2023 MARC-ACSM ANNUAL MEETING

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Lancaster Convention Center
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Greetings MARC-ACSM attendees,

The 2023 MARC-ACSM annual conference will be held Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th at the Lancaster County Convention Center (LCCC) in Lancaster PA. This year marks the first of many years to come in Lancaster and we are thrilled that you are joining us! We have worked hard over the past year to integrate attendee suggestions and redesign our program to reflect the evolution of our chapter.

If you arrive in Lancaster on Thursday, those who have pre-registered can stop by Federal (2nd floor of LCCC) to pick up your badge (7-9 PM). This is also a great time to register for the social and buy a MARC-ACSM t-shirt. Registration will also be open Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM and Saturday from 7 AM to 9 AM.

Friday morning will feature a variety of topics with invited speakers from around the region. We will have a cancer-focused symposium with Dr. Maxime Caru and Dr. Richard Dunne. James Merritt, from the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, will speak on rest and recovery. Dr. Larry Kenney from Penn State will have a session focused on environmental physiology. Our newly formed Exercise is Medicine Committee will host a faculty-focused workshop on integrating EIM onto our regional campuses.

Everyone will come together at 11 AM on Friday for our Keynote Address. I’m delighted that Dr. Michael Ormsbee from Florida State University will deliver the Keynote address titled “Night fuel: Unpacking the Sleepy Secrets of Pre-Sleep Feeding” Following the Keynote, please enjoy a complimentary box lunch to fuel up for our poster presentations. This year, we have changed our poster presentation format to free communications. The poster presentation time is unopposed, so all attendees can walk through our poster session. Poster set-up begins Friday from 8 AM to 10 AM. Presenters will be available from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Members of the Research Committee will be on hand to evaluate all posters with poster awards announced on Saturday during the awards ceremony.

Friday afternoon will feature Dr. Chris Martens and Dr. Curtis Johnson as they discuss their work at the Delaware Center for Cognitive Aging Research. Students will enjoy a workshop on entrepreneurship with brothers Chris and Eric Martinez of Dynamic Fit Pros. Faculty members looking for information on CAAHEP Accreditation will enjoy a workshop led by Gina Cortese, Executive Director of CoAES. Friday afternoon will also include presentations by the student Research Award finalists, Early Investigator Awards presentations, Meet the Experts (for students) and a professional member symposium. We will close out Friday with the College Bowl competition (which is always a good time) and a new student & faculty social.

For those that are interested, we will have a social Friday evening at Lancaster Silverball (inside the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball stadium) which is within walking distance (or a short Uber) from the LCCC. All attendees are welcome! The social is free of charge but a ticket is needed for entry; you can get your ticket outside of registration on Thursday and Friday. Attendees can enjoy complimentary appetizers and arcade games; a cash bar will be available.
Saturday morning kicks off with the return of Special Interest Groups (SIGS). This year, we have SIGs for Nutrition, Cancer, Biomechanics, and Clinical Exercise Physiology. Following SIG meetings, we have a busy morning of talks. Dr. Ana Ebrahimi, President of International Women in Biomechanics Inc. will discuss the promotion of women in biomechanics. Dr. Tony Ricci will discuss cutting weight in mixed martial arts (MMA). Dr. Troy Roepke, Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Rutgers will present on mentoring and inclusion. Students will enjoy an informative workshop on applying to graduate school, led by former MARC President Dr. Kevin Heffernan.

At 10:30 on Saturday morning, we will all come together for the Past-President’s Lecture, delivered by Dr. Scott Kieffer. Dr. Keiffer’s talk is titled “Caffeine and Performance: Unraveling “a Few” of the Genetic and Inter-individual Influences.” Following, we will close the 2023 MARC-ACSM meeting with our awards ceremony where we will present awards for research, poster presentations, outstanding undergraduates, and the College Bowl Winners. We will also present the annual H. Scott Keiffer Service Award. I’m honored to announce that this year’s recipient is Dr. Melissa Reed from West Chester University. We have more awards than ever before and are looking forward to recognizing and honoring the stars of the MARC region.

Thank you for joining us at MARC-ACSM this year. We are thrilled to host you in our new home in Lancaster.

Emily J. Sauers, PhD, FACSM
MARC-ACSM President
Our Lady of the Lake University
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If interested in serving as a state representative, please email Dr. Sara Campbell at saracamp@kines.rutgers.edu
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2022- Michael Bruneau, Jr.  
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2020- Melissa Reed  
2019- Kevin Heffernan  
2018- David Edwards  
2017- Sara Campbell  
2016- Michael Holmstrup  
2015- Scott Mazzetti  
2014- Gene Hong  
2013- Eric Rawson  
2012- Bill Farquhar  
2011- H. Scott Kieffer  
2010- Kristie Abt  
2009- Jim Roberts  
2008- Steven Siconolfi  
2007- Mark Sloniger  
2006- Matthew Kerner  
2005- Jill Kanaley  
2004- Shala Davis  
2003- Dan Drury  
2002- Brad Hatfield  
2001- Carlos Crespo  
2000- Ross Anderson  
1999- Betsy Keller  
1998- Sam Case  
1997- Michael Cox  
1996- Karen Mittleman  
1995- Thomas Doubt  
1994- W. Craig Stevens  
1993- M. Paternostro-Bayles  
1992- M. Paternostro-Bayles  
1991- Gary Sforzo  
1990- Tim McConnell  
1989- H. Robert Perez  
1988- Elsworth Buskirk  
1987- Robert Otto

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2020- Present- Stephen LoRusso  
2012-2020- H. Scott Kieffer  
2009-2012- Dan Drury  
2001-2009- W. Craig Stevens  
1985-2001- Ed Zambraski
LANCASTER CONVENTION CENTER
FLOOR PLANS: LEVEL ONE

FREEDOM HALL

MANAGER SUITE

FREEDOM HALL A

FREEDOM HALL B

PREFUNCTION
LANCASTER CONVENTION CENTER
FLOOR PLANS: LEVEL TWO

INDEPENDENCE ROOM
FEDERAL ROOM
CONSTITUTION BOARD ROOM
COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
BUSINESS CENTER

Registration
SALON 4
COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
SALON 3
SALON 1
SALON 2

Escalator
Elevator

Speaker Ready Room
Constitution Board Room
Business Center

PREFUNCTION
FEDERAL ROOM
A
B

Study Booth
PREFUNCTION
PREFUNCTION

Business Center
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PRE-REGISTRATION PICK-UP TIMES

FEDERAL ROOM A (LEVEL 2)

THURSDAY 7-9 PM
FRIDAY 7 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY 7-9 AM

ON-SITE REGISTRATION TIMES

FEDERAL ROOM B (LEVEL 2)

FRIDAY 7 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY 7-9 AM
ATTENDEE INFORMATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
MARC-ACSM is an approved CEC provider for ACSM. Your CEC Certificate will be available for download from the MARC-ACSM website after the meeting has concluded. The ACSM’s Professional Education Committee certifies that this Continuing Education offering meets the criteria for 10 credit hours of ACSM Continuing Education Credit (CEC).

