Touro College Research Day—organized and implemented by our faculty’s Touro College Research Collaborative—is a day-long embodiment of our institution’s commitment to intellectual curiosity and scientific advancement. It is through the varied and impressive work of our faculty and students that we are best able to showcase the notable scope of Touro’s research activities and academic offerings.

Exhibited student and faculty research projects span everything from medicine and social work to law and theater. Among universities, we are one of the most authentic world microcosms, determined to explore and further develop every field of academic scholarship and all realms of applied, practical knowledge. Touro’s reach, both in terms of academic offerings and experiential, community-based learning opportunities, is unparalleled. Research Day is but a small window into the world of change we and do effect.

This year’s Research Day will address Diabetes, a disease affecting tens of millions of Americans, nearly double the number affected twenty years ago. The metabolic abnormalities associated with Diabetes alter a variety of body processes. Diabetes affects wound healing, clotting and the development of Atherosclerosis, all of which make the treatment of cardiovascular disease in Diabetes different from its treatment in the general population. As a Cardiologist and University President, I am particularly interested in investing in research that furthers our understanding of this complex treatment intersection.

Today, you will be privileged to hear from Dr. Steven Shoelson, an internationally recognized leader in diabetes research and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, as well as our very own Dr. Jean-Marc Schwarz, professor of Biochemistry in the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and Director of the Metabolic Research Center at Touro University California. These two speakers are exemplars of what we, as an institution, seek to do every day: they investigate their surroundings, probe with sophisticated questions and creativity, acquire and apply available resources and, ultimately, uncover a little bit more of the mystery of our world.

Today, I am proud to invite you to engage with Touro’s faculty and students to talk about the research initiatives that fuel their professional and educational passions. I hope that this exhibition induces greater investment in our research efforts and inspires more collaboration and synergy across the entire university system.

Dr. Alan Kadish
President  |  Touro College and University System
On behalf of the Touro College Research Collaborative, I am delighted to welcome you to our seventh annual Research Day. Here we highlight original research by faculty and students and celebrate the contributions that they have made across the spectrum of disciplines that makes Touro College an especially broad intellectual community.

This year our formal program focuses on diabetes, a disease that affects millions of Americans and hundreds of millions of people around the globe, with significant attendant healthcare and other costs. We are delighted to have two acclaimed researchers joining us: Dr. Steven Shoelson, M.D./Ph.D., as our Research Day Distinguished Keynote Speaker; and, Dr. Jean-Marc Schwarz, Ph.D., as our Touro College & University System Distinguished Research Speaker. You will find more information about them and their presentations later in this booklet.

Faculty members pursuing biomedical and health sciences research and seeking a supportive community of fellow scholars to aid in their work established the Research Collaborative. Over time, the Collaborative expanded to encompass all interested researchers regardless of subject. Collaboration provides not only a cost-effective research strategy, but enhances opportunities across interdisciplinary fields. One vehicle to help reach those objectives became Touro College Research Day. For over a decade, the Collaborative has been helping investigators in a number of ways, including assistance in statistics, research design, networking, and finding consultants. We thank the faculty involved in planning activities for this year: Brian Chiswell and Nirupama Narayanan (Biology); Piotr Kozlowski, (Osteopathic Medicine); Maryellen Luczun and Sandra Russo (Nursing); Meira Orentlicher (Occupational Therapy); June Kume and Christopher Voltmer (Physical Therapy); Joseph Indelicato (Psychology); and Isabella Reichel (Speech and Language).

President Alan Kadish’s multifaceted research initiatives have motivated researchers across the College and across the Touro College and University System. This daylong event caps off ongoing research-oriented activities and events throughout our many different campuses—among which are awards under Presidential Research Development Grant Program, whose 2018 recipients will be recognized today.

The Touro College Research Collaborative acknowledges the tremendous support given towards organizing Research Day offered by: President Kadish; Provost for Biomedical Research Salomon Amar; Provost for the Graduate and Professional Divisions Patricia Salkin; Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Faculties Stanley Boylan; the Touro College Research Council; our Harlem Campus hosts at the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Pharmacy; and, the Office of Sponsored Programs.

