



# CrimsonOpps for Mon., April 28, 2025

*Celebrating URCAS, The Agora 2025, Poetry@Grounded, & the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium*

*Starts tomorrow!*

## **New Mexico State University** **20th Annual J. Paul Taylor** **Social Justice Symposium** **Justice for Knowledge**



### **Schedule**

#### Tuesday, April 29, 2025

5-5:30pm: Welcome and Social Justice Award Presentation

5:30-6pm: Prof. Larissa Lury  
Activating Empathy: Building Shared Experiences and Connection through Theater

6-6:30pm: Dr. Nicholas Natividad  
Education Across Lines: The Urgent Need for Human Rights Curriculum and Re-Humanizing Learning in a World of Borders

#### Wednesday, April 30, 2025

5-5:30pm: Social Mixer

5:30-6pm: Dr. Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza  
Language and Bilingualism: Myths, Realities, Persistence and Resilience

6-6:30pm: Dr. Elba Serrano  
Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Science and the Public Trust

#### Thursday, May 1, 2025

5-5:30pm: Social Mixer

5:30-6pm: Dr. Spencer R. Herrera  
Ser Sincera: Sharing Our Stories to Remember, Connect, and Create Knowledge

6-6:30pm: Dr. Phame Camarena  
Critical Thought and the Value of Higher Education in 2025 and Beyond



**4/29-5/1 @ 5:00-7:00 PM MST**  
**HSS Annex 101 and Zoom**  
**Free & open to the public**  
**Scan QR code for Zoom & bios**  
**Contact: [spencer@nmsu.edu](mailto:spencer@nmsu.edu)**

