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Northeast Regional Honors Council Annual Conference  
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*"Niagara Falls is a wonderful place to be in, but the definitive highlight took place today after my presentation concluded. The feedback was overwhelming! I never expected such reactions. Nor did I, with a long history of awkward interaction at my disposal, expect to have such an appeal. I actually succeed in moving people. I spoke as best I could only to be rendered speechless myself in the end."*

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Fairleigh Dickinson University**



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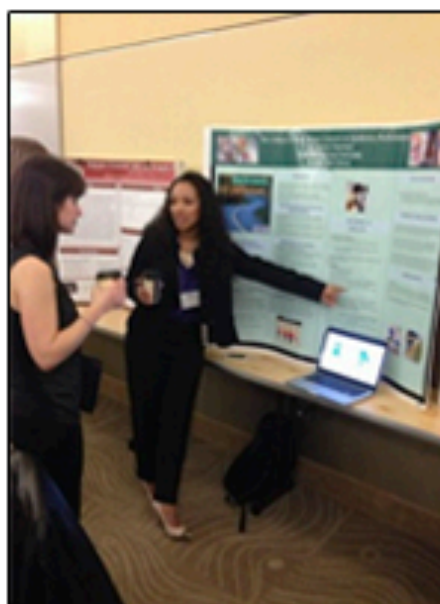


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Rushing onward, we join together  
As infinitesimal drops in the stream  
Of human consciousness.

A single raindrop goes unnoticed;  
River unrelenting earns awe  
through rapids, foam spraying high.

Bound together, aquatic collective  
Shares electrons, binding together,  
Gradually reshaping Earth.

In annual conference, eager peers  
Explain we are nothing but  
Water and protein structures;

The ghost exhales in freezing rain  
Explain dihydrogen monoxide—  
How molecules form a body.

Saturated, our minds are heavy,  
Fuller from the immersion,  
From communal efforts.

This is the edge between  
Yesterday and tomorrow  
With today reserved for us.

No matter where life leads,  
Niagara will always be the falls  
And we will always be the river.

- "One Body"

**Kevin Holton, Monmouth University**



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Cascading current of concussive clarity  
Holding the heavens with hope haphazardly  
Serving a slippery slope with a translucent soliloquy  
Adding to the awe of natures abundant abilities  
Its vaporous vandalism escapes unscathed in penal codes  
Its gratuitous groans, imbued in tones, of renal flow  
To clean the earth of it's fiendish soul, a greenish glow  
Falling down, with all the sound, of it's freedom honed  
Perfection achieved, after centuries of artisanal attention  
These rocks and curves, were they god's for sure invention?  
Or is it science? evolutionary enigmas of natures nonchalance  
Geological greatness geared towards gaining an honest font  
And there's my canvas, crashing waves of hostility pound  
By the current, ice, and wind like infinity bound  
It's strange, the water moves so civilly sound  
To this power it must consent to until the river is drowned  
The mist is a shivering shroud, belittling now  
And nature submits to it's flow as it willingly bows  
Who could dissent to the drums of the artillery found  
Although in shape it typically frowns, it is vividly crowned

Ediz Ozelkan,  
SUNY Old Westbury



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I live exist in the mist  
Those logs look so petrified  
swimming in the water  
Pounds are measured in square  
inches  
Because gravity holds no weight

The gulls sound of Jazz  
Why are dead trees more  
interesting

I saw an essence  
I refused to become  
Because without me, the  
essence would turn blind

- "Silhouettes,"  
Woody Woodger,  
Westfield State University

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