A list of titles and authors of the posters displayed during the afternoon’s sessions follow. Please visit our colleagues to hear about their projects and their noteworthy results while being amazed at the great diversity of research interests at Touro.

Enjoy this sharing of knowledge—and drink in the energy of learning. On behalf of the Touro College Research Collaborative, we thank you for participating.

Joseph Indelicato, MSW, Ph.D.
Chair, Touro College Research Collaborative
It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Harlem Campus of Touro College for our 2018 Research Day. This annual program highlights the rich research and scholarly activities taking place across the New York campuses of our College. Touro College is a diverse institution, with an undergraduate division, a graduate division, and professional schools. The scholarly and research interests of our faculty and students reflect that diversity—as witnessed by the breadth of exciting poster presentations you will see today.

Under the leadership of Research Provost Dr. Salomon Amar, President Kadish’s vision of expanding our scholarship and research footprint, and fostering collaborations among the faculty of Touro College at all levels and across our widespread campuses of the Touro College and University System, is being implemented at a rapid pace. Increased funding for research in the sciences and in the humanities and social sciences is being invested by Touro College to encourage the innovative and creative work of our faculty. Last year, a Presidential Faculty Award was also established to recognize excellence in faculty research and scholarship. Through the monthly entries in our Faculty Focus e-news, it is evident that our excellent teaching faculty is also building and supporting a growing community of excellent researchers. I am truly proud of the individual and collective accomplishments of the Touro College faculty.

A special thank you to the members of the faculty Touro College Research Collaborative who have coordinated today’s program and to the faculty and student participants and presenters. Research Day arose out of a faculty-based initiative and that sense of initiative is a firm foundation for Touro’s future success. Thank you also to Glenn Davis and Arnita Liebman in our Office of Sponsored Programs whose support and guidance are critical not only to Research Day, but to the increasing level of grant submissions and funding for Touro College.

**Patricia E. Salkin, J.D.**
Provost, Graduate and Professional Divisions

With deep appreciation for the tremendous effort involved, I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the development of this year’s Research Day program. The continuing expansion of Research Day is the embodiment of the intellectual vitality demonstrated by Touro College, an institution of higher education that continues to have at its core an enriched undergraduate experience. Our late President Dr. Bernard Lander founded Touro College over forty-five years ago with about three dozen undergraduate students. Under the leadership of President Alan Kadish, the institution, its faculty, and their research contributions have grown exponentially, both at Touro College and across the Touro College and University System.

Traditionally focused on excellence in instruction, scholarship and research has always had its place within the College. While we will continue to be primarily a teaching institution, scholarship and research take many pathways and always enriches teaching. Touro College Undergraduate and Graduate faculty are making outstanding contributions in areas of science and the humanities. The challenge of research which Dr. Kadish has placed before us is invigorating—and no greater evidence of the enrichment for all involved exists than what we experience on Research Day.

Like the Provost, I want to thank all who have organized and participated today. In particular, I would like to congratulate the student researchers who are presenting. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments, which shine a bright beacon on Touro’s accomplishments.

**Stanley L. Boylan, Ph.D.**
Vice President of Undergraduate Education | Dean of Faculties
It is my privilege to welcome you once again to Touro College Research Day. Well into my second year at TCUS, I can personally attest to the impressive progress of our faculty researchers throughout the Touro College and University System as we collectively work to advance our research mission.

We have much to be proud of. I’ll mention a few notable examples. We just launched a new initiative to support and strengthen faculty research by offering training in research development. Dean Lou Primavera of our School of Health sciences is leading a series of engaging workshops, and our library staff at Touro College has crafted a series of informative webinars. Today we will be recognizing and celebrating our second class of distinguished faculty researcher recipients of the Presidential Research Development Program awards. And our system-wide Bridge and Seed funding grants competition supporting biomedical and health sciences projects is currently underway for 2018.

Last fall the MODI (Metabolic Obesity Diabetes Initiative) was launched via a university-wide teleconference involving a number of our faculty with research interests in obesity and diabetes. It was interesting to note that a significant number of TCUS scientists are focused on understanding diabetes, a disease that affects more than 30M people in the U.S., with a significant burden on health care costs. Diabetes, along with the MODI, has emerged as a critical research focus worthy of further investment.

Today’s program could not be more apropos. Steven Shoelson, our Research Day Distinguished Keynote Speaker, is a world-class scientist, recognized as a leader in pioneering new approaches for treating and preventing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease based upon the underlying pathobiology of these conditions. Jean-Marc Schwarz, our Touro College and University System Distinguished Research Speaker, and his colleagues at the Metabolic Research Center at our California campus, have garnered much press around their studies of the deleterious effects of consuming sugar-sweetened beverages and foods containing fructose and other added sugars. I am confident you will find their talks immensely stimulating.

Research Day reminds us of the uniqueness of Touro College across all of our campuses, with its diversity of scholarly interests on the part of our faculty and students in humanities, social sciences, basic sciences, and biomedical and health sciences; and at all levels -- professional, graduate, and undergraduate. Please support our colleagues by visiting them at the poster sessions. Applaud them on their excellent and ground-breaking work that strengthens the renowned research reputation of the College as we work together towards our collective success.

Finally, let me express my appreciation for Dr. Kadish’s leadership in his vision to expand the research portfolio throughout the Touro College and University System, and to Provost Salkin for her partnership and never-ending support as we have worked together to implement these initiatives.

Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Provost for Biomedical Research/Chief Biomedical Research Officer, Touro College & University System
Dr. Shoelson will discuss relevant concepts relating potential roles of obesity in the pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes (T2D) and cardiovascular disease (CVD) prior to describing the clinical trials his team conducted to determine that the world’s oldest anti-inflammatory drug, salicylate, lowers blood glucose in patients with T2D. He then delves into mechanism to show how this occurs. Then he will show why uric acid is elevated in obesity, and how this affects normal physiology by depleting upstream purine metabolites in liver and adipose tissue. And he will show that xanthine oxidase inhibitors including allopurinol restore the depleted purines to affect the same major metabolic pathways targeted by salicylate.

Dr. Shoelson is an internationally recognized leader in diabetes research. He is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and the Helen and Morton Adler Chair, Head of the Section on Pathology and Molecular Pharmacology, and Associate Director of Research at the Joslin Diabetes Center. He received a Ph.D. in chemistry and then his M.D. from the University of Chicago. He then moved to Boston for internship and residency training in Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He has been on the faculties at the Joslin and Harvard Medical School since 1988. He has received numerous awards and honors, including a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Scholar Award in Experimental Therapeutics, the Excellence in Diabetes Research Award of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a MERIT award from the National Institutes of Health, the Caledonian Prize of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the Donald F. Steiner Award for Outstanding Achievement in Diabetes Research. He is well known for studies attempting to pioneer new approaches for treating and preventing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease based on the underlying pathophysiology of these conditions.
There is increasing evidence from both epidemiologic and interventional studies of the deleterious effects of consuming sugar-sweetened beverages and other foods containing fructose and other added sugars. However, the causal effect of sugar has been questioned because most sugar studies have a concomitant excess calorie intake. Recent sugar studies have shown that sugar-sweetened beverages in energy balance also lead to the same deleterious effects. Chronically elevated de novo lipogenesis (DNL) during both fasting and feeding may be a key mechanism in the link between consumption of added sugar and metabolic abnormalities, including obesity, high lipid levels, cardiovascular disease, NAFLD, insulin resistance, and type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Schwarz graduated from Lausanne University Switzerland. He is professor of Biochemistry in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Director of the Metabolic Research Center, Touro University California and adjunct professor of medicine at the University of California San Francisco. For the past 25 years, he has performed NIH-funded translational research. His main interest is in glucose and lipid metabolism as intermediate processes in the development of chronic diseases, with a special focus on mechanistic studies to evaluate the effect of nutritional and lifestyle intervention. His expertise is the use of stable isotope tracer methodology applied to clinical translational research.
SCHEDULE

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11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  Luncheon: Cafeteria (4th Floor)

Program will take place in the Lecture Hall 1 (2nd Floor) and Overflow Room Lecture Hall 2 (2nd Floor)

12:45-12:50 p.m.  Opening Remarks on Behalf of the Touro College Research Collaborative
Joseph Indelicato, Ph.D.
Chair, Touro College Research Collaborative

