A Message from **Dr. Bledsoe**, BME Department Chair:

Total Number of Conferences Attended by SLU BME: 21

Notable conferences include the

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meetings in

March, the

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meetings in April, and the

December

Dr. Garg's research was highlighted by Washington University's Musculoskeletal Research Center (MRC) in its December newsletter. See link below.

https://musculoskeletal.wustl.edu/news/core-a-research-highlights/

Conference Presentations

Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium

Thank you to everyone who presented at the Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium!



Dr. Zustiak gave a podium presentation titled "Stability of Proteins Released from Hydrogel and Nanocomposite Drug Delivery Devices" at the <u>Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium</u> at SLU on December 9, 2023.



S. Stealey, E. Dharmesh, *S.P. Zustiak, "Understanding Protein Interactions with Two-Dimensional Nanosilicate Particles", (Poster), Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium, SLU, December 9, 2023, St. Louis, MO

E. Dharmesh, S. Stealey, M. Baghat, P. Jelliss, *S.P. Zustiak, "Development of Super-Lubricious Microgels for the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis", (Poster), <u>Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium</u>, SLU, December 9, 2023, St. Louis, MO

E. Ferchichi, D. Elbert, *S.P. Zustiak, "Gelatin Methacrylate Macroporous Cell Scaffold Fabrication Via Onepot Aqueous Two-Phase Separation", (Poster), <u>Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium</u>, SLU, December 9, 2023, St. Louis, MO

R. Boos, C. Gui, G. Meyer, *S.P. Zustiak,
"Development of Poly(Ethylene) Glycol Hydrogel
Drug Delivery Device to Study Intramuscular
Adipose Tissue Signaling", (Poster), <u>Inaugural SLU</u>
<u>Bio-Chem Research Symposium</u>, SLU, December
9, 2023, St. Louis, MO

D. Johnson, M. Ridolfo, J. Tadiwala, A. Jain, J. Brockhouse, R. Mueller, M. Chermack, J. Robinson, S. Shringarpure, K. Bertram, *K. Garg, "Enhancing Stem Cell Treatment via Bisponge Encapsulation and Hypoxic Preconditioning", (Poster), <u>Inaugural SLU Bio-Chem Research Symposium</u>, SLU, December 9, 2023, St. Louis, MO