



Call for Abstracts

John C. Salerno Memorial Research Symposium

October 11, 2019, 1:30-5:30 PM, SC 109

The John C. Salerno Memorial Fund and the [KSU Office of Research](#) invite KSU faculty researchers to submit abstracts for presentation at the 2nd annual John C. Salerno Memorial Research Symposium, which will take place October 11, 2019, from 1:30-5:30 PM. Talks highlighting the best of KSU research will be followed by a beer and wine reception to celebrate research at KSU and the life and legacy of [John Salerno](#).

Researchers from all fields of scholarly endeavor are invited to submit. Authors of accepted abstracts will present 20 minute talks. Five minutes will be allowed for questions and answers. The presenter of the best talk, as determined by a jury, will win a cash prize of \$1,000. The winner of the “People’s Choice” award, decided by a vote of the audience, will win \$500. Abstracts must be one page or less, but format is otherwise left to the discretion of the author. **Abstracts should be submitted to the Office of Research (sponprog2@kennesaw.edu) by July 31 at 5 PM.** Authors of abstracts accepted for presentation will be notified by Sept. 1. Questions may be directed to Jonathan McMurry, associate vice president for research, at jmcmurr1@kennesaw.edu.

John Salerno was a Professor of Biology and Chemistry and the Neel Distinguished Chair in Biotechnology at Kennesaw State from 2006 until his passing in 2015. He was a graduate of M.I.T. and the University of Pennsylvania and, later, professor and chair of the Biology Department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. John was eminent in his field, authoring over 200 scientific publications describing fundamental discoveries in free radical biology, spectroscopy and enzymology. His work was funded by the NIH, NSF, USDA, the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, and others. Brought to KSU to increase the research profile of the university, he did just that by building an active, externally funded, student-involved research program, advising the administration on research matters, and helping to design and launch the first graduate programs in the natural sciences at KSU. Most importantly to his many friends, he mentored many young faculty who are now established researchers and leaders at Kennesaw State and elsewhere.

We are actively raising funds for a permanent endowment to support the Salerno Symposium in perpetuity. If you would like to support the Salerno Symposium, you may make a gift at <https://community.kennesaw.edu/givetokennesaw>. Please be sure to designate your gift for the “John C. Salerno Memorial Fund” on the College of Science and Mathematics donor page.