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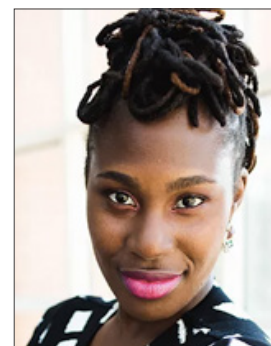
April 15 - 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Kresge Auditorium (MSB E701)

The Graduate College would like to welcome you to the inaugural Brilliant Bearcats event! We are excited to showcase our Presidential Fellows' innovative ideas. Our fellows have prepared brief talks that will highlight their research interests and the impact that their research will have on our world. We are excited to celebrate their brilliance!

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Presidential Fellowship

What is the Presidential Fellowship?

The Presidential Fellowship is an interdisciplinary doctoral education experience established in Fall 2023. Presidential Fellows are research doctoral students who split their time between their programs and the Graduate College. While meeting all requirements for their degree program, fellows learn valuable skills by conducting projects in the community, engaging in interdisciplinary research, and participating in professional development opportunities. Collaboration and shared learning with their cohort enhances the professional identity of our Presidential Fellows.

To discuss recruitment of future cohorts of Presidential Fellows, please contact **Tai Collins** at tai.collins@uc.edu.



EVENT PROGRAM

◆ **Inclusive by Design | With, Not For: Building Equity Through Community-Centered Research**

Henry Levesque



◆ **Boosting Newborn Health: Mom's Diet and Human Milk**

Hatice Cetinkaya



◆ **A Voyage for Change: Exploring Strategies to Combat Inner-City Gun Violence**

Aaron Mallory



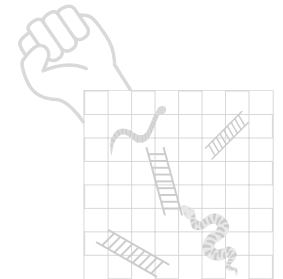
◆ **Health Workers' Exodus: A Clash of Rights**

Damilola Oduola



◆ **The Magic Circle: Changing the World Through Board Games**

David LeGault



◆ **Snooptopia**

Lily Edinam Botsyoe



Inclusive by Design | With, Not For: Building Equity Through Community-Centered Research



Henry Levesque

Regional Development Planning, College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning

Advisors: Claudia Rebola, PhD and Rainer Vom Hofe, PhD

Henry Levesque is a PhD student at the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP) studying Regional Development Planning. Henry is a member of the inaugural cohort of Presidential Fellows at the University of Cincinnati Graduate College, and an adjunct

instructor in the School of Design at DAAP. Henry has a background in design, with a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Design from the Indiana University School of Art, Architecture, and Design, and a Master of Design from the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. Henry's current research focuses on Smart Cities and Accessibility, and his research interests include Human-Centered Design, Design Psychology, Sociology, and Social Impact Design.



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Boosting Newborn Health: Mom's Diet and Human Milk



Hatice Cetinkaya

Epidemiology, College of Medicine

Advisors: Ardythe Morrow, PhD, MSc and Kelly Brunst, PhD

Hatice Cetinkaya is a first year PhD student in Epidemiology in the Department of Environmental & Public Health Sciences (DEPHS) in the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati. She is also a Presidential Fellow at the University of Cincinnati Graduate College. Hatice holds a BSc degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Izmir Katip Celebi University, Izmir, Turkey. After she received her master's degree in nutrition from the University of Cincinnati, she worked as a research associate

in the DEPHS in the Human Milk and Novel Therapeutics Lab, and an adjunct instructor for the Research Methods in Health Sciences course at the College of Allied Health Sciences. Her research focuses on studying the effects of maternal and environmental factors on health outcomes of the infant. Since early nutrition, as a modifiable factor, has short- and long-term impacts on the offspring, she is particularly interested in human milk. Aside from being the gold standard feeding method for infants, human milk has a functional role; therefore, she is interested in investigating the associations between maternal characteristics and milk components with system biology approach. She aims to pursue a career in academia as a molecular epidemiologist focused on maternal and child health.



