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Projects on display at annual Graduate Student Research Conference

Nearly 80 students presented at Oakland University's third annual Graduate Student Research Conference, which took place earlier this month. The event spotlighted a diverse array of research topics and was keynoted by Dr. Paul Sieving, director of the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

After welcome remarks by Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Dr. James Lentini, the conference kicked off with a talk from Susan M. Bower, who spoke about "What It Takes to Be a Successful Graduate Student."

This was followed by an hour of poster presentations from students in Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, School of Education and Human Services, School of Health Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences. Students also delivered oral presentations on a variety of research topics, including prostate cancer, stem cells, food insecurity and self-esteem issues.

After a lunch break, attendees returned to the conference to hear remarks from OU President Ora Pescovitz. This was followed by Dr. Sieving's keynote speech, which spotlighted the topic of "Ocular Gene Therapy for X-linked Retinoschisis."

The event concluded with student award presentations by Physical Therapy Faculty Member, Dr. Christine Stiller, who also served as chair of 2018 Graduate Student Research Conference Committee.

For more details on the conference, view the [2018 program](#).

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Photos from the conference below.



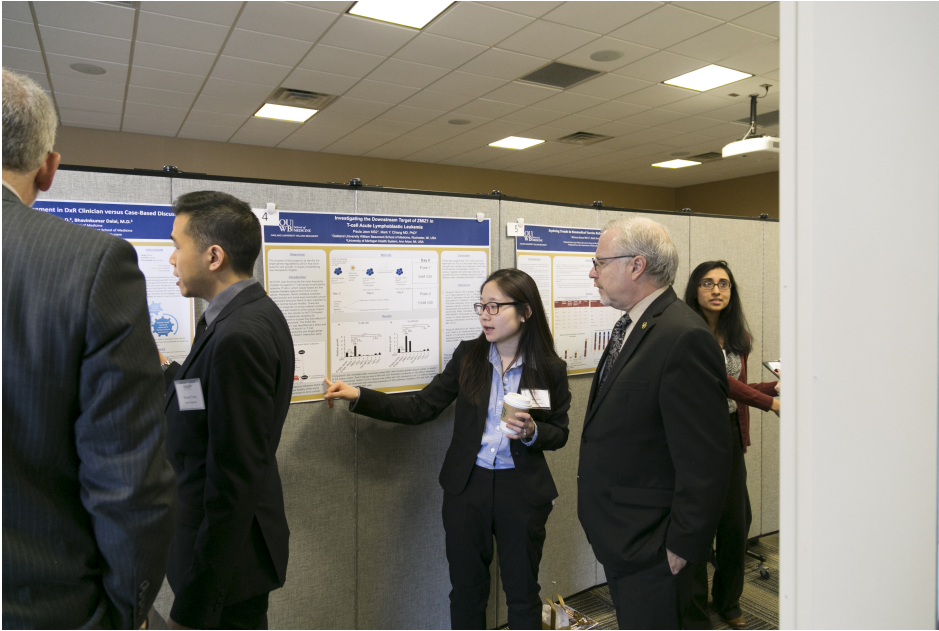
Dozens of graduate student research projects were on display at this year's annual Graduate Research Conference.



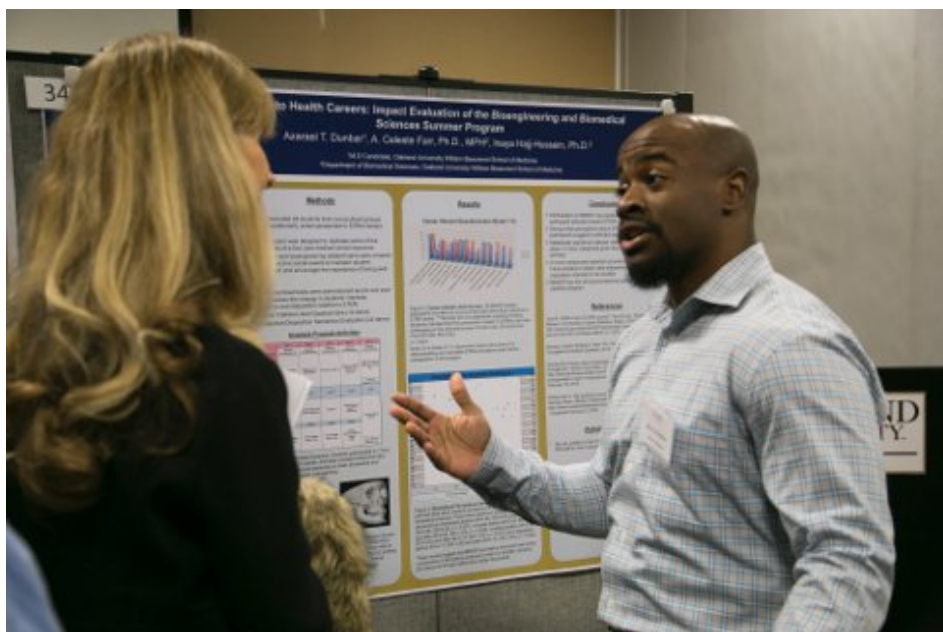
Dean of Graduate Education Dr. Claudia Petrescu introduces speaker Dr. Susan Bowyer, Scientific Director of Neuromagnetism Lab and Senior Staff Investigator at Henry Ford Hospital.



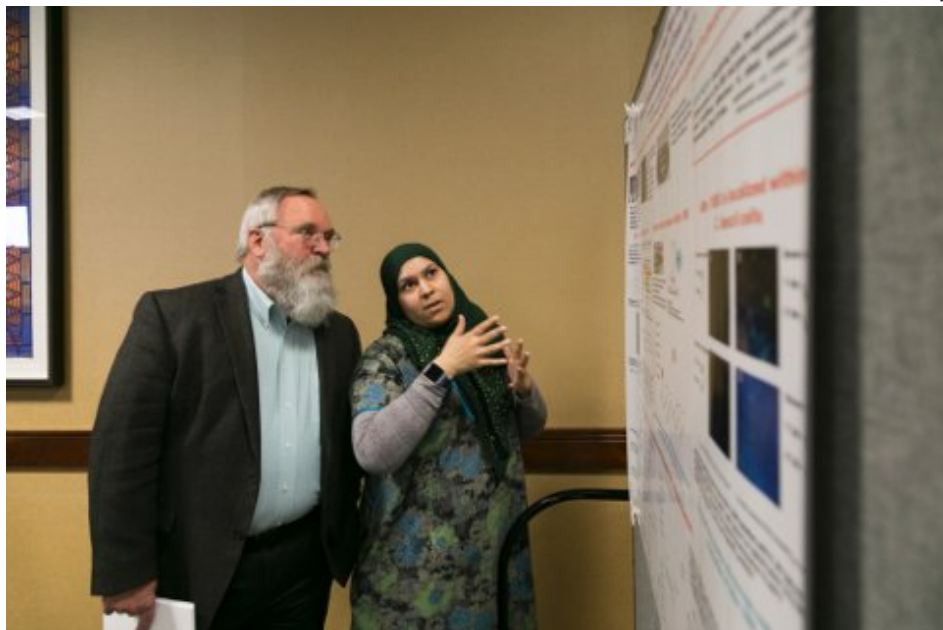
Afternoon keynote speaker Dr. Paul Sieving, Director of National Eye Institute National Institutes of Health addresses the audience.



Miriam Ahmad, OUWB student, shows off her research project to Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost James Lentini.



Student Azarael Dunbar describes his work to a fellow conference participant.



Student Asma Mairaj Khan, Biological Sciences, describes her work to Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Robby Stewart.