

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

Presents

GRAD SLAM

Thursday, April 14, 2022
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Hosted By

SJSU | COLLEGE OF
GRADUATE STUDIES

EVENT PROGRAM

Welcome

By Marc d'Alarcao

Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

By Lupe Franco

Introduction of Judges and Emcee

By Marc d'Alarcao

Finalist Presentations

emceed by Amy Russo

Explanation & Voting of Audience's Choice Award

By Marc d'Alarcao

Raffle Prize Announcement

By Amy Russo

Winner Announcement

By Marc d'Alarcao

Closing Remarks

By Marc d'Alarcao

Rooftop Reception

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Dr. Marc d'Alarcao

Dean

College of Graduate Studies



Amy Russo

Coordinator of Multilingual
Writing Center

2022 GRAD SLAM FINALIST



Harneet Kaur Ranauta

*Neighborhood Characteristics in Relation to
Food Insecurity in the Bay Area*

Public Health, MPH



Jayme Harms

Ex[SEL] in Middle School

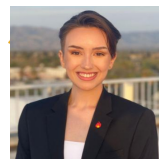
Counseling and Guidance, MA



Niraj Pandkar

*Predicting Externally Visible Traits from a DNA
Sample*

Computer Science, MS



Kate Forrest

Fire Tornadoes: The Unicorns of Fire Weather

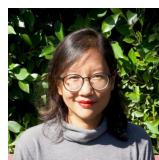
Meteorology, MS



Ankur

Twilytics: A Social Perception Analysis

Artificial Intelligence, MS



Phuong Pham Lan

Drowning Dragon - Poetry on a Sinking Land

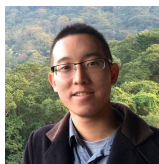
Creative Writing, MFA



Punit Sundar

*A Computational Approach to Identify Complex
DNA Binding Sites to Study Gene Regulation*

Bioinformatics, MS



Simon Tan

*Post-Pandemic Travel Patterns of Remote Tech
Workers*

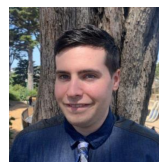
Urban Planning, MUP



Mari Hsu

*Who Moved My Bus Stop? Mobility Justice for
Positive Change*

Urban Planning, MUP



Nathaniel Pergamit

*Buried Treasure in San Francisco's Golden Gate
Park*

Music, MM

MEET THE JUDGES



Amanda del Castillo

Reporter

ABC Channel 7 News

Broadcast Journalism, B.A. '12



Lupe Franco

2021 Grad Slam Winner

San José State University

Environmental Studies, M.A. '21



Meenakshi Goel

Senior Principal Researcher

Genentech

Chemistry, M.S. '09



Dr. Matthew Spangler

Interim Chair - Film & Theatre Dpt.

San José State University

Performance Studies, Ph.D.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Presenters are allowed **three minutes** and **one static slide** for their presentation and are judged based on the following criteria:

Clarity: Did the speaker provide adequate background knowledge to make the talk and the importance of the project understandable?

Organization: Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?

Language matches audience: Was the topic and its significance communicated in a language appropriate to an interested, but non-specialist audience? (For example, did the speaker avoid or explain discipline-specific jargon?)

Significance: Did the presenter explain why the project mattered, addressing the impact and results of the research?

Delivery: How was the delivery, including pace, enthusiasm, confidence, body language, and dynamism of vocal delivery?

Visual: Did the slide enhance the presentation and help to emphasize the primary points of the talk? Was the slide well designed, clear, legible, and concise?

Engagement: To what extent did the talk speak to your intellectual curiosity? Did it make you want to learn more about the topic?

PRIZES

First Place Winner: \$1,200

(the honor of representing SJSU at the CSU-Wide Grad Slam)

Second Place Winner: \$800

Audience Choice Winner: \$500

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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LIVESTREAM LINK

This event will be live-streamed for your convenience. A recording will be made available once the event has concluded.

<http://ow.ly/uX7150IH5rE>

CSU Grad Slam

Tune into this year's **CSU-Wide Grad Slam** competition on **Friday, May 6** where you can cheer on and vote for our 2022 SJSU campus champion:

<https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/csu-grad-slam-2022>