

## 2007 Honors Capstone Conference

April 11, 2007, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

9-9:15 a.m. Welcome - Prof. Michael Mass, Director, University Honors Program  
Overview - Dr. Paula McCabe, Associate Director, University Honors Program

### ***SESSION ONE***

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- 9:15-9:30 a.m. **Michael Prather** (SPA: Pol. Sci.), "Coca: An American or Bolivian Solution?"  
*Advisor: Prof. Joseph Eldridge*
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. **Walker Timme** (CAS: Bio.), "Parasites and Abnormal Behavior in Mammals, with an Emphasis on the Protozoan *Toxoplasma Gondii*"  
*Advisors: Prof. Kibo Kim and Prof. Christopher Tudge*
- 9:45-10 a.m. **Samantha Elliott** (CAS: Lit.), " 'We're all mad here,' Or Metaphor and Metonymy at Play in Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There"  
*Advisors: Prof. Madhavi Menon and Prof. Amanda Berry*
- 10-10:15 a.m. **Joshua Su-Ya Wu** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Econ.), "Game On: Constructing A Bargaining Power Model to Analyze the Taiwan Strait"  
*Advisors: Prof. Quansheng Zhao and Prof. Walter Park*
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. **Mary Kapsak** (CAS: Anthro.; Minors: Int. St. & Phil.), "A Critical Evaluation of Race: Amalgamating Physical and Cultural Anthropology"  
*Advisor: Prof. Rachel Watkins*
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK

### ***SESSION TWO***

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- 10:45-11 a.m. **Andrea Bottorff** (CAS: Lit.; SOC: Public Comm.), "Multiculturalism and Universality: Cross-Cultural Myth, Fairy Tale, and Gender in Revisionist Texts"  
*Advisors: Prof. Richard Sha and Prof. Roberta Rubenstein*
- 11-11:15 a.m. **Frances McNally** (CAS: Art Hist.), "Repulsion, Transfixion and Exploration: The Viewer Experience and Jenny Saville's Grotesque Bodies"  
*Advisor: Prof. Helen Langa*
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. **Emily Smith** (SOC: Brd. Journ.; SPA: Pol. Sci.), "More Questions Than Answers: Life in A South African AIDS Village"  
*Advisor: Prof. Leonard Steinborn*

11:30-11:45 a.m. **Jessica Antista** (SIS: Int. St.; Kogod: Bus. Admin.), "Mobilizing Social Capital in Group Lending: Facilitating Empowerment among The Women of Sub-Saharan Africa"  
*Advisor: Prof. Vidyamali Samarasinghe*

11:45 a.m.-noon **Danielle Giusto** (CAS: Music), "Music She Wrote"  
*Advisor: Prof. Nancy Snider*

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**SESSION THREE (DURING LUNCH) -- POSTER/MEDIA PRESENTATIONS**

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Noon-1:30 p.m. **Caroline Barrett** (SPA: Pol. Sci; CAS: Span./Latin Amer. St.), "Student Abolitionist Organizing: A Case Study"  
*Advisor: Prof. Robert Johnson*

**Lynn Blubaugh** (CAS: Bio.), "Analysis of Hyperglycemia in Zebrafish"  
*Advisor: Prof. Lynne Arneson*

**Kristin Bruch** (Kogod: Bus. Admin.), "American Gladiators: Accenture vs. BearingPoint"  
*Advisor: Prof. Sally Fowler*

**Abigail Colson** (SPA: Pol. Sc.; CAS: Env. St.) "Malaria and Climate in Western Africa"  
*Advisor: Prof. Monica Jackson*

**Evan Ewers** (CAS: Bio.), "Diversity Snapshots of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon-Degrading Bacteria in Anacostia River Sediments"  
*Advisor: Prof. Karen Bushaw-Newton*

**Lisa Galik** (SPA: Pol. Sci.; SOC: Pub. Comm.), "Media Framing of the 'No Child Left Behind' Debate"  
*Advisor: Prof. Brian Schaffner and Prof. Maryann Barakso*

**Daniel Guarnera** (SPA: Pol. Sci.), "The City Speaks: Neighborhood-Level Organizations in Washington, D.C."  
*Advisor: Prof. Sarah Stiles*

**Constance Heiss** (SOC: Journ.), "The Equal Rights Amendment Teaching Supplement"  
*Advisors: Prof. Sarah Menke-Fish and Prof. Karen O'Connor*

**Jeremy Knobel** (SPA: CLEG, Pol. Sci.), "The Factors and Fate of Sentencing Guidelines"  
*Advisor: Prof. Brian Schaffner*

