FOURTH ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

Presented by the Graduate School in partnership with the Graduate Student Association

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by graduate students around the world. Developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, the competition cultivates students’ academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Presenting in a 3MT® Competition increases students’ capacity to succinctly summarize their research in three minutes using language comprehensible to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. The inaugural University of Miami 3MT® Competition was held in April 2017 in partnership with the Graduate Student Association.
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Michael T. Connelly
Ph.D. student in the Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science
Dissertation: Interactions Between the Coral Innate Immune System and Coral-Associated Bacteria Communities
Advisor: Dr. Nikki Traylor-Knowles

Donnie Garcia-Navarro
Master's student in the School of Architecture
Thesis: Atomized Hospital: The Patient Room at Home
Advisor: Dr. Rodolphe el-Khoury

Julius R. Dewald
Ph.D. student in the Abess Center for Ecosystem Science & Policy (The Graduate School)
Dissertation: The Social and Ecological Impacts of Conservation near South Luangwa National Park, Zambia
Advisor: Dr. Douglas O. Fuller

Vanessa Lara
Ph.D. student in the School of Education & Human Development
Dissertation: Food Quality vs. Food Quantity on Weight Loss and Metabolic Markers of Obesity
Advisor: Dr. Wesley Smith
Benjamin E. Borenstein
Ph.D. student in the Miami Herbert Business School

Dissertation: Computing Closeness: Differences in Online Prosocial Behavior Across Device Mobility

Advisors: Dr. Claudia Townsend & Dr. Caglar Irmak

Olivia Altamirano
Ph.D. student in the College of Arts & Sciences

Thesis: Caregiving for a Loved One with Dementia

Advisor: Dr. Amy Weisman de Mamani

Víctor Manuel Rubio Carrillo
Ph.D. student in the Frost School of Music

Thesis: A Musical Breathing Approach with Guitar Performance

Advisor: Dr. Stephen Zdzinski

(Competitors continued on next page)
2020 COMPETITORS

**Stephano Chang**
Ph.D. student in the Miller School of Medicine

**Dissertation:** Neuromodulation to Enhance Locomotion in a Large Animal Model of Thoracic Spinal Cord Injury

**Advisors:** Dr. Brian Noga & Dr. James Guest

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**Jeff Peterson**
Ph.D. student in the College of Engineering

**Dissertation:** Shining a Light on Corneal Infection

**Advisor:** Dr. Jean-Marie Parel

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**Daniella Carucci Marchetti**
Ph.D. student in the College of Arts & Sciences

**Thesis:** Are Socioenvironmental Indicators Related to Weight Status?

**Advisor:** Dr. Patrice G. Saab
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