SPEAKER READY ROOM
The Speaker Ready Room will be in the Constitution Board Room (Level 2)

Those presenting in Professional and Student Awards sessions, participants are asked to bring their PowerPoint presentations on a jump drive to the speaker ready room at their earliest convenience, but no later than 2 hours prior to the start of their session, e.g. before 11 am for a session that begins at 1 pm, regardless of when the speaker speaks during that session.

Invited speakers are asked to bring their PowerPoint presentation on a jump drive and load it directly to the computer in their presentation space 15 minutes prior to the start of their session. Invited speakers are welcome to test their PowerPoint presentation in the speaker ready room on a computer similar to those in the presentation spaces.

For the convenience of all our speakers, the speaker ready room will be open during the following hours:

Thursday, November 2nd 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Friday, November 3rd 7:30 am – 11 am; 12:30 -3 pm
Saturday, November 4th 8 am – 10am

PAST PRESIDENT’S LECTURE & AWARDS CEREMONY - SATURDAY 10:30 AM
Please join us on Saturday for the Past-President's Lecture. Immediately after the talk, we will award trophies, certificates, and checks to all our award winners: The Mathew Kerner Undergraduate Research Award, the Master's and Doctoral Graduate Student Research Awards, the Presidents Cup winner, and the College Bowl winners. The Early Career Investigator Award will also be presented. We will also acknowledge the recipients of the Poster Presentation Awards and recognize the University-nominated Undergraduates of the Year.
ATTENDEE INFORMATION

FACULTY AND STUDENT SOCIAL
Joins us for the first joint faculty and student social at Lancaster Silverball on Friday at 7:30 PM. Enjoy free appetizers and arcade-style games. A cash bar will be on-site. The Lancaster Silverball is located a short walk away from the Convention Center and hotel. Tickets are free but space is limited, so please be sure to get a ticket outside of registration when you pick up your badge (Federal Room - Level 2)
MARC-ACSM RESEARCH AWARDS

Matthew Kerner Undergraduate Student Investigator Award
Eligible individuals are any current or recently graduated UG student. Recently graduated students regardless of current employment status (i.e. professionally employed or enrolled in a Master’s level program) are eligible provided the work was completed as an undergraduate student and they are not more than one semester removed from UG graduation. The purpose of this award is to recognize and support undergraduate student investigative research. The winner receives a plaque and $250. All undergraduate students who submit an abstract for a Free Communications/Slide presentation at the MARC Regional Chapter Meeting will be eligible for this award. The award is based on the quality of the submitted abstract and the presentation at the meeting. All abstracts will be evaluated, but only the top abstracts will have their presentations evaluated.

Master’s Student Investigator Award
Eligible individuals are any current or recently graduated Master’s level student. Recently graduated students regardless of current employment status (i.e. professionally employed or enrolled in a PhD level program) are eligible provided the work was completed as a Master’s student and they are not more than one semester removed from graduation with their Master’s degree. The purpose of this award is to recognize and support Master’s level student investigative research. The winner receives a plaque and $400. All Master’s level students who submit an abstract for a Free Communications/Slide presentation at the MARC Regional Chapter Meeting will be eligible for this award. The award is based on the quality of the submitted abstract and the presentation at the meeting. All abstracts will be evaluated, but only the top abstracts will have their presentations evaluated.

Doctoral Student Investigator Award
Eligible individuals are any current or recently graduated student in a doctoral or medical program. Students that recently completed their doctoral or medical program are eligible provided they are currently employed as a post-doctoral fellow or equivalent (those employed in faculty positions are NOT eligible) and they are not more than one semester removed from their doctoral or medical program completion. The purpose of this award is to recognize and support graduate student investigative research. The winner receives a plaque and $500 to be used to defray either travel costs to the National ACSM meeting or her/his research expenses. All doctoral or medical students who submit an abstract for a Free Communications/Slide presentation at the MARC Regional Chapter Meeting will be eligible for this award. The award is based on the quality of the submitted abstract and the presentation at the meeting. All abstracts will be evaluated, but only the top abstracts will have their presentations evaluated.
The MARC-ACSM Executive Board would like to thank the 2023 Research Committee for their hard work in reviewing abstract submissions and evaluating research award nominees.

Sushant Ranadive, Committee Chair
Chris Harnish, Committee Co-Chair

Amy Alnutt
Elizabeth Bell
Maxime Caru
Justin DeBlauw
Pragya Sharma Ghimire
Kristen Koltun
Sara Kovacs
Karla Kubitz
Erik Lind
Candace Longoria
Masoud Maghaddam
Julia Olsen
Lauren Pacinelli
Joseph Pierce
Steven Prior
Emily Ryan
Drue Stapleton
Joe Stock
Andrew Venezia
Melissa Whidden
S. Tony Wolf

University of Maryland
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount University
Towson University
Penn State
Skidmore College
Kean University
University of Pittsburgh
Temple University
Towson University
SUNY Cortland
Rutgers University
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Delaware State University
Frostburg State University
United States Army Public Health Center
University of Maryland
West Virginia University
Rider University
University of Delaware
University of Scranton
West Chester University
The Pennsylvania State University
The MARC-ACSM Executive Board honors and recognizes Dr. Melissa Reed from West Chester University as the 2023 recipient of the H. Scott Kieffer Service Award.

Melissa A. Reed, PhD, FACSM, ACSM C-EP, EIM has been a part of the American College of Sports Medicine since 1998. She was a member of MARC-ACSM as an undergraduate student member while at East Stroudsburg University and a member of SEACSM while completing her graduate degrees at East Carolina University. She rejoined MARC-ACSM in 2011 after accepting a position in the Kinesiology Department at West Chester University.

