# How to Prepare and Present a Great Research Poster

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Student Research

# 2022 UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS

### **Award Recipients**

CSU undergraduate students will have the opportunity to work on research projects with faculty mentors during Summer 2022. Fifty-one proposals were funded across five colleges.

• 2022 Undergraduate Summer Research Awards

### Seminars

- · Graduate School Application Workshop
- Job Searches & Interviews

### Events

Details on the Fall 2022 Undergraduate Research Poster Session will be announced soon. Students, faculty, and staff will be invited to attend the poster session, which provides students the opportunity to discuss their research with the CSU community.

### STUDENT RESEARCH OUICK LINKS

- · Office of Research
- · Sponsored Programs
- Technology Transfer
- · Centers and Institutes

### STUDENT RESEARCH ON TWITTER

2 hours 48 min ago. RT @EMDIS\_CSU: Check out "EMDIS Center Open House and Senior Design Project introduction" t.co/cytv9qfdSH @Eventbrite

1 week 3 days ago.
The @CSUResearch newsletter
for July 2022 is now available.
##CLEState @CLE\_State
t.co/XTPA4Q95Cg

1 month 1 week ago. The @CSUResearch newsletter for June 2022 is now available ##CLEState @CLE\_State

### https://www.csuohio.edu/student-research/2022-undergraduate-summer-research-award-recipients

### August 12

Deadline to submit poster title and authors

### September 9

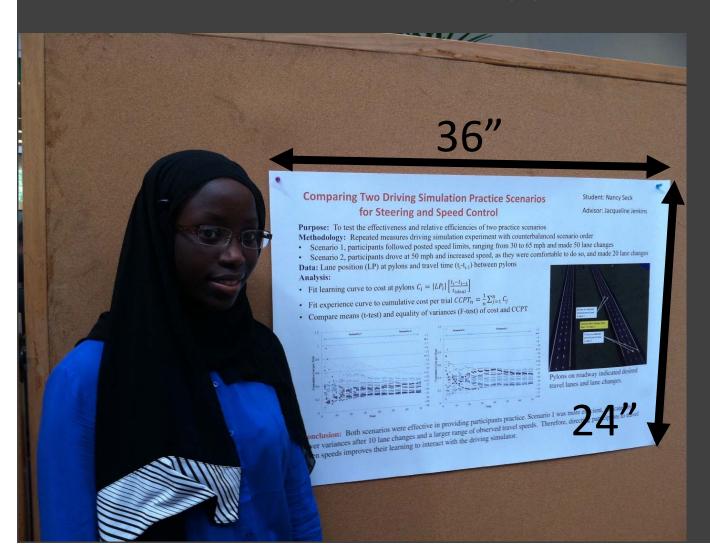
- Deadline to submit abstract and poster
- Advisors email the CSU library the electronic version (i.e. pdf) of your poster for printing

### September 22

Tentative date for the 2022 Undergraduate Summer Research Award Poster Session

# Poster Size

- Typically 4 ft  $\times$  3 ft, or 3 ft  $\times$  2 ft
- Landscape orientation
- Library plotter has 42" width



PowerPoint
Adobe Illustrator
InDesign
Canva
Publish-It
Corel Draw
LaTeX, etc.

CSU library requires pdf file for plotting

# Preparing Your Poster

### Traditional Research Poster

Anatomy of an Ace Research Poster

https://inchemistry.acs.org/content/inchemistry/en/college-life/research-poster-infographic.html

Scientific Poster Design - Good and Bad Examples!

<u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agtgnJP3KoQ</u>

Designing Research Posters

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDJeSj7u488

### Contemporary Research Poster

Mike Morrison, March 2019, How to create a better research poster in less time

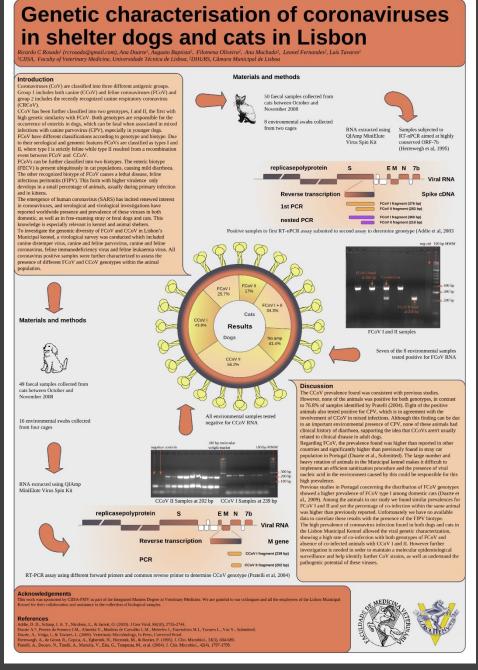
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58

