URICA Symposium

Bethel College, April 16, 2026

1:00-1:05 **Opening and Welcome – Krehbiel Auditorium**

- Welcome
- Overview of Symposium
- Announcement of 2026-27 URICA Grant Recipients

1:10-2:05 **URICA Recipient Presentation – Krehbiel Auditorium**

- **Patricia Huerta**: "Susceptibility of *Streptococcus mutans* and *Lactobacillus acidophilus* to Essential Oils"
- **Isaiah Smith**: "Liberation and Healing: Reflections from Queer Mennonite Pastors"

Faculty facilitator: Navanté Peacock

1:10-2:05 **Posters on display – Fine Arts Center Lobby**

- **Emersyn Eischen** and **Jack Ulwelling**: "Athletes vs. Non-Athletes: Anxiety Levels"
- **Kyndall Longman** and **Ashley Poe**: "Own Gender Importance Effect On Following Gender Stereotypes"
- **Maira Chiao** and **Alauna Thomas**: "Effects of Race and Gender on Health Misinformation Credibility"
- **Mara Oswald**: "Gas chromatography mass spectrometry as a method for toxin detection in menstrual health products"

2:10-3:05 **URICA Recipient Presentations – Krehbiel Auditorium**

- **Annalise Miller**: "Effects of Soil Temperature and Moisture on Growth and Urushiol Production of Poison Ivy"
- **Caleb Koontz**: "Detection of Pesticide Residues in Fruits & Vegetables"

Faculty facilitator: Chris Miertschin

2:10-3:05 **Student Internship Panel - Fine Arts Center Room 172**

- **Cam Offerle, Isaiah Smith, Simon Hodge**: Social Work Practicum
- **Frank Driscoll**: Student Teaching Placements
- **Jack Denton-Cardew, Quincey McGuffy, Eliza Epp**: Business Internships

Faculty facilitator: Lisa Janzen Scott

2:10-3:05 **Student Presentations - Fine Arts Center Room 176**

- **Yuretzi Licea**: "Paper Sculptures: a senior art project"

- **Janet Sanner**: “Error Rates Compared Amongst New Graduate Nurses Who Took Part in a Residency Program Versus No Residence Program Participation”
- **Julie Wilhite**: “Maggot Debridement Therapy”

Faculty facilitator: Navanté Peacock

3:10-4:05 URICA Recipient Presentations – Krehbiel Auditorium

- **Meriem Dhouibi**: “Advancing exoplanetary research at Bethel: a Machine Learning approach to noise reduction and light curve analysis”
- **Karissa Wilson**: “Method Development: Detection of Toxins in Menstrual Products”

Faculty facilitator: Chris Miertschin

3:10-4:05 Student Presentations – Fine Arts Center Room 172

- **Daniela Casique Gomez**: “How International Students-athletes from Hispanic Countries Adapt to Challenges of Belonging and Identity in the Face of Cultural and Language Barriers in the Midwest”
- **Eliza Epp**: “Bethel College Students’ Perceptions of the Authenticity of Their Institution’s Social Media Presence”
- **Daniel Gonzalez-Arevalo:** “Effects of Race and Gender on Health Misinformation Credibility”

Faculty facilitator: Lisa Janzen Scott