**Jessica Krupke** (SPA: Pol. Sci.; SOC: Pub. Comm.; Minor: Germ. Lang. & Area St.), "2008 Presidential Candidates in the Print Media: A Content Analysis Study of Traditional versus Non-Traditional Candidates in Major U.S. Newspapers"  
*Advisor: Prof. Maria Ivancin*

**Meghan Mahoney** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Econ.), "Sanctioning The Sandinistas: An Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy towards Nicaragua during the Sandinista Period"

*Advisor: Prof. Phillip Brenner*

**Theresa Miller** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Span. St.), "Our Land, Our Life, Our People: A Navajo Environmental Justice Movement"

*Advisor: Prof. Robin Broad*

**Rachel Poliquin** (CAS: Bio.), "Population Genetic Analysis of *Ommastrephes bartramii* in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans"

*Advisor: Prof. David Carlini*

**Lauren Reznick** (SPA: Pol. Sci.) , "Reaching The Next Generation: A College Outreach Strategy for The Labor Movement"

*Advisor: Prof. Richard Stack*

**Michelle Risinger** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Hist.), "The Face of Duty: The Significance of The 'Red Cross Girl' in WWI"

*Advisor: Prof. Andrew Lewis*

**David Semadeni** (SIS: Int. St.; Kogod: Bus. Admin.) "Proposal for a Micro-Finance Firm in the Northern Region of Ghana"

*Advisor: Prof. Barbara Bird*

**Samantha Shterengarts** (CAS: Chem.), "The Effects of Hydrophobic And Hydrophilic Additives on Physical and Chemical Properties of Biopolymers"

*Advisor: Prof. Douglas Fox*

**Pooja Virani** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Econ.) "Civil Disobedience in Washington D.C."

*Advisor: Prof. Patrick Jackson*

**Kate Watts** (SPA: Pol. Sci.; CAS: Hist.), "Feminism and Fancy Panties: Women's Underwear and Social History 1945-1975"

*Advisor: Prof. Robert Griffith*

**Amy Weishampel** (CAS: French/Eur. St.), "The Pacte Civil de Solidarite: From Its Inception to The Present"

*Advisor: Prof. Nadia Harris*

**Landon Yoder** (SIS: Int. St.), "The Foreign Policy of Christ: Assessing The Foreign Ministry's Role According to Christ and Professing Christians"

*Advisor: Prof. Joe Eldridge*

## ***SESSION FOUR***

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- 1:45-2 p.m.      **Jennifer Segal** (CAS: Hist.), "Unequal Service: The Women's Army Corps during World War II"  
*Advisor: Prof. Robert Griffith*
- 2-2:15 p.m.      **Stacy Aldinger** (SIS: Int. St.), "Sex and the Masses: A New Framework to Analyze Gender Constructs in Chinese Sex Education"  
*Advisor: Prof. Christine Chin*
- 2:15-2:30 p.m.      **Gregory Rosenberg** (SOC: Journ.), "South American Travel & Discovery"  
*Advisor: Prof. Kelly Joyner*
- 2:30-2:45 p.m.      **Taryn Olsen** (CAS: Psych.), "The Playwright as Psychological Mediator"  
*Advisor: Prof. Caleen Jennings*
- 2:45-3 p.m.      BREAK

## ***SESSION FIVE***

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- 3-3:15 p.m.      **Jason Eisen** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Span./Latin Amer. St.), "The Price of Freedom"  
*Advisor: Prof. Julian Bond*
- 3:15-3:30 p.m.      **Katherine Meck** (SIS: Int. St.; Minors: Spanish/Latin Am. St., Econ.), "Developing A Framework: Microfinance and Gender"  
*Advisor: Prof. Vladimir Kvint*
- 3:30-3:45 p.m.      **Tom Noble** (SPA: Pol. Sci.), "Intelligent Decision-Making: The Senate, National Intelligence, and The Preemptive Authorization for The Use of Force"  
*Advisor: Prof. Susan Hammond and Prof. Maryann Barakso*
- 3:45-4 p.m.      **Lennea Bower** (SIS: Int. St.; CAS: Span. St.), "Latin Jazz: Development and Future"  
*Advisor: Prof. William Smith*
- 4-4:15 p.m.      **Benjamin Meyer** (CAS: Phil.), "The Ethical Queerness of American Addicteterminism"  
*Advisor: Prof. Rom Harre*
- 4:15-4:30 p.m.      **Laurence Gehy** (SIS: Int. St.), "The Role of Religion in The Sri Lankan Conflict"  
*Advisor: Prof. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana*
- 4:30-4:45 p.m.      **Mallika Kasturirangan** (CAS: App. Stat.), "Absorbing Culture: Karnatic Music and An Analysis of The Use of Indian Classical Music Elements in Trance Music"  
*Advisor: Prof. Daniel Abraham*
- 4:45-5 p.m.      Concluding Remarks – Michael Mass