Dr. Reed joined the MARC-ACSM research review committee in 2012 and participated in review of abstracts and scoring of awards at the MARC Annual Meeting. In 2013, she was elected to the MARC-ACSM executive board as a Member-at-Large responsible for overseeing the research committee. Following her term as member-at-large, she was elected Vice-President of MARC-ACSM and held that role from 2015-2017. Dr. Reed served as the MARC-ACSM Regional Representative from 2017-2018. In 2019, Dr. Reed was elected to a three-year Presidential term in MARC-ACSM and was tasked with planning the 2020 MARC-ACSM Annual Meeting. As you may remember, 2020 was a challenging and interesting year for meeting planning. Dr. Reed and the fantastic executive board worked tirelessly to plan and deliver the first virtual MARC-ACSM Annual Meeting. She is currently chairing the regional Exercise is Medicine committee and is excited to be involved with the planning and moderating of the Exercise is Medicine symposium at the MARC-ACSM Annual Meeting this year in Lancaster, PA. Dr. Reed was awarded Fellowship in ACSM in 2020 and is currently a member of the Credentials Committee. She previously was appointed to, and served a three-year term on the Exercise is Medicine Education committee. In addition, she has been a site visitor for the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) and enjoys working with exercise science programs seeking accreditation.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Melissa Reed for her service to the MARC-ACSM.
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### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE: FRIDAY

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<td>EIM-OC: Fostering a healthy campus: Getting started and leveling up</td>
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<td>Dr. Troy Roepke</td>
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<td>Promoting, Supporting, and Sustaining the Careers of Women in Biomechanics</td>
<td>Dr. Ana Ebrahimi</td>
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Michael J. Ormsbee is a Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Nutrition & Integrative Physiology, the Director of the Institute of Sports Sciences & Medicine at Florida State University, and an honorary research fellow at the University of Kwa Zulu-Natal in South Africa. He is also a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, and the International Society of Sports Nutrition and is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength & Conditioning Association. His research expertise involves the interaction of exercise training, nutrition, and supplementation to improve metabolism and achieve optimal body composition, human performance, and health in both athletic and clinical populations. Dr. Ormsbee was honored as the 2014 FSU Teacher of the Year, 2017 Nutrition Researcher of the Year (NSCA), 2018 FSU Graduate Student Mentor of the Year, 2020 FSU Distinguished Teacher of the Year, and the 2020 Sport Scientist of the Year (NSCA). His course, “Changing Body Composition Through Diet and Exercise” is available through The Great Courses and his textbook, “Exercise Physiology for Health, Fitness, and Performance, 6th edition” is available online. Follow him @mikeormsbee

Join us for Dr. Ormsbee’s keynote address on Friday, November 3 in the Heritage Ballroom.
Scott is a Professor of Exercise Physiology at Messiah University and teaches courses that include Chronic Disease and Exercise, Research Methods, and Gross Anatomy. Scott combines his passion for teaching and undergraduate research to offer students experiential learning experiences in the classroom, lab and through research. During his tenure at Messiah University, his work in the classroom and through student engagement has been recognized by the institution by being awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award at both the junior and the full professor levels. Scott has served MARC-ACSM in as a Member-at-Large, President, Past-President and for ten years as the Executive Director.

Join us for the conference’s final speaker address in Heritage Ballrooms before the MARC-ACSM Award Ceremony on Saturday, November 4.
2023 INVITED SPEAKERS

W. Larry Kenney, Ph.D., FACSM, FAPS

Dr. Larry Kenney is the Marie Underhill Noll Chair in Human Performance and Professor of Physiology and Kinesiology at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Kenney was awarded the prestigious Faculty Scholar Medal by Penn State for his research contributions and has published 2 books, more than 240 journal articles, and dozens of book chapters on the topic of human responses to exercise, heat and cold stress, and dehydration as well as the biophysics of heat exchange between humans and the environment. His research was continuously funded by NIH from 1986 through 2015, one of the longest-running R01 grants, and he continues to be funded by that organization. He has mentored 38 M.S. and Ph.D. students throughout his career along with 8 postdoctoral fellows and numerous undergraduate scholars. Dr. Kenney is the primary author of Physiology of Sport and Exercise, a best-selling textbook in exercise physiology now in its 8th edition; it has been translated into 13 languages. He served as President of the American College of Sports Medicine from 2003-04 and received the Honor Award from that organization in 2022. He is also a fellow of the American Physiological Society (APS) and was presented with the Adolph Distinguished Lectureship Award by APS in 2017. He was the former chair of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute and serves on many scientific advisory panels including Nike’s Science Advisory Board.

Maxime Caru, Ph.D.

Dr. Maxime Caru has a PhD in exercise physiology and a PhD in psychology. He is currently an assistant professor dual-appointed to the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology and Oncology, and to the Department of Public Health Sciences at Penn State University College of Medicine. His research focuses on physical activity, health behavior changes, and patient-reported outcomes in children, adolescents, and young adult patients diagnosed with cancer. Dr. Caru leads the research on exercise and pediatric oncology at the Pennsylvania State Health Children’s Hospital.

Richard Dunn, MD, MS

Dr. Dunn is an Associate Professor of Medicine and the Leader of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center and the Wilmot Cancer Institute. He is a medical oncologist who specializes in the care of patients with colorectal, gastroesophageal, and pancreatic cancer. His research is focused on the development of novel therapies for these cancers as well as the development of interventions for cancer-associated weight and muscle loss. He is the study chair and Principal Investigator for the NIH and Cancer Research UK funded LOTUS study which seeks to develop and define new diagnostic subtypes of cancer cachexia.

Joy Urda, Ph.D.

Dr. Urda is an Associate Professor in the Exercise Science Program at Slippery Rock University. Dr. Urda has worked as part of a team of faculty to implement an Exercise Is Medicine program on the campus of SRU since 2011. SRU is recognized as having earned GOLD level status by implementing an EIM program in which senior level exercise science students receive exercise referrals from the Student Health Center, which includes physical activity as a vital sign at all student visits. Most recently, the referral program has been extended to local physician offices. Additionally, The EIM program at SRU has implemented educational programs and opportunities for exercise and physical activity for faculty, staff, and local community members. Dr. Urda enjoys her work to promote the health benefits of exercise and a culture of wellness at SRU.
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Curtis L. Johnson, Ph.D.

Curtis Johnson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Delaware. He received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in 2013 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research group develops and uses MRI method to measure the integrity of human the brain through tissue mechanical properties. Dr. Johnson uses these methods to understand the structure, function, and health of the brain in different populations. In particular, he has a research emphasis on brain health in older adults, memory impairment, and exercise intervention through the Delaware Center for Cognitive Aging Research. He has received several awards including being named a Junior Fellow of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM), receiving the Early Career Researcher Award from the Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials, and the Gerard Mangone Young Scholar Award from the University of Delaware.

Christopher R. Martens, Ph.D.

Christopher Martens is an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology at the University of Delaware and Director of the Delaware Center for Cognitive Aging Research. Dr. Martens is interested in understanding the association between midlife cardiometabolic risk factors and late-life dementia with a primary focus on mechanisms of cerebrovascular dysfunction. His laboratory uses a range of techniques including cell culture, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to investigate mechanisms of brain aging in humans. Dr. Martens is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to investigate the role of dietary added sugar intake on cerebral blood flow and brain tissue integrity in midlife adults and he is leading a clinical trial investigating a novel NAD+-boosting compound for improving brain health in older adults with mild cognitive impairment, a prodromal form of Alzheimer’s disease.

