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TENTH ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

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with the Graduate Student Association

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by graduate students around the world. Developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, the competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Presenting in a 3MT® Competition increases students' capacity to succinctly summarize their research in three minutes using language comprehensible to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. The inaugural University of Miami 3MT® Competition was held in April 2017 in partnership with the Graduate Student Association.

EVENT PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
6:10 p.m.	Competition Commences
7:00 p.m.	People's Choice Award Voting
7:10 p.m.	Networking Reception
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

10TH ANNUAL COMPETITORS

(in order of appearance)



Giuliano McDonald

Ph.D. student in Communication in the School of Communication

Dissertation: Predictors of Helmet Cover Adoption in NCAA Football: A Two-Study Multi-Stakeholder Health Communication Intervention

Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Carcioppolo



Guerdiana Thelomar

Ph.D. student in Community Well-Being in the School of Education & Human Development

Dissertation: Where Do We Go From Here? The Well-Being of Black Undergraduate Women Navigating Predominantly White Institutions in a Post-COVID-19 Context

Advisor: Dr. Laura Kohn Wood



Savannah Saavedra

Ph.D. student in Literary, Cultural and Linguistic Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences

Dissertation: Retelling History through the Madwoman: Examining Gender, Nationhood, and the City in Colombian and Mexican Literary Production of the Nineteenth through the Twenty-First Century

Advisor: Dr. Christine Arce



Praga Vipulanandan

Ph.D. student in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering

Dissertation: A Quantum Tensor Network-Based Approach for Uncertainty Quantification in Machine Learning

Advisor: Dr. Kamal Premaratne

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James Christie

Ph.D. student in Atmospheric Science in the Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, & Earth Science

Dissertation: Elucidating Sources of Inland Aerosol that Contribute to Pollutant Production

Advisor: Dr. Cassandra Gaston



Saetbyeol Kim

Ph.D. student in Business in the Miami Herbert Business School

Dissertation: Consumer Evaluations of Products for Mental versus Physical Health

Advisor: Dr. Caglar Irmak



Tiffany Leung

Ph.D. student in Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences

Dissertation: The Story of Sickness: Improving Children's Sick Face Perception

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Simpson



Natasha Khatwani

Ph.D. student in Cancer Biology in the Miller School of Medicine

Dissertation: Enhancing CAR T Cell Metabolic Fitness and Anti-Tumor Function Using miR-29a

Advisor: Dr. Erietta Stelekati

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