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A Voyage for Change: Exploring Strategies to Combat Inner-City Gun Violence



Aaron Mallory

Criminal Justice, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology

Advisors: Ben Feldmeyer, PhD and Christina Campbell, PhD

Aaron is a first-year PhD student in criminal justice. His goal is to find an antidote that will eradicate one of the most significant public health issues in our country: inner-city gun violence. He has spent the last seven years working in mental health with boys and men

impacted by the criminal justice system. His research focuses on utilizing virtual reality (VR) to develop and simulate risky situations in which youth charged with illegally possessing firearms may find themselves in. Youth will engage in cognitive behavior intervention, in which they will learn skills to manage risky situations. The simulated VR will serve as a simulated test in which we will measure skill acquisition, effectiveness of creating a simulated environment, and the ability of VR to strengthen skill acquisition. These skills, when learned, have the potential to reduce the risk of a youth being a victim or perpetrator of gun violence. Design, Design Psychology, Sociology, and Social Impact Design.



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Health Workers' Exodus: A Clash of Rights



Damilola Oduola

Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences
Advisor: Vanessa Carbonell, PhD

Damilola Victoria Oduola is a PhD student of Philosophy at the University of Cincinnati, and a Presidential Fellow at the University of Cincinnati Graduate College. Damilola holds a bachelor's and master's degree in philosophy at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, where she graduated with first-class honors. Her area of research is in bioethics, ethics, and public policy. Her research focuses on the migration of health workers and its effects on health systems, health administration in the narrative of pandemic planning, and ethical issues in

voluntary and mandatory vaccination. Her long-term goal is to conduct research in bioethics and teach philosophy as a professor of philosophy. In addition, she aims to provide ethics consultations for ethics committees and programs across tertiary institutions in Africa and abroad and as well help draft institutional policies on ethical issues in biomedical research.



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The Magic Circle: Changing the World Through Board Games



David LeGault

Creative Writing, College of Arts and Sciences
Advisor: Rebecca Lindenberg, PhD

David LeGault is pursuing a PhD in Creative Writing in the Department of English at the University of Cincinnati. He has an MFA in Creative Nonfiction from the University of Minnesota, as well as a BFA in Writing and English from Grand Valley State University. He is the author of *One Million Maniacs*: a collection of essays looking at the power of collecting and collections in our society. His

writing has appeared in numerous anthologies, journals, and literary publications, as well as appearing frequently in the Notables list of Best American Essays. David's research interests include looking at the ways we can use storytelling, games, and digital media to build community engagement and pursue social justice. He is also interested in developing opportunities for multicultural engagement through creative writing workshops, literary salons, and game development.

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Snooptopia



Lily Edinam Botsyoe

Information Technology, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology

Advisor: Jess Kropczynski, PhD

Lily is your Privacy Pathfinder. Her research in usable privacy explores how individuals navigate the digital landscape. Using Endsley's model for Situational Awareness, she assesses the effectiveness of interventions like privacy nudges to help users make helpful privacy decisions. Lily Edinam Botsyoe is a PhD student in Information Technology; part of UC's inaugural Presidential Fellowship Program; and a former adjunct instructor. She is an ardent

contributor to technology communities and speaks widely on issues relating to the internet with a particular interest in women and youth inclusion, accessibility, cybersecurity, privacy, and digital sustainability. She has experience working with security frameworks and regulations such as GDPR, ISO27001, and NIST 800. As a believer in the power of technology to accelerate development, her work focuses on human-centered approaches to building technology that ignite real impact for users.

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Thank you to our amazing Presidential Fellowship advisors for your innovative ideas and support of our students. We truly appreciate you helping us to build the program this year and serving as our inaugural group of advisors.

- **Dr. Kelly Brunst**
- **Dr. Christina Campbell**
- **Dr. Vanessa Carbonell**
- **Dr. Ben Feldmeyer**
- **Dr. Jess Kropczynski**
- **Dr. Rebecca Lindenberg**
- **Dr. Ardythe Morrow**
- **Dr. Claudia Rebola**
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Thank you to the Graduate College staff for your energy and support. We are an awesome team!

Thank you for attending. The Graduate College wants to see you again!

The Graduate College offers professional development, mental health, and student celebration events throughout the year. Get skilled, healthy, and happy with your fellow grad students!

- **New Student Welcome & Orientation, first Friday of each semester**
- **Doctoral Hooding and Master's Recognition graduation ceremony, final week of each semester**
- **Three Minute Thesis Competition, preliminary rounds and final competition, every January through February**
- **Mental Health Summit, every February**
- **Graduate Student Appreciation week, every April**
- **World Kindness Week, every November**
- **Preparing Future Faculty opportunities year-round**
- **Professional development workshops year-round**
- **Mental health workshops year-round**
- **Post Doctoral Student Appreciation Week, September**
- **First Generation Student event, November**

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