Chris Martinez, CPT, CSCS and Eric Martinez, CPT, CSCS

Chris and Eric are Business coaches and owners of "The Dynamic Fit Pros" where they help health and fitness coaches create more income, impact, influence, and independence in their coaching businesses. Along with being #1 International Best-Selling Authors, Podcasters, and Speakers. Chris and Eric have worked with over 800 health & fitness coaches to help them build their online businesses and scale them. After investing in high-level business mastermind’s groups, elite coaching days with business and marketing coaches, losing $250k in mistakes, and having an online business for the last 10 years, Chris and Eric’s mission now is to pass on their gifts and expertise to other fitness coaches. Chris and Eric have also built a six-figure online fitness coaching business by the name of Dynamic Duo Training and have worked with thousands of people via online and in person to help them look better, feel better, perform better, and live a dynamic lifestyle through training, nutrition, mindset, personal development, and lifestyle practices. As successful entrepreneurs themselves, Chris and Eric believe that everyone has the right to an abundant lifestyle, and the responsibility to help others have the same. They practice what they preach on a daily basis and that’s to live a dynamic lifestyle, which in their eyes means to keep evolving in life, health, wealth, love, happiness, and to never live a static and complacent lifestyle. Be excited every morning and reach for the stars, you deserve it.

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James Merritt, MA, CSCS, ACSM-EP

James is a scientist at the Gatorade Sport Science Institute (GSSI) in Valhalla, New York. Before joining GSSI, James received his master’s degree in exercise & sport science at the University of North Carolina. During his graduate studies, he conducted neuromuscular function research focusing on identifying ways to decrease fall risk and injuries in tactical occupations (e.g. firefighters) and worked as a sport science and coaching intern at Athletic Lab Performance Training Center, training athletes on the North Carolina Football Club and North Carolina Courage in the weight room. In his spare time, James enjoys spending time with his wife and dogs, playing golf, and weightlifting.

Tony Ricci, Ed.D., MS, FISSN, CSCS, PES, CES, CNS

Tony is an Assistant Professor for Health and Human Performance, as well as an Adjunct Professor for the Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience at Nova Southeastern University. For the past 35 years, he has dedicated his energies and career to the study of Human Performance. Along with teaching in the disciples of Sport Science, NutritionScience, and Sport Psychology, he is the owner and founder of Fight Shape International, a multi-discipline performance enhancement company, through which he has coached scores of professional athletes in fight-sports, including 7 World Champions in MMA, Boxing, and Kickboxing; and consults on Mental Performance across all sports and movement arts. Tony holds a Doctorate in Sport Psychology and his research focus is in Sport Neuroscience, investigating Motor Development, Motor Imagery and Psychomotor Learning. He holds certifications as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Board Certified Nutritionist, and Certified Mental Performance Consultant. He also serves on the Science Advisory Boards for the International Society of Sports Nutrition, The Society for Sports Neuroscience, he is published in numerous peer-reviewed journals. Tony continues to be requested internationally to speak on his areas of expertise.

Anahid (Ana) Ebrahimi, Ph.D.

Ana Ebrahimi received her B.S. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of California-Davis in 2012 and her Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Delaware in 2018. As a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, her research focused on understanding the muscle-tendon mechanics driving gait in cerebral palsy. She joined the National Institutes of Health as a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow from 2021-2022 and is currently a Health Program Specialist in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) Office of Programs to Enhance Neuroscience Workforce Diversity. Ana is passionate about diversifying the STEM workforce, and has spent a decade leading initiatives that support underrepresented groups in STEM. She is the Co-founder and current President of the International Women in Biomechanics (IWB), Inc. 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which is a community that serves over 700 women and underrepresented genders in the biomechanics field in gaining support, visibility, and allyship as they progress through their careers.

Kileigh Hess, MS, LAT, ATC, PES

Kileigh earned her Masters (2017) and Undergraduate (2016) Athletic Training Degrees at California University of Pennsylvania. She has been with Penn State Health for 5 years, where she currently is the Sports Medicine Coordinator and the Head Athletic Trainer for the Harrisburg Heat. Kileigh has also had the opportunity to provide athletic training coverage in a variety of different settings including the performing arts, industrial and professional sports all while at Penn State Health. She currently is serving as a committee member for the Penn State Health Sports Medicine Symposium and a Lebanon Valley College Preceptor for Athletic Training Students.
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Troy A. Roepke, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Dr. Roepke is an Associate Professor at Rutgers University, where they study the interactions of gonadal steroids (estrogens), diets, and endocrine disruptors on the physiological and neurological processes including reproduction, energy homeostasis, stress, cognition, and mood, with a current focus on chronic stress models and the role of corticotropin-releasing hormone signaling and the effects of perinatal and adult exposures to organophosphate flame retardants on metabolism, stress, and cognition/memory. They received a doctorate in Physiology with a designated emphasis in Reproductive Biology from the University of California, Davis in 2005. Their postdoctoral training was at Oregon Health & Science University studying the neuroendocrinology of estrogens from 2005 to 2011 where they were the recipient of a K99/R00Pathways to Independence Award from NIDDK to study how estrogens and endocrine disruptors influence metabolism. Dr. Roepke has authored or co-authored sixty publications over a wide range of fields including endocrine disruption, the hypothalamic control of reproduction, estrogen signaling, potassium channel activity in the context of energy homeostasis and reproduction, the stress response, and feeding, avoidance, and motivated behaviors. More recently, they have written about the experience of the LGBTQIA2S+ community in STEM, inclusive practices for assessing the health of the community, and pre-clinical models of gender-affirming hormone therapy. They are currently the Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences working to implement the Rutgers and SEBS Diversity Action Plan.

Morgan Walker, MS, RD, LDN

Morgan Walker is a Registered Dietitian who specializes in sports and performance nutrition. She earned her M.S. in Kinesiology and Applied Physiology from Rutgers University, her B.S. in Dietetics from the University of Alabama, and is a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (LDN). She joined Lebanon Valley College as the Sports Nutrition and Wellness Manager in 2021 and established a private consulting practice during the same year. Morgan has experience working with athletes of diverse ages, competitive levels, and nutrition needs, including weight management, eating disorder recovery, injury rehabilitation, and health/performance enhancement. Morgan is also an adjunct faculty member at Lebanon Valley College, where she shares her passion for nutrition and wellness with future health professionals, equipping them with practical insights for success in their careers.

Adam Susmarski, DO, FACSM

Dr. Adam Susmarski, DO, FACSM is a sports, spine, and rehabilitation medical doctor at Medical Associates Clinic since 2021. He is the head team physician at Loras College and the Dubuque Fighting Saints, as well as, team physician for Dubuque County high schools, Dubuque Rugby Club, University of Dubuque, and Clarke University. Dr. Susmarski has spent a significant amount of time working in the field of Sports/Musculoskeletal Medicine and has provided care to a wide range of athletes in a variety of sports encompassing athletes from high school, college, professional, military, Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympics levels of competition. He specializes in diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound, ultrasound and fluoroscopic guided procedures, and Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) treatments. Dr. Susmarski has authored multiple book chapters, peer-reviewed manuscripts, grants, and presentations including award-winning research. He is the recipient of multiple honors including Gannon University’s Distinguished Young Alumnus Award, Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, and several notable scholarships and promotions. He was named one of the Top Physicians Under 40 in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Medical Society in 2018.
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Lindsay Lafferty, M.D.

Dr. Lafferty grew up outside of Boulder, Colorado and attended medical school at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, PA. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, NC. She went on to complete a fellowship in Sports Medicine at Penn State in Hershey and has worked with athletes and sports teams ranging from youth leagues to professional teams. Dr. Lafferty has a special interest in running medicine and clinical running gait analysis. She is the team physician for Lampeter Strasburg middle and high school and also serves as the Lampeter Strasburg school district physician. She practices outpatient family medicine and sports medicine in the Lancaster area.

Samantha Willer, DO

Samantha Willer is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended medical school at Lincoln Memorial University-Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tennessee and then completed a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Penn State in Hershey, Pennsylvania. She when on to complete a Sports Medicine Fellowship at Inova Fairfax in Fairfax, VA. She currently serves as the team physician for Milton Hershey High School and the Harrisburg Heat. Her particular areas of interest are in the adaptive athlete as well as making sport/recreation accessible and achievable for all individuals, electrodiagnostics, and orthobiologics.

Lakisha Nickens-Gaither, MS

Professor LaKisha Nickens-Gaither is a highly accomplished and dedicated educator at Montgomery College, where she serves as the coordinator for the exercise science program. She is not only a dynamic force within the academic community but a visionary leader in the promotion of health and fitness. Professor Nickens-Gaither is the driving force behind the Silver-level "Exercise is Medicine on Campus" program at Montgomery College, underscoring her commitment to the vital connection between physical activity and overall well-being. Her influence extends far beyond the campus, as she serves on the "Exercise is Medicine on Campus" regional and global committees for the American College of Sports Medicine. Her academic journey, including a BS in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training from Howard University, and dual MS degrees in Exercise Science and Health Promotions with a focus on Fitness and Wellness, and Sports Management with a concentration in Intercollegiate Athletics from California University of Pennsylvania, has equipped her with a profound understanding of her field. With over 19 years of diverse experience encompassing teaching, coaching, personal training, and fitness program management, Professor LaKisha Nickens-Gaither is a multifaceted and visionary leader who continues to make significant contributions to the world of exercise science and health.

Jason Metz, Ph.D.

Dr. Metz is the Department Chair in Exercise Physiology at West Liberty University. He’s been West Liberty’s EIM-OC Developer and Team Leader since 2017 where the campus was granted Gold Status with their first application. Since that time West Liberty has expanded EIM involvement to every college (Sciences, Business, Education and Creative and Liberal Arts) and most administrative offices on campus, to include the Provost and President. To date, the EIM-OC team has sponsored or supported Office Invasions (ergonomic assessments and activity snack prescriptions), EIM Exercise clinic, Fitness Testing Days, Charity walks, Activity days, Wellness Wednesdays through student club Instagram page, Strava club, Bike West Lib program and the creation of informational videos posted to Topperstation (West Liberty internal “youtube” platform).
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Modifiable Risk Factors for Age-Related Dementia: Insights from the Delaware Center for Cognitive Aging Research

Chris Martens, Ph.D., University of Delaware

Brain Tissue Mechanics: A Sensitive Window To Neural Health

Curtis Johnson, Ph.D., University of Delaware

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Maximizing Profits and Influence: Strategies for Health and Fitness Professionals to Leverage their Personal Brand

Chris Martinez & Eric Martinez, The Dynamic Fit Pros
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DAY 1

3:45 PM Friday November 3 2023

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Heat Stress Vulnerability in Obese vs. Non-obese Adults
S. Tony Wolf, Ph.D., University of Georgia

Identifying Opportunities for Movement Retraining in Patients with Hip-Related Pain
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Gut Microbiota Removal Eliminates Enhanced Exercise Capacity Mediated by Skeletal Muscle Metabolome and Mitochondrial Proteins
Candace Longoria, Rutgers University

4:45
Interlimb Asymmetries in Strength, Balance, and Gait Tasks in Marine Officer Candidates
Elizabeth Steele, University of Pittsburgh

5:00
Gait Quality Changes During an Instrumented Six Minute Walk Relate to Function but not Activity Level
Julie Rekant, Baltimore VA Maryland Health Care System

5:15
Prevalence of the Attributes of the Female Athlete Triad in Competitive Nigerian Female Athletes
Jane Sharon Akinyemi, Penn State University
RESEARCH AWARDS SESSIONS

Friday 3:00 – 4:15 PM
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3:00
Effect of Acute Arm versus Leg Exercise on Central Blood Pressure
Zeyi Wu, Syracuse University

3:15
Kettlebell Training Increases Muscle Mass and Improves Muscle Function in Older Adults
Morgan Fique, Towson University

3:30
Sport-Specific Conditioning Test Performance and VO2max Following Four Sessions of Maximally Explosive Training
Amber Whittaker, Salisbury University

3:45
The Use of Tart Cherry Juice for Muscle Recovery in Females
Alexandra Dembeck, Slippery Rock University

4:00
25-Hydroxy Vitamin D Concentration is Not Associated with Central or Peripheral Blood Pressure in Young Black Women
Mackenzie Rattigan, University of Delaware
4:30  
Microvascular Reactivity During a Vascular Occlusion Test Following Blood Flow Restriction Resistance Exercise  
Michael Perlet, Montclair State University

4:45  
Critical Environmental Limits for Middle-Aged Adults (PSU HEAT Project)  
Kat Fisher, Pennsylvania State University

5:00  
The Effect of Salt Loading on Arterial Stiffness: Potential Role of Aerobic Capacity  
Serena Schade, University of Delaware

5:15  
Adrenal Hormone Changes and Associations with Injury during Marine Corps Officer Candidates School  
Varun Patel, University of Pittsburgh

5:30  
Reduced-Exertion High-Intensity Interval Training Improved Post-Prandial Blood Glucose in Healthy, Recreationally Active Middle-Aged Men  
Bilal Chaudhry, University of New Hampshire
3:00 Habitual Sleep Does Not Influence Blood Pressure Dipping Differences Between Young Black and White Women
Michele D’Agata, University of Delaware

3:15 Effects of a High-fat Meal on Circulating Microparticle Quantity and Function
James Heilman, University of Maryland

3:30 Ascorbic Acid Infusion Improves Cerebrovascular Reactivity in Middle-Aged and Older Adults
Nicholas Rizzi, University of Delaware

3:45 The Effects of Dietary Nitrate on Endothelial Resistance to Ischemia Reperfusion Injury in Postmenopausal Women
Jocelyn Delgado, The Pennsylvania State University

