Commons 2200 (15 min. talks)

****Stacy Parrish, Educational Studies, EDF 610**

In Right Relation: A Self-Study of Indigenous Leadership, Relational Accountability, and Sovereignty in Public Educations

John Darag, Educational Psychology

Faculty Engagement in Teaching-Related Professional Development in Higher Education: The Role of Basic Psychological Need Satisfaction and Motivational Orientations

***Sunday O. Aghamie, ASRM**

When Internal Winners Do Not Stay Winners: Multi-Stage Evaluation Under Right Censoring

Emily Romero, Educational Psychology, PSY 799

Learning to Teach for Creativity

7:05-8:05 p.m. Session 2 Oral Presentations

Virtual Room 1 (18 min. talks)

Samantha Mahaffey, Devon Weaver and Stacy McCann, Nursing Education, SRM 680

Navigating the Path to Success: Meaning-Making Among Non-Traditional ADN and ABSN Nursing Students Within Social and Institutional Contexts

Cosmos Obeng, ASRM, SRM 680

Banking the Unbanked: Exploring Individual Perceptions of Cryptocurrency Adoption

Stevie Spinelli, School Psychology

Examining Teacher Perspectives of Social and Emotional Learning Program Implementation and Adoption Factors in Traditional Public and Alternative Schools

Virtual Room 2 (22 min. talks)

***Lural Ramírez, Educational Studies, EDF 785**

Cosmopolitan Nationalism Values Paradoxically Inscribed: Critical Discourse Analysis of International Schools' Websites in Ecuador

Hailey Burch, Educational Studies, SRM 686

The 1-on-1 Classroom: New Experiences for First-Year Teachers

Virtual Room 3 (18 min. talks)

Dana Swanson-Martinez, Educational Studies, SRM 686

Early Career ELA Educators' Perceptions and Modifications of a Prescribed Curriculum

Sarah N. Seiffert, Educational Studies, SRM 686

Mediating Thinking and Managing Tension: The Navigation of Divergent Assessment Beliefs by Instructional Coaches

Bailey Regier and Cristina McAfee, Nursing Education SRM 680

Pattern Recognition at the Threshold: A Study of Nursing Cognition During the Initial Patient Encounter

**HLLA Finalist; **Empowering Finalist*

Virtual Room 4 (18 min. talks)

Amanda Trickey, Nursing Education, SRM 680

No-Western Medicine in Nursing Education: Student Perceptions and Implications for Cultural Competence

Samm Chavez, Special Education, SRM 680

Adjunct Faculty Experiences with Disability Support Services in Higher Education

Bobbie Alexander, Nursing Education, SRM 680

Faculty Perceptions of how Artificial Intelligence Enhances Critical Thinking

Campus Commons 2204 (22 min. talks)

Julie Kennedy, Danna Hartline and Alexis Winner, ASRM, Educational Studies SRM 686

Access and Insight: How First-Generation Students Find Belonging

Emily Powell, Selorm Buaka and Doug Heacox, ASRM, Physical Education, SRM 680

The Weight of the Room: A Qualitative Inquiry into the Perceived Culture of Strength Training Spaces Among Perimenopausal Women

Kassandra Pontilo, Cassia Hendrickson, Tessa Burris and Rebekah Skinner, Counselor Education and Supervision, SRM 680

Power and Privilege Within Supervision: A Qualitative Study of Marginalized Counseling Supervisees

6-8 P.M. Poster Presentations

Campus Commons: Multipurpose Room

1. Franklina Addae and Rachel Abiyoe, ASRM, Counseling Psychology, SRM 627

Did Medicaid Expansion Increase Preventive Care? Causal Evidence from BRFSS Using Modern Machine Learning Methods

2. Andrew Dudash and Jorge Rubio, Counseling Psychology

Internalized Classism Scale

3. Kara Phillips, Exercise Physiology

Effects of Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy on Body Characteristics and Skeletal Muscle in Resistance Trained Rats

4. **James Hodges, ASRM, SRM 686

Black Queer Students, Ballroom & Artistic Identity Exploration

5. Abigail M. Smith, School Psychology, SRM 627

The Veteran Graduate Experience Compared to Traditional and Nontraditional Students

6. Cosmos Obeng, Phil Mayhoffer and Nathan Williams, ASRM, Educational Psychology, SRM 627

Perceptions of Underbanked and Unbanked Individuals Toward Cryptocurrency as a Tool for Financial Inclusion

7. Abby Smith, Saige Herbert and Trevor Smith, School Psychology, SRM 627

The Veteran Graduate Experience Compared to Traditional and Nontraditional Students

8. Tiffany A. Lopez, Counseling Psychology, SRM 680

Aging Out of Foster Care: Lived Experiences and Perceived Readiness for the Transition to Adulthood

9. *Joseph Pastina, Sport and Exercise Science

Cold Water Tubs vs Showers: A Novel Approach Exploring Modality-Specific Effects on Cognitive Function and Divergent Thinking

10. Hallie Music, Biomechanics

Is Arm Position Important for Control of Angular Momentum During Drop Landing

11. Leanna Lawson and Jason Stanworth, Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, SRM 627

Developing a Teacher Survey to Measure Quality Physical Education for US K-12 Schools

12. Jason Stanworth and Leanna Lawson, Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, SRM 686

Barriers to High-Quality Elementary Physical Education

13. *Randy Thuesen and Nathan Williams, Educational Studies and ASRM, SRM686

Answering the Call: A Qualitative Case Study of Dedication, Responsibility, Innovation, and Resilience in Interpreter Education

14. Adrian Perez, Jazz Studies, SRM 680

Exploring the Experiences of Post-Secondary Music Students with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder

15. Guancheng Liu, Pan Yone, Nada Aldoobie and Sabahet Hafizi, Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, SRM 627

Evaluating the Ethical Acuity of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Physical Education

16. Nadiyah Elamin, Selorm Buaka and Alaba Gbenga, ASRM, SRM 627

Empowering Self-Care and Connection: A Pilot Study of Stress Management and Help-Seeking at UNC

17. Lauren Appelhans, Educational Studies, SRM 686

Supporting Concurrent Enrollment Instructors

Additional Poster Presentations: 7:05-8 p.m.

18. Leah Skelton, Counseling Psychology

Nature and the Fulfillment of Psychological Needs within Self-Determination Theory

19. Christina Elmore, Max Oishi, Andrea White and Bradey Disbrow, Counseling Psychology, SRM 680

A Phenomenological Exploration of Adults of Color's Experiences with Parentification

20. Justin Aman, Counseling Psychology

Exploring How Solitude and Homesickness Shape Self-Reflection in Outdoor Settings

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8:10-8:20 P.M. Awards

Campus Commons: Campus Commons Prosperity Room

Hutchinson Lahman Larkins Research Awards

Empowering Students Award, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences