



THREE MINUTE THESIS FINALS COMPETITION

February 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Online Premiere

Opening Remarks

Dr. Adam Beach, Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of English

Introduction of Three Minute Thesis and Judges

Dr. Nathan Hitchens, Assistant Professor of Geography

Thesis Judges

Dr. Susan McDowell, Vice Provost for Research

Mrs. Jennifer Mearns, First Lady

Dr. Adam Beach, Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of English

Competition Begins

(Presentation Order Below)

1. Jeffrey Miller

Reimagining the American Cemetery: Conservation and Common Sense

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Angne Alfaro, Architecture

2. Gabriella Fluhler

Addressing the Antibiotic Crisis through Transformation of an Undergraduate Microbiology Curriculum

Advisor: Dr. John McKillip, Environment, Geology, and Natural Resources

3. Natalie Brooks

Establishing the Audiological Role in Diabetes Treatment through Community-Based Diabetes Prevention Education

Advisor: Dr. Blair Mattern, Speech Pathology and Audiology

4. Joanna Daniyam

Returning Housing to Our Urban Centers: A Path for Underutilized Offices in a Post-Pandemic World

Advisor: Dr. Olon Dotson, Architecture

5. Lily Schwab

It's Time for a Nap: Tricia Hersey Calls for Rest to Resist the Grind

Advisor: Dr. Kristen McCauliff, Communication Studies

6. Briana Halloran

*Postpartum Depression and Preconception Vitamin Supplementation:
An Analysis of the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
(PRAMS), 2016–2018*

Advisor: Dr. Teresia Mbogori, Nutrition and Health Science

7. Sarah Espinoza Repp

*Depictions of Deafness and Disability Across Adaptations of Hugo's
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"*

Advisor: Dr. Joyce Huff, English

8. Kurt Green

Transforming Participation in Historic Buildings

Advisor: Ms. Megan Phillippe, Architecture

9. Ana Gabriela Calderon Cornejo

*Piano Works by Latin American Women Composers Born Between
1850 and 1950*

Advisors: Dr. Raymond Kilburn and Dr. Robert Willey, Music

10. Anya Eicher

Predicting Retention of International Student-Athletes

Advisor: Dr. James Johnson, Kinesiology

Announcement of Winners and Final Remarks

Dr. Susan McDowell, Vice Provost for Research



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The Three Minute Thesis competition, or 3MT, is an annual competition held at over 900 universities across more than 85 countries worldwide. It is open to graduate students and challenges participants to present their research in just 180 seconds, in an engaging form that can be understood by an intelligent audience with no background in the research area. This exercise develops presentation, research, and academic communication skills and supports the development of research students' capacity to explain their work effectively.

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