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## Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Research Symposium

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8:00-9:00	Registration and morning hospitality	GDYR 2nd floor Atrium
	Morning Session (Moderators: Alessandro Perego, Amy Seymore)	
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks	GDYR Auditorium 229
9:10-9:25	Nate Orndorf, Grand Valley State University, Effects of Precursor Solvent Polarity on the Organolead Halide Perovskite Photoactive Layer in Perovskite Solar Cells (Advisors: Dr. Xiong Gong, Kai Wang, The University of Akron)	GDYR Auditorium 229
9:25-9:40	Victoria Volk, St. Ambrose University, Design of Aperture Sensor for Sensory Restoration Prosthesis (Advisors: Dr. Dustin Tyler, Emily Graczyk, Case Western Reserve University)	GDYR Auditorium 229
9:40-9:55	Lindsay Robinson, College of Wooster, Synthesis and Characterization of Linear and Hyperbranched Amino Acid - Based Poly (esterurea)s for Hernia Mesh Repair (Advisors: Dr. Matthew Becker, Nathan Z. Dreger, The University of Akron)	GDYR Auditorium 229
9:55-10:15	Break	GDYR Auditorium 229
10:15-11:15	Keynote Speaker, Dr. Todd Allan Blackledge, The University of Akron Spider Silk: A 400 Million Year Experiment in Materials Science	GDYR Auditorium 229
11:15-12:15	Poster Session 1-20	GDYR 3rd Floor Atrium
12:15-12:30	Group Picture	GDYR Circle
12:30-1:30	Lunch	GDYR 2nd Floor Atrium
	Afternoon Session (Moderator: Gregory Brown)	
1:30-1:45	José J. Maldonado Méndez, Universidad de Puerto Rico – Río Piedras, <i>Polyamide Aerogels Cross-linked to Enhance the Strength of the Polymer Chain Backbone</i> (Advisors: Dr. Baochau N. Nguyen, Dr. Mary Ann Meador, Dr. Rocco P. Viggiano, NASA Glenn Research Center)	GDYR Auditorium 229
1:45-2:00	Alexander Weber, The University of Akron, The Effects of Substrate on Morphology of Solvent-Swollen Block-Copolymer Thin Films (Advisors: Dr. Alamgir Karim, Dr. Mesfin Tsige, student mentor, The University of Akron	GDYR Auditorium 229
2:00-2:15	Mason Dearborn, University of Southern Mississippi, Exploring a Multi-Layered Polysulfone/Polyamide 6,6 System for Fibrous Filtration (Advisors: Dr. Eric Baer, Cong Zhang, Xinting Wang, Case Western Reserve University)	GDYR Auditorium 229
2:15-2:30	Chelsea Zoltowski, Bluffton University, Understanding the Role of Humidity and Surface Chemistry in Gecko Adhesion (Advisors: Dr. Ali Dhinojwala, Saranshu Singla, The University of Akron)	GDYR Auditorium 229
2:30-3:30	Poster Session 21-42	GDYR 3rd Floor Atrium
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