12:50-1:00 p.m.  Welcome
Alan Kadish, M.D.
President, Touro College & University System

1:00-1:15 p.m.  Recognition of Presidential Research Development Grant 2018 Award Recipients & Introduction to Distinguished Speakers
Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Provost for Biomedical Research/Chief Biomedical Research Officer, Touro College and University System

1:15-2:00 p.m.  Research Day Distinguished Keynote Speaker
“How to Teach Old Drugs New Tricks”
Steven Shoelson, M.D./Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School & Joslin Diabetes Center

2:00-2:30 p.m.  Touro College & University System Distinguished Research Speaker
“Fructose: a sweet way to make ‘foie gras’ and increase your risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease”
Jean-Marc Schwarz, Ph.D.
College of Osteopathic Medicine, Touro University California

2:30-2:45 p.m.  Question and Answer Session

2:45-3:00 p.m.  Break

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Stimulus characteristics impacting on perceptual organization: Implications for reaction time and accuracy

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BEH04: Friedman, A., Sherman, R.

Relationship between the SSW test and Learning Preferences of College Students

BEH05: Greenwich, Z.

Correlation between Sleep Disturbances and Dementia

BEH06: Mortenson, K.

Therapeutic Approaches in the Treatment of Post Stroked Depression

BEH07: Navarrete, J.

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Motivation for Religious Behavior Among American Jews
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*Bioassays for the Antibacterial Activity Protease and Protease Inhibition and Antioxidant Activity of ten Selected Plants*

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*Analyzing Stomach Cancer Patient Data From The Cancer Genome Atlas*

**+BIO03**: Frimerman, R., Yusupova, V., Liao, Y., Chiswell, B.

*Directing Gene Expression in Stem Cells to Treat Epidermolysis Bullosa*

**BIO04**: Kantor, B.

*Consequences of Untreated Obstructive Sleep Apnea*

**BIO05**: Krasnow, B.

*Effects of Drug Abuse on Oral Health*

**BIO06**: Narayanan, N.

*Student Perceptions of the Effectiveness of Using iPads for Collaborative Learning in Biology*

**BIO07**: Rapoport, P.

*Using Dental Stem Cells to Regenerate Tooth Tissue and Whole Tooth Replacement*

**BIO08**: Saunders, A., Feldman, H.

*What would happen if Coral reefs ceased to exist?*

**BIO09**: Schacter, A.

*Upper Limb Prosthesis: A Functional Replacement for the Biological Limb?*

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*Cyclodextrin as a Drug Carrier Increasing Drug Solubility*

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*Effect of the leucine-rich repeat kinase protein expression in lung epithelial function*
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Assesment of antimicrobial prescription patterns of doctors in combined military hospital sialkot

BU02: Amjad, S.
Comparative evaluation of side effects of typical and atypical antipsycotics in psychotic patients at Punjab Institute of Mental Health, Lahore, Pakistan

*+BU03/EDU04: Brock, S., Bobley, L.
Internet Young User Behavior Analysis

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Biphysical Studies of Daptomycin and Its Analogs

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ECO01: Ramrattan, L., Szenberg, M.
Distressed US Industries in the Era of Globalization

ECO02: Szenberg, M., Ramrattan, L.
American Exceptionalism: Economics, Finance, Political Economy, and Economic Laws

ECO03: Szenberg, M.
Hell is Other People, Heaven is Other People. Together They Summarize the Human Condition

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Geology of the Metropolitan Area: Did Dinosaurs Live here?

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Changing Attitudes toward the Mentally Ill amongst Nursing Students

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From Expert OT Clinician to Novice Academician: The First Three Years

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OT03: Kardachi, J.
Inclusion of Occupational Therapy in Local Age-Friendly Initiatives

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Behavior Risk Factors Associated with Diabetes Mellitus in the Orthodox Jewish Community

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Diversity in Leadership among the Multicultural Diversity and Inclusion Network
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*Participatory Action Research on the Experiences of Individuals who Receive Disability Funding through Consumer-Directed Funding Models*

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*Clinical intervention for co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness*

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*A Pilot Study Evaluating the Efficacy of Interventions for Altering Time Perspectives of Occupational Therapy Master’s Students*

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*Clinician’s and Educators’ Perspectives on the Usefulness and Effectiveness of Puzzle Art Therapy in Screening for and Remediating Visual Skills Deficits in Children and Adults*

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*The Effect of Osteopathic Manipulation on Resting Metabolic Rate, Anxiety, and Depression*

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*Ethical Challenges in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteoporosis*

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*Impact of Body Mass Index (BMI) and Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) on Constipation in the Special Needs Population*

OST04: Chen, J., Degenhardt, K.