Mike Morrison, July 2020, How to create a better research poster in less time

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYk29tnxASs</u>

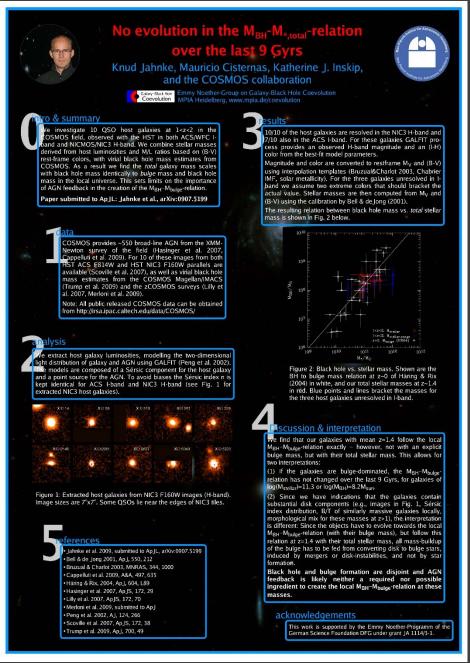
# Traditional

- Content
  - Goal
  - Audience
  - Environment
  - Expectations
  - Restrictions



# Traditional

- Aesthetics
  - Arrangement
  - Spacing
  - Balance
  - Fonts
  - Color



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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Scientific\_poster\_by\_Knud\_Jahnke\_f or\_International\_Astronomical\_Union\_meeting\_2009,\_Rio\_de\_Janeiro.jpg

# Traditional

- Technical
  - Software
  - Spelling & grammar
  - Image quality

NIEDERSÄCHSISCHE STAATS- UND JNIVERSITÄTSBIBLIOTHEK GÖTTINGEN







### Wikidata as semantic representation platform of the scientific achievements of the biomedical Collaborative Research Centre 1002

Markus Suhr<sup>1</sup>, Najko Jahn<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Mietchen<sup>3</sup>, Harald Kusch<sup>1,4</sup>

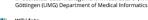
Motivation: Explore possibilities of Wikidata as a dissemination platform for a project's publication record to support findability, accessibility, interoperability, reusability (FAIR).

Approach: Transfer comprehensive set of CRC1002 scientific articles to Wikidata and enrich with semantic information about project funding and affiliation.



### Collaborative Research Center 1002: Heart insufficiency

- biomedical CRC based in Göttingen, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) since 2012
- aims to identify specific treatment targets and develop therapeutic strategies to treat heart failure
   dedicated data management infrastructure ("INF") subproject run by the University Medical Centre



- collaborative knowledge base serving Wikipedia and related projects from Wikimedia foundation ■ representing scholarly communication is an ongoing effort which produced a set of helpful community driven tools for data entry, curation, query and display [1]
- data is stored as semantic triplet, e.g. item "CRC1002" (unique Wikidata identifier Q48693816), property
- "instance of" (P31), value "Collaborative Research Center" (Q2300983).





### **COLLECT DATA**

- collect all scientific oublications associated ith CRC1002
- the curated list of oublications is already available at the project

### MATCH AGAINST WIKIDATA ITEMS CREATE NEW WIKIDATA ITEMS

- check if articles from created using available the list are already represented as item in tools and metadata Wikidata
- use Digital Object articles not assigned ID (PMID) as a reference

### ANNOTATE WIKIDATA ITEMS

### ■ missing items can be ■ create "sponsor" property for publication

- a can be automated using extracted from Wikidata
- Wikidata web-services
- a multitude of tools Identifiers (DOI) or PubMed with a persistent identifier all CRC1002 publications exist for retrieval and ID (PMID) as a reference can be manually created are marked as funded by visualization

the project and DFG

**Lessons Learned** 



semantically rich data

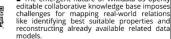
about CRC1002

### Wikidata Toolbox

- Source MetaData tool for scientific article metadata annotation and authorship matching
- Scholia toolset for scholarly communication information visualization
- Quickstatements tool for mass item ■ Wikidata core API for generic retrieval
- Wikidata SPAROL endpoint for semantic

### Results

- All CRC1002 publications are available in Wikidata (scan QR code on the right for live demo of SPARQL query)
- Scholia tools facilitate visualization and exploration of CRC1002 information and semantic knowledge graph
- Associated Wikidata items and Scholia representations are directly accessible from CRC1002 publication display pages



- Representing scholarly outputs of research consortia in Wikidata is a useful prerequisite to facilitate the generation of Wikidata based articles in Wikipedia to further increase public visibility of scientific knowledge.