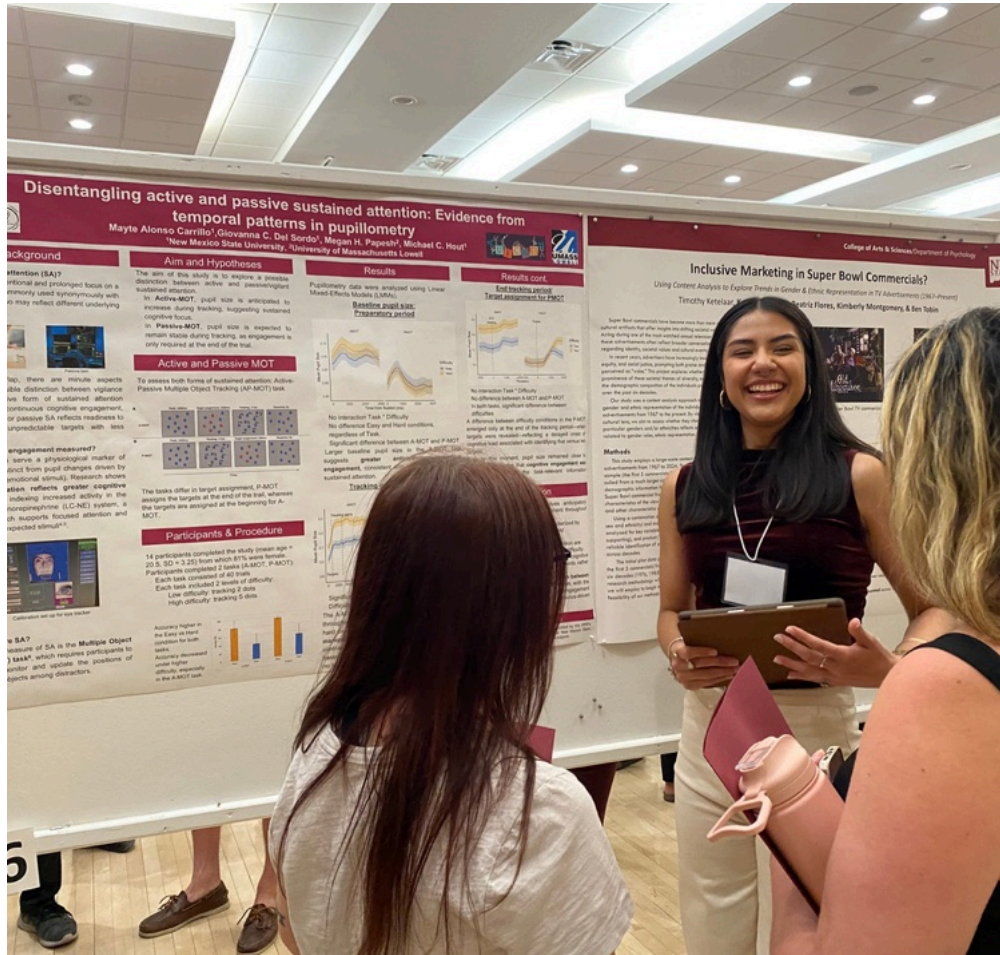
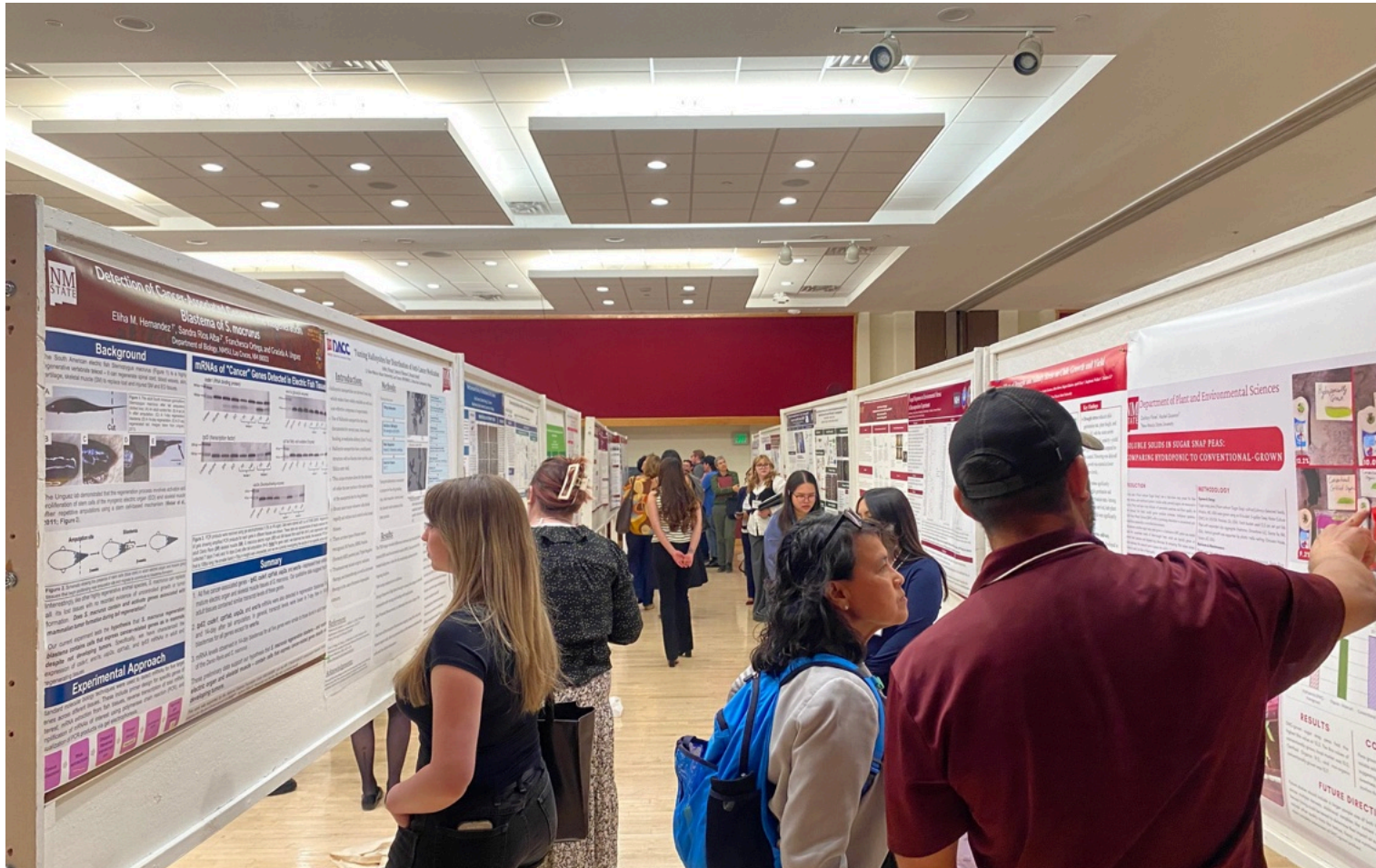


