

Three-Minute Thesis (3MT[®]) and Graduate Student Showcase

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026

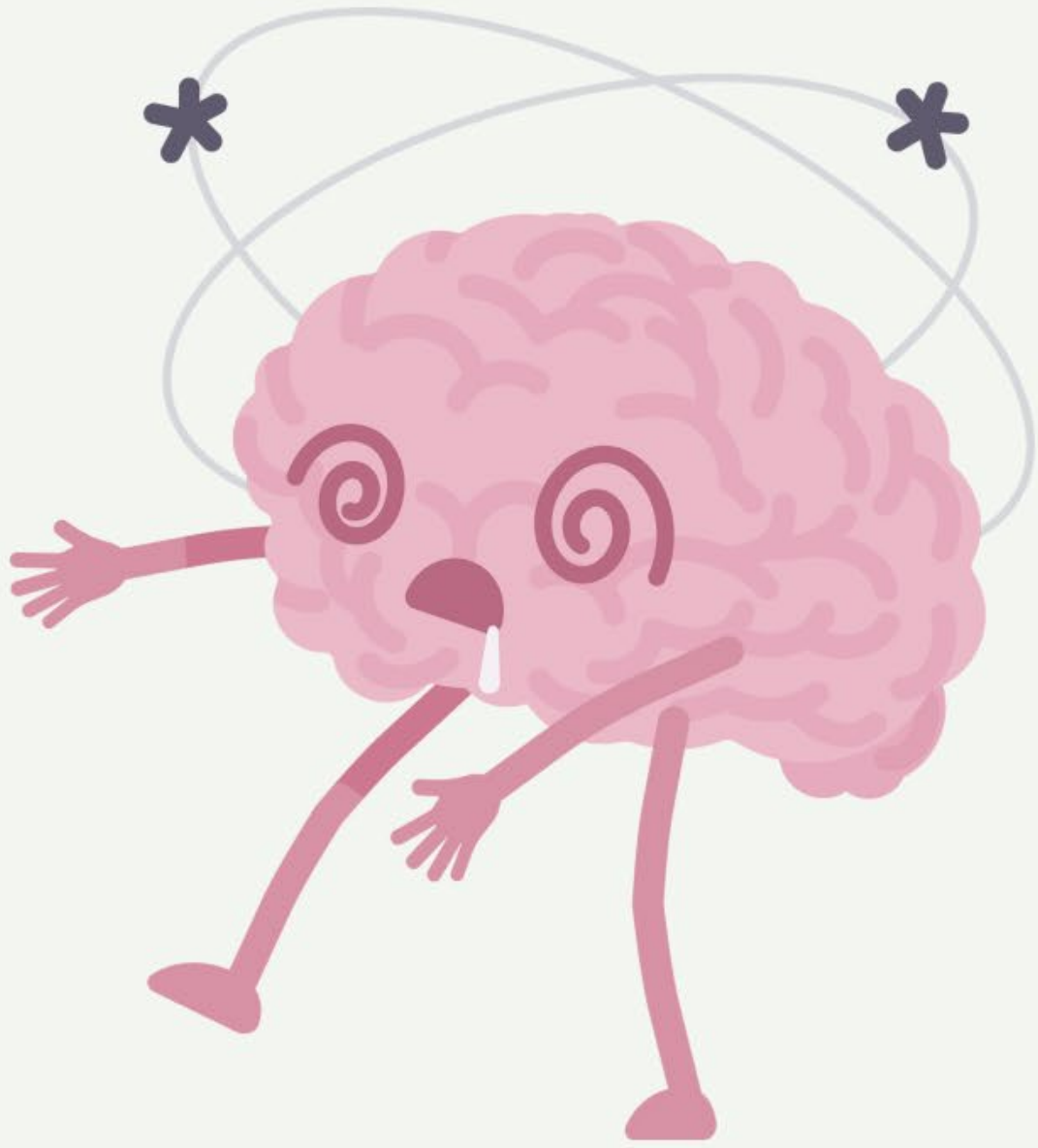
UConn's 3MT[®] and Graduate Student Showcase

