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University of Florida-City of Gainesville Research Projects - Community Showcase Update (B)

In April 2017, more than \$300,000 was provided by the University of Florida (UF), UF Health and Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) to UF faculty, city experts and community partners to research solutions addressing real-world problems in Gainesville. At that time, UF received 62 proposals from about 40 departments and centers. The proposals covered a broad range of topics, including health and wellness, smart cities, economic development and equity.

On October 9th, the University of Florida, in partnership with the City of Gainesville, hosted a community showcase to recognize the impact of the projects, which have supported implementation of the city and UF’s respective strategic plans. The event highlighted the efforts of seven UF-City of Gainesville research award recipients and discussed the broader community impacts arising from their research.

The award winners and research projects were:

PI = Primary investigator

Co-PI = Co-primary investigator

Dr. Michael Morris, Ph.D., PI: The Gainesville Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program

Co-PI Dr. Jamie Kraft, Ph.D.

Dr. Lily Elefteriadou, Ph.D., PI: Public Acceptance of Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Technology

Co-PI Dr. Nithin Agarwal, Ph.D.

Dr. Lisa Chacko, M.D., PI: Community Resource Paramedic: An Innovative Approach to Meeting the Needs of Gainesville’s Most Vulnerable Populations

Co-PIs Dr. Laura Guyer, Ph.D., and Mr. David Sutton

Dr. Jose Fortes, Ph.D., PI: Data-centric Modeling and Support of the Lifecycle of the Gainesville Businesses

Co-PIs Dr. Christopher McCarty, Ph.D.; Dr. Renato Figueiredo, Ph.D.; Dr. Erik Bredfeldt, Ph.D.; and Ms. Lila Stewart

Dr. Kathryn Frank, Ph.D., PI: Neighborhoods as Community Assets-Preparing for the Future While Protecting Neighborhoods

Co-PIs Dr. Kristin Larsen, Ph.D.; Dr. Laura Dedenbach, Ph.D.; and Ms. Tyeshia Redden

Dr. Herman Knopf, Ph.D., PI: Building a Partnership Between Early Head Start and the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies to Benefit Young Children and Families in East Gainesville

Co-PI Dr. Maureen Conroy, Ph.D.

Dr. Ravi Srinivasan, Ph.D., PI: Urban Energy Model for Smart City Informatics

During the community showcase, videos produced by the city's Broadcast team highlighted the community impact of three of the projects. Additionally, the Mayor facilitated panel discussions and questions from the audience.

None

The City Commission hear an update regarding the **University of Florida-City of Gainesville Research Projects - Community Showcase** held on October 9th.