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# Congratulations to all 236 URCAS presenters!





Particular mention this year goes to...



a 19-way tie!

**Outstanding Poster Presentation in Arts, Social Sciences, or Humanities:**

Leonella Vazquez Perez, Breanna Molina, Maria Mendoza

**Outstanding Poster Presentation in STEM:**

Marwa Al Aqtash, Eduardo Sanchez, Jr., Noel Lara, Zachary Flores, Alejandro Gomez, Brandon Garcia, Jacarthie Kim Brazil, Hailey Ramos and Jenae Jasso, Hubert Quintana III, Mayte Alonso Carillo

**Outstanding Talk Presentation in Arts, Social Sciences, or Humanities:**

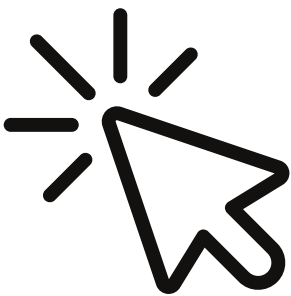
Katie Mena, Julianna Hernandez, Ashley Rojas

**Outstanding Talk Presentation in STEM:**

Ian Nelson, Nicole Dozier, Fin Pelowitz and Ashley Montanez



# Announcing the debut of *The Agora* 2025!



## CREATIVE PROJECTS



### The Imperfect Soul

Jasmine Vaughn

"The Imperfect Soul" explores the beauty of human imperfection through a semi-portrait, reflecting personal struggles with self-image and family expectations, embracing flaws and the freedom to be unapologetically oneself.

[Abstract](#)

## FULL LENGTH ARTICLES



### Temperance as the Key to Moral Balance — An Analysis of Aristotle and Aquinas

Alexandra Dimauro

The article argues for the conclusion that temperance is crucial for achieving moral virtue by looking at and comparing Aristotle's and Aquinas' views about temperance and responding to objections.

[Abstract](#)

## FULL LENGTH ARTICLES



### Hieronymus Bosch's Purgatory in *In Bruges*

Yalet Yanar

This article analyzes the film "In Bruges," directed by Martin McDonagh, which presents the town of Bruges in a narrative embodiment of the Purgatory depicted in Hieronymus Bosch's paintings.

[Abstract](#)

## FULL LENGTH ARTICLES



### Defined Places, Contested Memories: An Analysis of Historical Memory in La Ascensión, Chihuahua, Mexico

Joel Gonzalez Parra

This article explores the history and importance of a small border town.

[Abstract](#)

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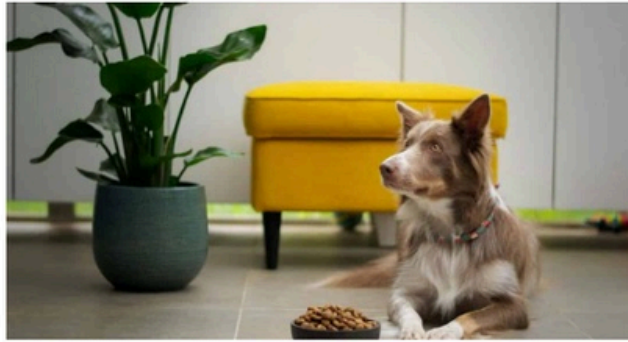
### The Overmedicalization of the Female Orgasm and the Orgasm Gap

Mackenzie Dybvik

The orgasm gap persists not because women are broken, but because medicine insists they are. This paper exposes how overmedicalization distorts female pleasure—and what true sexual liberation demands instead.