- April 8, 2026, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM @ The Dodd Center for Human Rights
- 3-minute talks for a general (*non-specialist*) audience
- Master's students, PhD candidates, professional/clinical doctorates from all UConn campuses
- 103 applicants, 64 semi-finalists
- 29 finalists competed

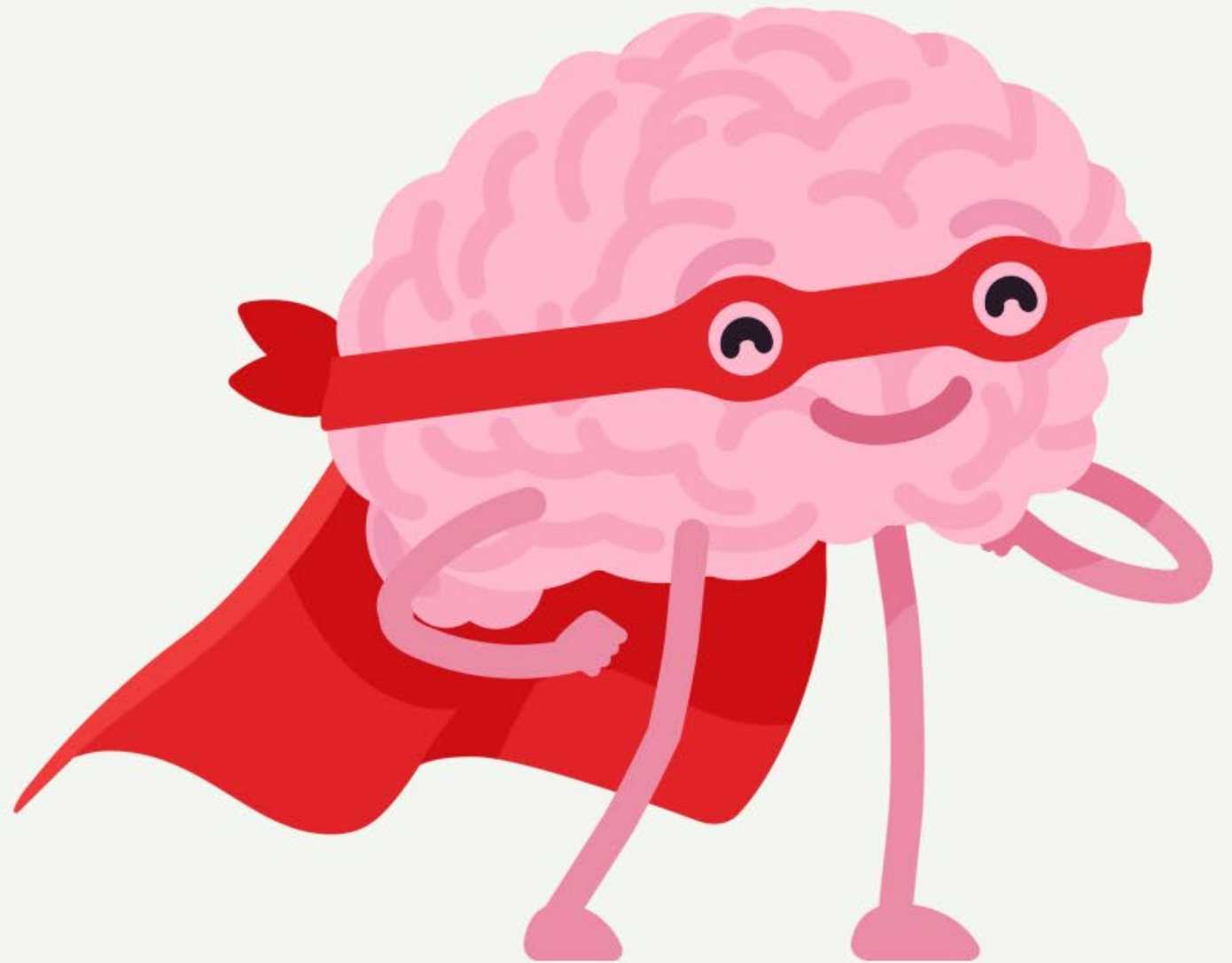
Overall Winner: TRACY GEHA

- Title: **World Languages: The Cognitive Benefits We Fail to Market**
- Department: French and Francophone Studies
- Degree: Master's
- Advisor: Valerie Saugera