4:00 Association of In-Group Colorism with Vascular Function in Black Emerging Adults
Emily Blake, University of Maryland
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Friday, November 3, 2023

MEET THE EXPERTS
Independence
4:30 PM

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Gina Cortese Shipley, M.S.
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4:30 PM

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Undergraduate, 3:00 - 4:15 PM
Independence

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Hickory
Members of the MARC Research Committee Only
5:45 PM

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Commonwealth Ballrooms
5:30 PM

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Lancaster Silverball
7:30 PM
DAY 1

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8:00 AM
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8:05 AM
Sports Nutrition
Morgan Walker, MS, RD, LDN

8:50 AM
Caring for the Adaptive Athlete
Samantha Willer, MD

9:35 AM
Concussion in Sports: The New Science and What it Means for Athletes
Adam Susmarski, DO

10:20 AM
Commotio Cordis and Sudden Cardiac Death: Are You Prepared?
Lindsay Lafferty, MD, Kileigh Hess, ATC

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Chaired by Steve Malin, Rutgers University

**Clinical Exercise Physiology**  
*Commonwealth 2*  
Chaired by Tim Werner, Salisbury University

**Cancer**  
*Commonwealth 4*  
Chaired by Stephen LoRusso, MARC ACSM Executive Director

**Biomechanics**  
*Independence*  
Chaired by Deb King, Ithaca College

Biomechanics Interest Group (BIG) will be providing a demonstration and discussion of markerless motion capture focusing on using OpenCap, an open-source markerless 3D motion capture with iPhones and iPads, in classroom or lab settings. All are welcome.
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DAY 2  9:00 AM Saturday November 4, 2023

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Promoting, Supporting, and Sustaining the Careers of Women in Biomechanics
Ana Ebrahimi, Ph.D., International Women in Biomechanics Inc.

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Mentoring to Increase Inclusion in Scientific Space
Troy Roepke, Ph.D., Rutgers University

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Preparing for Graduate School
Kevin Heffernan, Columbia University

COMBAT PERFORMANCE
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Commonwealth 3

Systematic Strategies for Weight-Cutting in MMA
Tony Ricci, Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University
9:00
Limb and Sex, but Not Dietary Capsaicin, Modulate the Near-Infrared Spectroscopy–Vascular Occlusion Test Estimated Metabolism
Steve Ives, Skidmore College

9:15
Change in Levels of Circulating Angiogenic Proteins in Response to an Acute Bout of HIFT
Davi Mazala, Towson University

9:30
The Influence of Cholesterol on Resting Brain Blood Flow and Cognition in Mid-Life Adults
Kevin Decker, University of Delaware

9:45
Systemic Low-Grade Inflammation and Associations with Sleep Disturbance in Marine Corps Officer Candidates During Training
Catherine Gage, University of Pittsburgh

10:00
The Relationship of Cardiorespiratory Fitness with Leisure-Time, Occupational and Transportation Physical Activity Among College Students
Melissa Bopp, Pennsylvania State University
PROFESSIONAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS

DAY 2

9:00 AM Saturday, November 4, 2023
Hickory

9:00
The Isolated Mechanical Effect of Walking in Late Pregnancy May Contribute to the Risk for Knee Osteoarthritis Over the Lifetime
Elizabeth Bell, Towson University

9:15
Sweat Electrolytes, Intensity, and History on The Prediction of Exercise-Associated Muscle Cramps: A Multifactorial Approach
Michelle Stehman, Saint Francis University

9:30
Sex Differences in Body Composition Adaptations During Military Training and Their Association with Physical Performance
Dakota Tiede, University of Pittsburgh

9:45
Caregiver’s Perception of Obesity Risk Factors in Children Enrolled in an After-School Activity Program
Brandon Wallick, East Stroudsburg University

10:00
Pushing Beyond the Limits: Disordered Eating, Compulsive Exercise, and Body Image Dissatisfaction in Collegiate Athletes
Ksenia Power, Temple University
PAST PRESIDENT'S LECTURE

CAFFEINE AND PERFORMANCE: UNRAVELING "A FEW" OF THE GENETIC AND INTER-INDIVIDUAL INFLUENCES

H. Scott Kieffer, Ed.D., FACSM

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MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

DAY 2

Saturday November 5, 2022

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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

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8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

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**Board 1:** Hippocampal Glucose Transport and Oxidation in Response to Disrupted Blood Flow in an Aging Rat Model of Heart Failure  
Gabriel Pena, University of Maryland - College Park

**Board 2:** Biological Sex Differences in Exercise-Mediated Femoral Blood Flow and Associations with Intima-Media Thickness  
Paige Williams, Syracuse University

**Board 3:** Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Hispanic College Aged Women  
Angelique Luna, Our Lady of the Lake University

**Board 4:** The Biological Sex of an External Observer Does Not Influence Participant RPE  
Ashley Lesniak, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania

**Board 5:** Associations Between Exercise and Inhibitory Cognitive Control in Young Adult Binge Drinkers  
Luke Poole, Rutgers University

**Board 6:** Five-Days of Salicylate Treatment Does Not Alter Endothelial-Dependent Flow-Mediated Dilation in Women with Endometriosis  
Virginia Content, The Pennsylvania State University

**Board 7:** Changes in Loaded Carry Magnitude and its Effect on Stride Length, Cadence, and Muscle Activation  
Accalia Decker, Slippery Rock University

**Board 8:** Exercise Dose in Relationship to Sleep and Overall Health in University Students  
Andrea Spaeth, Rutgers University

**Board 9:** Fetal Heart Rate During Moderate to High Intensity Resistance Exercise in Pregnant Women  
Traci McCarthy, Rutgers University

**Board 10:** Relationship Between the U.S. Army Combat Fitness Test and Motion Capture Outcomes  
Zoey Wilson, University of Pittsburgh
POSTER SESSIONS

Friday 1:00-2:30 PM
Commonwealth Ballrooms

Board 11: Association Between Whole-Body and Skeletal Muscle Oxygen Consumption Rate while Ambulatory
Aaliyah Butts, Towson University

Board 12: Dietary Intake, Dietary Protein Source, and Metabolic Syndrome Risk in Division III Offseason Female Athletes
Christopher Kotarsky, Skidmore College

Board 13: Low Heart Rate Variability is Related to Decreased Microvascular Insulin Sensitivity in People with Obesity
Daniel Battillo, Rutgers University

Board 14: Relationship Between Isometric Inter-Limb Asymmetry and Strength of the Lower Extremity in Military Personnel
Lily Rosenblum, University of Pittsburgh

Board 15: Heart Rate Variability Following Blood Flow Restriction Resistance Exercise and Traditional Resistance Exercise
Lauren Miller, Montclair State University

Board 16: Characterizing the Effect of a Sports Bra on Functional Movement in Healthy Women
Melissa Whidden, West Chester University