*Mitochondrial Endonuclease Expression in HeLa Cells*

OST05: Chin, J., O’Toole, P., Lin, J., Lavalliere, J., Amine, N., Milam, A., Huang, G., Asghar, M., Sahni, S., Bahri, T.

*Developing a Medical Student-Run Auditory Screening Program: Listening to the Community and Addressing Concern*

OST06: Chin, J., O’Toole, P., Lin, J., Lavalliere, J., Amine, N., Milam, A., Huang, G., Asghar, M., Sahni, S., Bahri, T.

*The Effect of Medical Student-Run Vision Screening Programs and Ophthalmic Education and Recognition of Visual Impairment in Harlem, New York*
**OST07:** Chin, J., Chen, J., O’Toole, P., Lin, J., Hao, M., Naito, T., Truong, K., Lin Yu, Z., Nguyen, D., Hong, C., Sahni, S.

*Establishing an Asian and Pacific American Medical Student Association Chapter In an Osteopathic Medical School: A Case Study*

**OST08:** Chin, J., O’Toole, P., Lin, J., Velavan, S.

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**OST09:** Dorritie, M., Sahni, S., Cheema, M., DiCaprio, K., Iftikhar, A.

*Human Metapneumovirus, An Uncommon but Increasing Cause of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome*

**OST10:** Dubovis, M., Dressman, K., Popal, S., Fanning, S.

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**OST11:** Fierro, E., Sahni, S., Cheema, M., Adial, A., Iftikhar, A.

*Piece of Mind- A Case of Mycotic Aneurysm Due to Acupuncture Induced Infective Endocarditis*

**OST12:** Ford, A., Orozco, K., Patel, K., Aly, S., Sahni, S.

*Health Information Seeking Behaviors of Minority Women*

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*Gender Disparities in Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest*

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*Optimal Scene Time to Achieve ROSC in Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: How Long is Too Long?*

**OST15:** Haugen, N., Ohia-Enyia, I., Kane, T., Chandran, J., Bazelais, S., Quintero, A., Baez, R., Rich, S.

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**OST18:** Lew, M., Chu, E., Milani, S.

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Testosterone Increases Tumorigenesis and Metastasis of Human Osteosarcoma in vivo


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*First-Line Treatment of Schizophrenia: Are Children and Adolescents Benefiting from Newer, More Frequently Prescribed Second Generation Antipsychotics?*

PH15: Lafi, Y., Cani, E., Zeana, C.

*Impact of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Initiative on Fluoroquinolone Utilization in the Outpatient Setting at an Academic Medical Center*

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*Effect of Intensive Utilization Management Compared to Exclusionary Formulary on Cost of Pharmacy Benefits*

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*Oral Microbiome: Relationship of stomatitis of denture wearers and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*

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*Regulation and Function of the Tropomyosin Gene in Colon Epithelial Cells*
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*A Climate Study in Ethnically Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous Pharmacy Schools*

**PH22**: Quaye, J., Addo-Atuah, J.
*Prescription Drug Abuse in the United States: A Literature Review*

**PH23**: Rakhaminova, A., Berger, D., Loewy, Z.
*Effect on anti-microbial treatment on Pseudomonas aeruginosa biofilm dispersal*

**PH24**: Selvi, B.
*Development and Validation of an In Vitro/ In Vivo Correlation (IVIVC)*

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*Evaluation of copanlisib, a novel agent for relapsing/ refractory Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma*

**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**PT01**: Besinger-Brody, Y., Borenstein, Y., Halpern, S., Weinstein, S., Youssef, F., Isola, F., Silberstein, D.
*The Effect of Isolated Attention Training on Motor and Cognitive Performance*