Possible solutions are constraint and

validation languages, increasing data quality at

■ The proposed workflow leverages a set of metadata aggregation and editing tools in a way that could be automated using API calls

■ The emergent nature of Wikidata as openly

with minimal programming effort.

the cost of schema modelling [4].





References

| Houssos N. Jörg R. Dvořák J. Principe P. Rodrígues F. Manghi P., et al. Opon-kRF Guidelines for d rablished Standards. Procedia Computer Science 2014;33:31-8. doi:10.1016/j.procs.2014.06.006

Markus Suhr, 2018, CC-BY-SA-4.0

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:GMDS2018 CRC1002 Wikidata Poster.png

# Contemporary

### **Billboard**

# In Ireland Drive on left Conduire à gauche Links fahren

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### **Museum Exhibit**



Tim Evanson, CC-BY-SA-2.0 https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Dinosaur\_exhibit\_-\_Cleveland\_Museum\_of\_Natural\_History\_%2834800587755%29.jpg

### **Title:** Subtitle



PRESENTER:

**Leeroy** Jenkins

BACKGROUND: Who cares? Explain why your study matters in the fastest, most brutal way possible (feel free to add graphics!).

### **METHODS**

- 1. Collected [what] from [population]
- 2. Tested it with X process.
- 3. Illustrate your methods if you can.
- 4. Try a flowchart!

### RESULTS

- Graph/table with essential results only.
- All the other correlations in the ammo bar.

Main finding goes here, translated into plain English. Emphasize the important words.



Visualize your findings with an image, graphic, or a key figure



### **AMMO BAR**

### Delete this and replace it with your...

- Extra Graphs
- Extra Correlation tables
- Extra Figures
- Extra nuance that you're worried about leaving out.
- Keep it messy! This section is just for you.

Leeroy Jenkins, author2, author3, author4, author5, author6, author7, author42

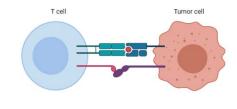


# Teach people something cool you learned in 5 seconds as they walk by (or scroll by).

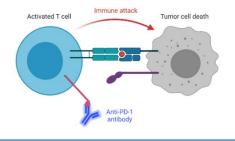


### Method

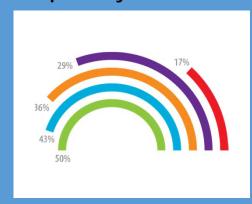
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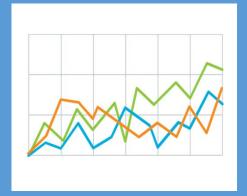
Anti-PDF-1 antibodies permit T cell activation.



Explain what the graph shows. Like, **spoilers are good.** 



Quickly explain what the graph shows. **Help people think.** 





LEM HEWITT, Phillip Merman, Ted crisp EXAMPLE Graphics donated by biorender.com



### Background

**Who cares?** Explain why your study matters in the fastest, most brutal way possible (feel free to add graphics!).

### Methods

Adult full-transfers

EXPERIMENT GROUP
Given Flod Touch's with a
special app that pings them
throughout the service with quick
surveys.

Wait list
(CONTROL
GROUP)

Mood Survey (4x per day)
Participants notified by the
Pod at random times to tak
a short mood survey
assessing current mood and
attention.

Assessed overall performance for the week.

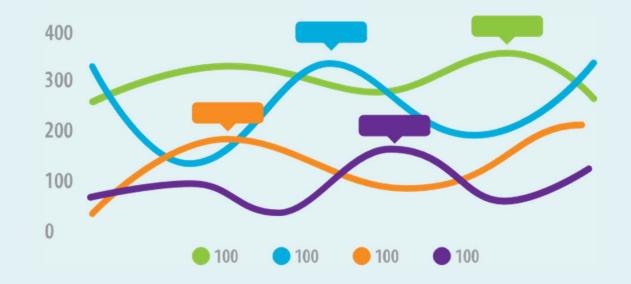
HLM analysis
Used to relate within-person mood to differences in performance.