[Abstract](#)

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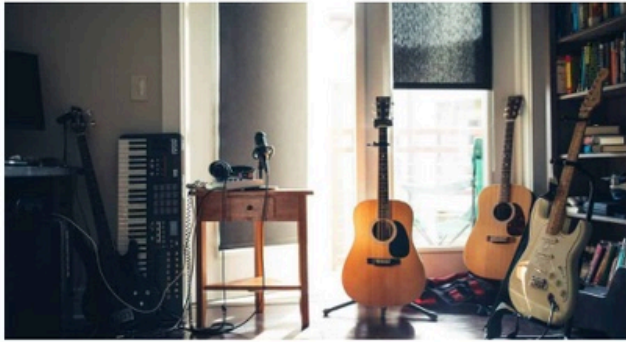
### Nature's Menu: The Science Behind the Raw Dog Food Movement and How to Safely Add Raw Meat to Your Dog's Diet

Finn Bush, Kate Padilla, Grace Mynatt

This article explores the pros and cons of introducing raw food to your dog's diet, while also discussing the health benefits, and healthy ways to introduce this food change.

[Abstract](#)

## FULL LENGTH ARTICLES



### Music Therapy's Application on Developmental Milestones Throughout Childhood and Adolescence

Paige Whisler, Sarah Daughtrey

Music therapy plays a vital role in supporting developmental milestones in children and adolescents, fostering emotional, cognitive, and physical growth through personalized, evidence-based interventions tailored to each age group.

[Abstract](#)

## FACULTY PROJECT REVIEWS



### Faculty Creative Work Review Collusions

Mackenzie Dybvik, Chantay Herrera

This piece consists of an interview with Craig Cully, Professor of Painting and Drawing at NMSU, about his new collaborative work, Collusions.

[Abstract](#)

## Editorial Board:

Editor-in-Chief Jessica Barrio

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Chantay Herrera (also cover artwork!)

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# Thanks to all who read for Poetry at Grounded!



*Courtyard at Grounded, 4/25/25*

Organized by the English Undergraduate Student Organization, with special thanks to President Maria Mendoza and Brooke Wallace

## **Readers:**

Annie Ersinghaus, Maddy Lopez, Jason Christopherson, Julianna Hernandez, Lydia Ozer, Jonathan Davis, Annette Vera, Lee Penix, Mateo Archibeque, Patricia Grubbs, Gage Anderson, Desirae Price, Yooko Peters, Dr. Richard Greenfield



# REMINDERS



## DISCOVERY SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN HEST, A&S

**Deadline Fri., May 2, 2025**

The recently expanded Discovery Scholars Program is ready to accept a new cohort of students. The DSP aims to nurture undergraduate discovery by enabling students to complete research under the guidance of faculty mentors and through encouraging them to continue their education in graduate or professional school. Any undergraduate in HEST or A&S who is engaged in scholarship with faculty oversight outside of regular class activities can join the program as a DSP Scholar. While working to complete milestones on their project, DSP Scholars also identify and work toward the completion of different professional development goals, such as presenting at conferences or applying to graduate school, activities that the DSP program celebrates along the way.

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### ***And as always:***

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- to learn about our journal of undergraduate scholarship, submit work or join the editorial team, go to [The Agora](#),
- to find national scholarships and opportunities, visit the [Fellowships Office](#) and contact Dr. Lori Keleher at [lkeleher@nmsu.edu](mailto:lkeleher@nmsu.edu),
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Best wishes,

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