Board 17: The Relationship of the FMS to Anthropometric Markers in Women with Breast Cancer
Jared Rosenberg, Syracuse University

Board 18: Muscular Fitness and Throwing Qualities in Collegiate Ultimate Frisbee
Taylor Keiser, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg

Board 19: Relation of 24-hour Movement Patterns with Type 2 Diabetes Risk in Adults with Obesity
Kevin Gendi, Rutgers University

Board 20: Perceived Wellness and Common Barriers to Wellness Services and Programming Following COVID-19
Lydia Smith, Rider University
Board 21: Assessment of Metabolic Flexibility to a Glucose Tolerance Test in Young Adults
Nicholas Foreman, The George Washington University

Board 22: The Relationship Between Sports Performance Variables and Baseball Hitting Performance in Division II Athletes
Victor Cruz, East Stroudsburg University

Board 23: Does the Presence of an External Observer Affect Participant RPE?
Tyler Berkheiser, West Virginia University

Board 24: Effects of an Acute Dose of Betalain-Rich Concentrate on Determinants of Running Performance
Steven Vitti, Drexel University

Board 25: Age-Related Differences in the Onset of Cardiovascular Drift during Progressive Heat Stress (PSU HEAT Project)
Rachel Cottle, The Pennsylvania State University

Board 26: Applications of a Pose-Detection Algorithm for Measuring Hip Impact Velocity During a Fall
Reese Michaels, Syracuse University

Board 27: The Effect of Academic Year and Major on Nutritional Knowledge in Division II Female Athletes
Kendall Nester, East Stroudsburg University

Board 28: Assessing the Feasibility of Whole-Body Vibration Training on Individuals with Autism
Amy Allnutt, Marymount University

Board 29: Influence of Individual Characteristics on Critical Environmental Limits in Middle-aged and Older Adults (PSU HEAT Project)
Olivia Leach, The Pennsylvania State University

Board 30: Prevalence of and Reasons for Dietary and Supplementation Habits Among Physically Active College Students
Sarah K Dellett, Syracuse University
Board 31: Visceral Fat Area as a Predictor of Radius Bone Strength in College-Aged Young Adults
Kylie Casper, Rowan University

Board 32: Behavior Outcomes and Student Learning Resulting From Working with Individuals with Disabilities in Fitness Setting
Jenna Rappold, Gannon University

Board 33: NFκB Inhibition Negatively Impacts Microvascular Function in Women with Endometriosis
Auni Williams, The Pennsylvania State University

Board 34: Non-Dominant Arm Bone Loading Index Predicts Grip Strength in Adolescent Females
Brian Josephson, SUNY Upstate Medical University

Board 35: Examining the Cardiovascular Response to Blood Flow-Restricted Resistance Exercise
Jacob Jedry, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Board 36: Can Noninvasive Characteristics Predict The Adaptation to Short-term Resistance And Cardiovascular Training? A Preliminary Investigation
Justin DeBlauw, Skidmore College

Board 37: Exploring a Potential Relation Between Autonomic and Myocardial Function in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
Alexs Matias, University of Delaware

Board 38: The Effects of a Resistance Band Warm-Up Protocol on Muscular Endurance: A Pilot Study
Sarah DeHaven, West Chester University

Board 39: The Effects of Different Surfaces on Running Kinematics in Collegiate Athletes
Austyn Ardinger, Shippensburg University

Board 40: The Impact of Sport Performance Variables on Game Statistics in NCAA Division II Baseball Players
Brendan Finn, East Stroudsburg University
Board 41: The Association Between Cardiovagal Baroreceptor Sensitivity and Hippocampal Tissue Integrity in Young and Middle-aged Adults
Fiona Horvat, University of Delaware

Board 42: The Effect of Physical Activity and ACE Scores on Psychological vs. Physiological Addiction
Brianna Hendershot, West Liberty University

Board 43: Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Hunger in Normal Weight and Obese Adults: A Pilot Study
Chloe Bernard, Drexel University

Board 44: Muscle Strengthening Activity and Perceived General Health in West Virginia Adults
Peter Hart, Glenville State University

Board 45: Intermittent Hypoxia Decreases Carotid Artery Stiffness in Men But Not Women
Sara Mascone, University of Maryland College Park

Board 46: The Effects of Heel Elevation on Back Squat Performance
Matthew Pierce, William Paterson University

Board 47: A Meta-Analysis on the Influence of Aerobic Exercise on Blood Pressure in Chronic Kidney Disease
Stephanie Bieder, Drexel University

Board 48: Improving Physical Literacy and Increasing Physical Activity Participation of Youth for Better Health Outcomes
Lisa Rossman Murphy, Rutgers University

Board 49: Changes in Vitamin D and Hematological Micronutrients and Association with Skeletal Health During Marine Officer Candidates School
Nicole Sekel, University of Pittsburgh

Board 50: Effects of Different Muscle Recovery Techniques following a Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness-Inducing Exercise Protocol
James Rotay, West Chester University
**Board 51:** Does 2-Weeks of Aerobic or Resistance Exercise Microcycles Elicit Different Health Improvements in Untrained Adults? 
Oliver Blum, Skidmore College

**Board 52:** Relationship Between Exercise Motivation and Physical Activity Among College Students 
Zachary Townsend, Salisbury University

**Board 53:** Changes in Bone Turnover Biomarkers in Men and Women During Marine Corps Officer Candidates School 
Jenna Goulart, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 54:** Implementation of Physician Referral Process Into an Established EIM-OC Program at Slippery Rock University 
Jacob Rush, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 55:** Repetition Frequency Affects Accuracy of Repetitions in Reserve (RIR) in Resistance Trained College Females 
Amanda Butz, McDaniel College

**Board 56:** Effects of Swearing on Strength Test 
Mingchia Yeh, Slippery Rock University

**Board 57:** Continuous Monitorization of Physiologic Mediators of Allostasis Indicate Overuse Injury Risk in Marine Officer Candidates 
Evan Feigel, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 58:** The Effects of Core Pre-Conditioning Exercises on Vertical Jump and Dynamic Balance 
Anthony Russo, Messiah University

**Board 59:** Examining Critical Power Metrics Following a Submaximal Bout of Pre-Exhausting Exercise in Competitive Cyclists 
Kaitlyn Constantino, Grove City College

**Board 60:** Age Comparisons of Cardiac Work During Exercise in Women: Insight from Acute β-1 Adrenergic Blockade 
Christine Bowlus, Penn State University
POSTER SESSIONS

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Commonwealth Ballrooms

**Board 61**: A Standardized 5-sec Alactic Time Does Not Improve The Reliability Of A 15-sec Maximal Glycolytic Capacity (Vlamax) Test For Cycling
Paula White, Mary Baldwin University

