Interdisciplinary Research Series

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Who:

Faculty and graduate students in all academic colleges and departments are encouraged to

- 1) attend our Interdisciplinary Research Series (IRS) sessions and
- 2) submit research proposals to be considered for presentation at future IRS sessions.

IRS Sessions:

Traditionally, IRS sessions have included lunch. As we are exploring the ideal session times and growing our membership, we may not always be able to provide meals. However, as funds permit *IRS sessions will entail some complimentary refreshments and/or food either during or after each session.* The IRS sessions are designed to create a great environment for faculty and/or graduate students to:

- Get feedback on research by peers that improves the project and prepares the work for publication.
- Do a trial run presentation of research before presenting it at a conference in the respective field. This will help prepare presenters for likely questions, help them discover potential criticisms, etc.
- Share research with our larger ATU community.

IRS Call for Research Proposals:

All faculty and graduate students are encouraged to submit research projects to be considered for presentation at future unassigned IRS sessions. *The deadline for Spring proposals is the last Fall IRS session. The deadline for Fall proposals is the last Spring IRS session.* Each session will have ONLY one research project presented. Projects can be either individual or collaborative projects, so presentations may be by an individual or even a group of faculty and/or graduate students. Research projects may be of either a qualitative or quantitative nature or both.

Proposal Vetting Process:

Step 1: Submit an electronic draft or powerpoint of the research project with a title to Dr. Chapman (<u>nchapman1@atu.edu</u>), Dr. John Freeman (<u>jfreeman44@atu.edu</u>) and Dr. Rogers (<u>mrogers6@atu.edu</u>). Be sure to note with your submission if you have a conference or other deadline that we should be aware of as we vet and assign projects to available IRS sessions.

Step 2: Dr. Chapman, Dr. Freeman and Dr. Rogers will all review proposals and determine if the research is far enough along that it is ready for presentation. If there are multiple proposals, we will rank them based on scholarly contribution, rigor, etc. Preferential treatment will be given to proposals from faculty and/or graduate students who regularly attend IRS sessions.

Step 3: We will then work with the faculty and/or graduate students to assign dates for presentation for all accepted proposal(s), with preferential treatment given based on project ranking and noted deadlines within the proposals.