Monolingual Brain



Bilingual Brain



1st Place Winner, STEM: MESHACH OJO

- Title: **From Decades to Weeks: Tackling Connecticut's Crumbling Foundations**
- Department: Civil Engineering
- Degree: PhD
- Advisor: Kay Wille

From Decades to Weeks:

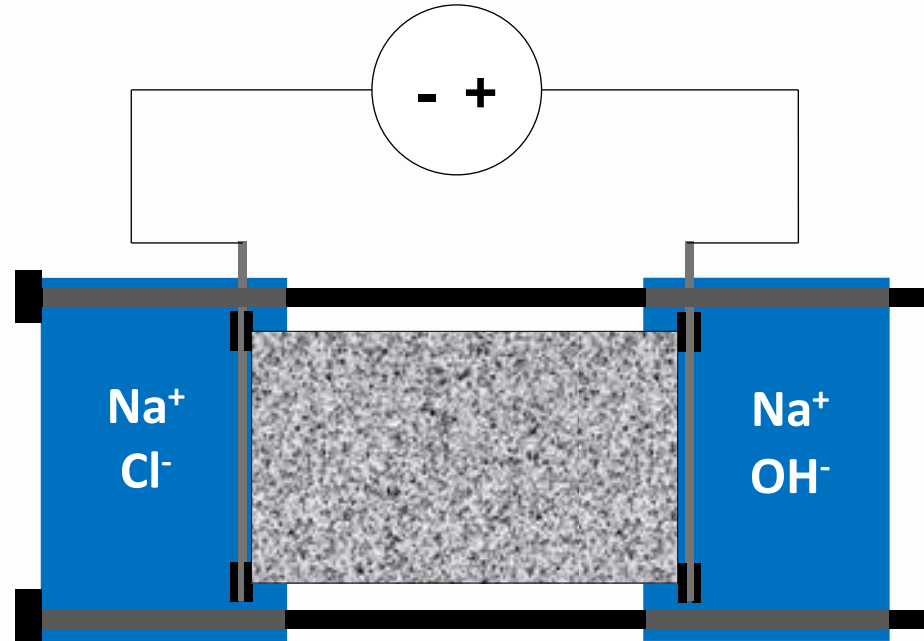
Tackling Connecticut's Crumbling Foundations



40,000+ Homes Affected



\$200K+ Foundation Replacement

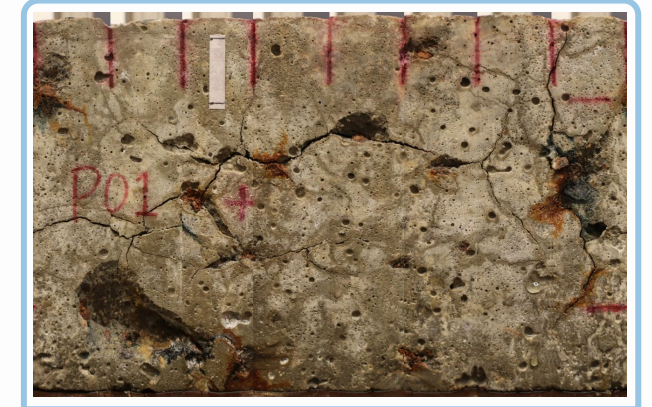


Electrochemical Accelerated Testing

Decades → Weeks



Concrete Cores from Homes



Damage Replicated in Weeks