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**PT03**: Geddire, J., Kerins, C., Perfetti, Wisotsky, J., Reddin, V.
*Koru Mindful Meditation: The Impact on Anxiety Reduction for Doctor of Physical Therapy Students*

*Integrating Low-Cost, Low-Fidelity Patient Simulation into a DPT Curriculum: A Pilot Study*

**PT05**: Horbacewicz, J., Akman, A., Gendler, Y., Sklaren, R., Wicentowski, M., Zatzkin, L.
*A Description of Interprofessional Collaborative Care: Frequency of Interactions, Knowledge of Roles and Responsibilities, and Effect of Practice Setting*

**PT06**: Horbacewicz, J., Checch, B., Davydov, Y., Kupchenko, S., Peled, A., Tewfik, P.
*Personal Values of Physical Therapy Students*

**PT07**: Marks, T., Chi, R., Maier, N., O’Flaherty, K., Rudman, E., Small, S., Garcia, R.
*The Effect of Different Sitting Positions and Posture on Incentive Spirometer Performance in Healthy, Sedentary Adults*
PT08: Neumann, CE., Coyle, J., DiMartino, K., Falkovsky, M., Gluckstatdt, A., Patel, M., Slatky, M., Kume, J.

 *What Do Clinical Instructors in Acute Care Expect from Physical Therapy Students on their First Clinical Experience? A Qualitative Study.*

PT09: Sofer, R., Hayes, J., Alperstein, H., Bartelle, F., Blauer, R., Gurovich, A., Hays, A., Prawer, J.

 *Falls Prevention in the Outpatient Setting: Are We Catching Everyone?*

PT10: Troiano, R., Corio, F., Dorney, A., Froehlich, E., Jasper, J., Menday, D., Romanello, Z., Ventriglia, L.

 *Investigation of Prosthetic Curricular Content within Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs across the Unites States*

PT11: Voltmer, C., Bender, K., Chaback, J., Jensen, R., Miller, K., Reed, J., Kume, J.

 *Efficacy in affecting blood pressure and heart rate through the use of an aerobic conditioning protocol*

PT12: Weiner, S., Houck, K., Guliani, S., Fichera, E., Luppino, V., Yaari, Y.

 *Clinical Physical Therapy Apps: Does Popularity = Quality?*


 *A Comparison of the Incidence of Injuries in Triathletes and Marathon Runners*

**SOCIAL WORK**

SW01: Pirutinsky, S., Magid, Y., Rosmarin, D.

 *Religious Internalizations and Mental Health in the Orthodox Jewish Community*

**SPEECH**


 *The effects of conducting a supervised research study on student's interests in pursuing a PhD.*

SP02: Cohen, S., Mittelman, I., Pines, A., Prero, A., Zou, J., Kirshenbaum, R., Vaynshteyn, I.

 *Speech-language pathologist's perception of the effectiveness of iTherapy in intervention with school-aged children and adults*

SP03: Hom, S., Plotzker, M., Sabella, J., Yaakov, S., Yang, S., Vaynshteyn, I.

 *Perception of sarcasm in English monolingual speakers in the presence and absence of social context*
**SP04**: Lubinsky, H., Blaustein, S.

An analysis of motivating factors for students pursuing Graduate Degrees in Speech-Language Pathology

**SP05**: Unterman, R.

Inventing the wheel

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### POSTERS BY DIVISION/SCHOOL

#### Undergraduate Division
- Lander College of Arts & Sciences: 9
- Lander College for Men: 1
- Lander College for Women: 15
- New York School of Career and Applied Studies: 4

**Total**: 29

#### Graduate Division
- Graduate School of Business: 3
- Graduate School of Education: 3
- Graduate School of Social Work: 1
- School of Health Sciences: 36

**Total**: 43

#### Professional Division
- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
  - Harlem Campus: 32
  - Middletown Campus: 7

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- Touro College of Pharmacy: 25

**Total**: 64

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Chemistry 1
Economics 3
Education 3
Geology 3
Mathematics 1
Nursing 1
Occupational Therapy 9
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Paleobiogeography 1
Paleobiology 6
Pharmacy 25
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