### Extra results

Assume they already read your punchline, and now include a little extra detail.

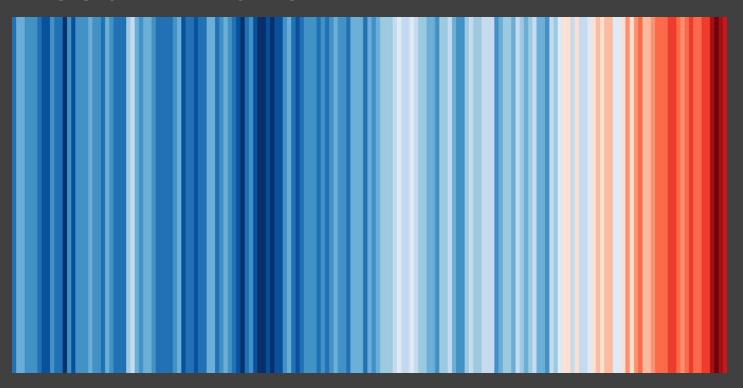


Teach people something cool you learned in 5 seconds as they walk by.





# Average global temperature 1850 - 2018







### We Don't Have to Pick a Side: The Middle Is A Fine Place to Be



Andrew R. Smith Appalachian State University

### INTRODUCTION

Mike Morrison created a template for a "Better Scientific Poster" (BSP) (https://osf.io/ef53g/)

The BSP format has been praised by many, yet disparaged by others.

The current project had 2 goals:

- Create a template that I think could be useful.
- Point out that we don't need to either love or hate the new format—the middle is just fine.

### **METHOD**

To create a new template, I identified strengths of the BSP template and the traditional format.

BSP strengths: clear take-away message, minimal text, QR code

Traditional format strengths: room for figures, reasonable text size on sides, large title to make finding posters in poster session easy, web link and email for people who don't like QR codes

Why must we pick sides?

The new poster format is a revolution, or the new poster format is garbage!

Take the **good parts** of the new format, keep the **useful aspects** of the traditional format, add in your own ideas, and **create something better**.

Poster template: https://osf.io/ayjzg/ smithar3@appstate.edu



### **RESULTS**

Preregistered analysis: 78% increase in liking compared to traditional format and 24% increase compared to the BSP format.



Exploratory analysis: room for improvement in this template (Arial font, seriously?!?!).



### DISCUSSION

Sometimes it makes sense to pick a side; this is not one of those times.

Praise what you like, make suggestions for improvement, and **then make something better**.

Take Mike's ideas, incorporate some of mine, **be creative**, and let's make posters more useful.

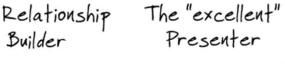
# Presenting Your Poster



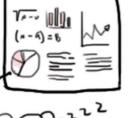
The Drone

The Movie Star











The Teacher







# Spiel

- In 2 or 3 sentences, tell me about your research
- Audience appropriate
  - Technical jargon
  - Layman terms

The problem/question.
What I/we did.
What I/we found.

# Engage the audience

- Prepare a couple questions
- Audience appropriate
  - Technical jargon
  - Layman terms

Familiarity with the problem/question.

Knowledge about the research

method/apparatus.

Potential impact on their

job/family/life.

# Setting the stage

- Dress the part
- Meet your neighbors
- Clear the poster area
- Remain attentive



Don't Forget...

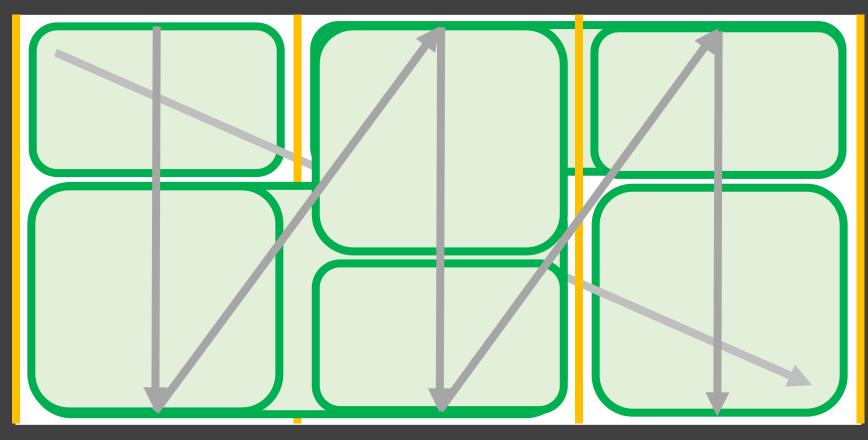
Have fun sharing your research and meeting new people!