**Board 62**: Effects of β1-Blockade on Rate Pressure Product and Perceived Exertion During Exercise
Adam Feinstein, Penn State University

**Board 63**: Is the Resting Metabolic Rate Ratio a Good Proxy Indicator of Energy Deficiency in Men? A Preliminary Study
Ana Carla Salamunes, Pennsylvania State University

**Board 64**: Nutritional Knowledge of Division II Female Athletes in Team vs Individual Sports
Chelsea Allie, East Stroudsburg University

**Board 65**: The Effects of Three Weeks of Mixed Interval Training on Fitness Markers: A Pilot Study
Anna Fisher, Mary Baldwin University

**Board 66**: Baseline Biomarkers do not Discriminate Bone Stress Injury Risk during Marine Corps Officer Candidates School
Rochan Ramesh, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 67**: The Effect of Post-Activation Potentiation on Barbell Bench Press Velocity and Power
Nathaniel Chabak, DeSales University

**Board 68**: The Acute Effects of Vinyasa Yoga on Mood and Anxiety in Adults with Insomnia Symptoms
Elizabeth Giordano, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 69**: Comparison of Body Composition Methods: Circumference Measurements and Bioelectrical Impedance to Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry
Travis Combest, Concordia University Chicago

**Board 70**: Perceptual and Affective Responses Relative to Maximal Fat Oxidation During Treadmill Walking Exercise
Madison Heffern, SUNY-Cortland
Board 71: Interrelationship Between Levels of Bisphenol-A and -S, Peak Anaerobic Power and Body Composition
Jiayi Zhu, University of Pittsburgh

Board 72: Force Production Declines Without Effects On Mitochondrial Respiration In Rats Exposed To Consecutive Tetanus Contractions
AbryAnna Henderson, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 73: Mitochondrial Respiration is Preserved, While Respiratory Protein Organization is Altered in Pressure-Overload Induced Heart Failure
Maria Canellas da Silva, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 74: Protein Pacing and Plant-Based Protein: Predictors of Improved Body Composition in Division III Female Athletes
William Hoerle, Skidmore College

Board 75: Markers of Mitochondrial Fusion and Mitophagy are Greater in Old versus Young Rat Skeletal Muscle
Catherine Springer-Sapp, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 76: The Effects of Cellphone Usage on Cognitive Function in College-Aged Individuals
Meghan Hudson, Grove City College

Board 77: Alanine Aminotransferase in Emerging Black Individuals: A Potential Biomarker for Early Aging?
Shannon Khan, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 78: Adherence to a 12-week Summer Exercise Protocol Among ROTC and VWIL Cadets: A Pilot Study
Jordan Jester, Mary Baldwin University

Board 79: Similar Carotid Pulsatility with Oral Contraceptive Use During Low- and High-Hormone Menstrual Cycle Phases
Cynthia Weiner, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 80: Physiological, Perceptual and Performance Effects of a Novel Energy-dense Ketogenic Bar
James Minor, Grove City College
Board 81: Psychophysiological Assessment of Workload Under Varying Degrees of Demand and Controllability: A Validation Study
Kyle Pietro, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 82: The Encoding Specificity Principle in a Stressful Motor Sequence Learning Context
Jacob Roach, Juniata College

Board 83: More Barriers, Less Benefits: LGBTQ+ College Student’s Perceptions Impacting Physical Activity Participation
Keegan Peterson, Penn State University

Board 84: 6 Months of Aerobic Exercise Training Preserves Central Pressure Wave Indices in Older Adults
Rend Nayfeh, University of Maryland, College Park

Board 85: Pancreatic $\beta$ cell Hypersecretion of Insulin in Intermediate versus Morning Chronotype
Mary-Margaret Remchak, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Board 86: The Physiological & Performance Effects of Different Tempos of Music during Exercise
Elias Ortiz, Shippensburg University

Board 87: The Effects of Exercise on Mental Health Among College Students
Mark P. Takacs, East Stroudsburg University

Board 88: Effects of A Betalain-Rich Concentrate on Respiratory Exchange Ratio, Lactate, and Skeletal Muscle Oxygen Uptake
Erin Sweeney, Drexel University

Board 89: Effects of Tempol on Microvascular Function in Men and Women on Habitual High Sodium Diets
Zoe Lincoln, University of Delaware

Board 90: Effects of Slow Breathing During Inter-set Recovery on Power Performance in the Barbell Back Squat
Makenna Isles, Grove City College
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Alexandra Shaver, University of Maryland, College Park

**Board 92:** Multisystem Regulatory Capacity of Exogenous Ketone Administration at Rest
Emma Plank, Grove City College

**Board 93:** Obstacles to Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Among Older Veterans with Dysmobility: A Self-Report Survey
Ben Friedman, University of Maryland, Baltimore/Baltimore VA Medical Center

**Board 94:** Affective and Perceptual Responses Between Voluntary Exercise and Electrical Stimulations
Drew Robinson, Rowan University

**Board 95:** The Effect of Vibrotactile Complexity on Spatial and Temporal Performance During a Wrist Movement Task
Matthew Holman, Mary Baldwin University

**Board 96:** Acute Physiologic Responses Between Voluntary Exercise and Electrical Stimulations
Kevin Rice, Rowan University

**Board 97:** Circulating Extracellular Vesicle Characteristics Differ Between Men and Women Following 12-weeks of Concurrent Exercise Training
Chris Kargl, University of Pittsburgh

**Board 98:** Physical Activity and Health Outcomes Among College Students Who Use Cannabis
Sarah Quraishi, Rutgers University–New Brunswick

**Board 99:** Elite Collegiate Swimmers do not meet Carbohydrate Intake and Timing Recommendations During Heavy Training
Emily A. Lundstrom, Penn State University

**Board 100:** The Relationship Between Physical Activity and Anxiety and its Effect on Quality of Sleep
Shiv Mrityun Jayan Sreekanth, Rutgers University–New Brunswick
Board 101: Sex-differences and Changes in Psychophysiological Stress and Resilience During Military Training
Jennifer Forse, University of Pittsburgh

Board 102: The Effect of Aerobic Training Intensity on Stress and Mood
Isabella Weikert, Shippensburg University

Board 103: Comparison of Fat Oxidation During Walking on a Normal and Lower Body Positive Pressure Treadmill
Mary Savi, State University of New York at Cortland

Board 104: Effects of High-Intensity Exercise on Individuals With Parkinson’s: A Case Study
Linnette Ramos, DeSales University

Board 105: Effect of Exercise and Weight Loss Intervention on Epigenetic Age Amongst Overweight Breast Cancer Survivors
Katherine Wehrung, Penn State College of Medicine

Board 106: Effects of Blood Flow Restrictive Bicep Curl Exercise on Arterial Stiffness – Pilot Study
Sean Zupnik, Salisbury University

Board 107: Relevance of Food Labels in Purchasing Habits of University-age Students
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