



RUTGERS HEALTH
School of Health Professions

2026 Faculty Research & Scholarship Symposium



Tuesday, October 20, 2026



**Douglass Student Center – Trayes Hall
(Sections A & B)**

***Hosted by the Rutgers School of Health
Professions Office of Research***

Tentative Symposium Agenda

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast, Registration, Coffee & Pastries

Morning Session (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Welcome: **Antonina Mitrofanova, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Research, Rutgers School of Health Professions
- Introduction: **Jeffrey DiGiovanni, Ph.D.**, Dean, Rutgers School of Health Professions
- **Presentation: Kathleen W. Scotto, Ph.D.**, Vice Chancellor for Research and Research Training & Vice Dean, School of Graduate Studies
- **Presentation: Antonina Mitrofanova, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Research, Rutgers School of Health Professions
 - Award Research Excellence Ceremony
Shristi Rawal, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical and Preventive Nutrition Sciences

10:30 AM - 11:10 AM

Discovery to Impact

- **Lead: James Scott Parrott, Ph.D.**, Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Health Professions
- Session Length: 40 minutes

11:10 AM - 11:50 AM

AI in Education

- **Lead: Jessica Gomes, DHSc**, Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies and Practice, School of Health Professions
 - Session Length: 40 minutes
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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

Afternoon Session (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

AI in Research

- **Lead: Antonina Mitrofanova, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Research, Rutgers School of Health Professions
- Session Length: 45 minutes

1:45 PM - 2:05 PM

Clinics

- **Lead: Ryan White Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, Rutgers School of Health Professions
- Session Length: 20 minutes

2:05 PM - 2:45 PM

Community Engagement

- **Lead: Pamela Rothpletz-Puglia, Ed.D.**, Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Rutgers School of Health Professions
- Session Length: 40 minutes

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Workplace Well-Being

- **Lead: Judy Deutsch, PT, Ph.D., FAPTA**, Professor, Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences, Rutgers School of Health Professions
 - Session Length: 15 minutes
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Poster Session & Reception (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

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- Poster Presentation
- Wine and Cheese Reception