

John C. Salerno Memorial Research Symposium
September 28, 2018, 1-5 PM
KSU Center

1:00-1:05	Welcome	Jonathan McMurry, Associate Vice President for Research
1:05-1:10	Presidential Remarks	Pamela Whitten
1:10-1:15	Brief Remembrance of John • John Salerno Fund	Jonathan McMurry
1:15-1:40	Dr. Benjamin Scafidi, Professor of Economics "Human Capital and Domestic Terrorism"	
1:40-2:05	Dr. Jeremy Gulley, Associate Professor of Physics "Ultrashort Pulsed Light Interactions with Nanowire Arrays"	
2:05-2:30	Steven Gayle, Ph.D. Student, International Conflict Management "Diffusion of Innovation, Development and the Spiral of Silence: The Understatement of Afro-Amerindian Populations in the Southeastern United States"	
2:30-2:55	Dr. Scott Nowak, Associate Professor of Biology "Akirin is critical for early tinman induction and subsequent formation of the heart in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> "	
2:55-3:15	Break (lobby) -- coffee and tea; cookies • KSU Foundation, Research Office, Library tables in lobby	
3:15-3:40	Dr. Altug Poyraz, Assistant Professor of Chemistry "Improving the Electrochemical Performance of High Power and Energy Aqueous Rechargeable Zn/MnO ₂ Batteries"	
3:40-4:05	Dr. Tom Leeper, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry "Sustainable Catalysis of a Conjugated Polymer by a Protein Enzyme"	
4:05-4:30	Dr. Muhammad Salman, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering "Assessing Non-Uniform Stiffening of the Achilles Tendon Noninvasively Using Surface Wave Elastography"	
4:30-4:55	Dr. Jeffrey Yunek, Assistant Professor of Music Theory "Capturing the Zeitgeist: Preserving American Music and Culture in the Mashups of DJ Earworm"	

5:00-6:30

Reception in lobby -- beer and wine; hors d'oeuvres

- Jury chooses \$1,000 winner, votes collected and tabulated for \$500 "People's Choice" winner
- KSU Foundation, Research Office, Library tables in lobby

5:45

Announcement of winners