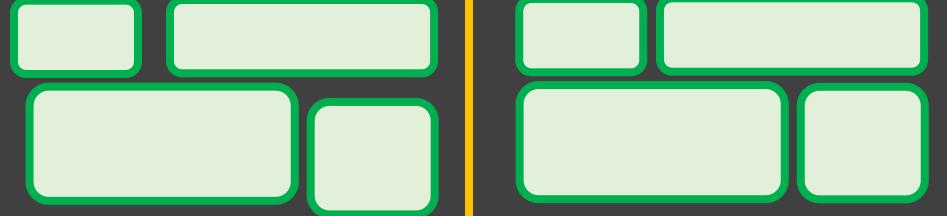
# Arrangement





# Which has better spacing?

GREEN WHITE



# Which has better spacing?

## **GREEN**

### We don't need no education

We don't need no thought control
No dark sarcasm in the classroom
Teachers leave them kids alone
Hey! Teacher! Leave us kids alone!
All in all you're just another brick in the wall.
All in all you're just another brick in the wall.

Daddys Flown Across the Ocean Leaving Just a Memory A Snapshot in the Family Album Daddy what else did you leave for me? Dad What You Leave Behind for me? All in all you're just another brick in the wall.

All in all you're just another

brick in the wall.

Pink Floyd

THE WALL

Another Brick

Roger Waters

in the Wall

1979

When we grew up and went to school, there were certain teachers who would hurt the children anyway they could by pouring any region upon anything they did, exposing every weakness and carefully they did to the kids.

# WHITE

Pink Floyd THE WALL 1979 Another Brick in the Wall Roger Waters

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# Which has better balance?

**GREEN** 









# **Fonts**

# 84 to 96 pt Title

30-56 pt Authors

30-48 pt Headings (San serif font)

24-32 pt text (Serif font)

18-24 pt text for references, acknowledgements, captions



# Which do you prefer?

**GREEN** 

**Text** 

WHITE

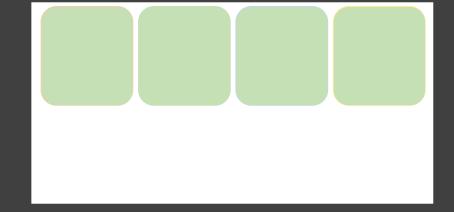
**Text** 

# Which do you prefer?

GREEN

WHITE





# Which do you prefer?

**GREEN** WHITE Text **Text** 



# **CSU** Representatives

https://www.csuohio.edu/marketing/brand-style-guide

- CSU color palette
- CSU seals
- CSU logos





REVERSED SEAL



FULL LOGOTYPE, PARTIALLY STACKED

UNIVERSITY GREEN
PMS 342
CMYK COATED: 100-9-66-41
CMYK UNCOATED: 97-7-80-33
RGB: 0-106-77
HEX: 006A4D

PRIMARY PALETTE

CITRON PMS 382 CMYK COATED: 2A8-0-92-0 CMYK UNCOATED: 32-0-82-0 RGB: 190-214-0 HEX: BED600

PMS 2915 CMYK COATED: 61-7-0-0 CMYK UNCOATED: 53-4-1-RGB: 94-182-228 HEX: 5EB6E4

PUMPKIN PMS 151 CMYK COATED: 0-55-100-0 CMYK UNCOATED: 0-45-90-0 RGB: 255-121-0 HEX: FF7900

GOLDENROD
PMS 116
CMYK COATED: 0-12-100-0
CMYK UNCOATED: 33-80-0-0
RGB: 254-203-0
HEX: FECB00

ORCHID PMS 248 CMYK COATED: 45-100-0-0 CMYK UNCOATED: 38-82-16-0 RGB: 155-24-137 HEX: 9B1889

SECONDARY PALETTE - CONTEMPORARY

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SECONDARY PALETTE - TRADITIONAL

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