

## 2008 Honors Capstone Conference

April 16, 2008, 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. **Patrick Sullivan** (CAS: Bio.) "Characterizing the Individual and Combined Effect of Rapamycin and MS275 on U266, a Multiple Myeloma Cell Line"  
*Advisor: Prof. Kathleen DeCicco-Skinner*
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. **Stacia Yearwood** (CAS: Lit.) "Salt Water, Roots and Wholeness: the Healing Power of the Written Word"  
*Advisor: Prof. Keith Leonard*
- 9:45-10 a.m. **Nawal Mustafa** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Religious Nationalism in Lebanon: A Comparison of Constructivist and Instrumentalist Views on Identity-Formation and Expression"  
*Advisor: Prof. Carole O'Leary*
- 10-10:15 a.m. **Yutaro Yasui** (SIS: Intl. Studies & CAS: Econ.) "The Economic Cost of Exploiting Coal in China: Converting to Clean Coal Energy"  
*Advisors: Prof. Mary Hansen & Prof. Quansheng Zhao*
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. \* **Stephanie Laporte** (SIS: Intl. Studies & CAS: Env. Studies) "Wonder Bread: The Rise and Fall of an Iconic American Food"  
*Advisor: Prof. Kelly Feltaut*
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK

### **SESSION TWO**

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- 10:45-11 a.m. **Carla Weaver** (SIS: Intl. Studies & French Studies) "Redefining Policy: The Effect of External Organizations on the Approach to Gender-Motivated Crimes within the Asylum System"  
*Advisor: Prof. Eileen Findlay*
- 11-11:15 a.m. **Patricia McClory** (CAS: Bio.) "Co-Expression of PDI and P. Falciparum AMA1 Vaccine Candidate in Pichia Pastoris"  
*Advisor: Prof. Kathleen DeCicco-Skinner*
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. \* **Maragaret A. Pangrazio** (SOC: Vis. Med. & CAS: Mus. Theatre) "An American in New York"  
*Advisor: Prof. Karl Kippola*
- 11:30-11:45 a.m. \* **Amy A. Teachout** (SPA: Pol. Sci.) "Egiziani-Italiani: Balancing Two Identities (Ethnographic Research in Milan, Italy: Clash and Cultural Pluralism)"

*Advisor: Prof. David Vine*

11:45 a.m.-noon

**Sarah Simpson** (SIS: Intl. Studies & CAS: Hist.) "Images and Ecology: An Investigation into the Emergence of Conservation Movements in the Scottish Highlands"

*Advisor: Prof. Katharine Norris*

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

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Noon-1:30 p.m.

**Justin Angotti** (SPA: CLEG & Pol. Sci.) "State Fragmentation Theory: An Analysis of Interest Group Litigation Across the Fifty States"

*Advisors: Prof. Gregg Ivers & Prof. Maryann Barakso*

**Sabrina Bahir** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Torture in the Name of National Security: Isolated Incidents or State Policy?"

*Advisor: Prof. Julie Mertus*

**\* Jessica Bautista** (SOC: Vis. Med.) "Time Lapse"

*Advisors: Prof. Leena Jayaswal, Prof. Richard Stack & Prof. Maggie Stogner*

**Ruth Burley** (CAS: Bio.) "Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein Expression in Hyperglycemic Zebrafish, *Danio Rerio*"

*Advisor: Prof. Lynne Arneson*

**Robert Famigletti** (SPA: Law & Soc.) "To Inject or Not to Inject: Is That Really the Question? : A Comprehensive Analysis of *Baze v. Rees* and Its Implications for the Future of Lethal Injection"

*Advisor: Prof. Rainey Ransom*

**Pamela Fernandez** (SOC: Vis. Med.) "No Mas!"

*Advisor: Prof. Leena Jayaswal*

**Cathleen Ford** (CAS: Psych. & SPA: Law & Soc.) "The Effects of a Change in Perception of Physical Fitness Level on State Self-Esteem and Body Image"

*Advisor: Prof. David Haaga*

**Elyse Franko-Filipasic** (SOC: For. Lang. & Comm. Med.) "Through Censors and Suspicion: Foreign Correspondence in Moscow as a Model for Reporting in Hostile Environments"

*Advisor: Prof. W. Joseph Campbell*

**\* Joshua Garvin** (SOC: Vis. Med. & CAS: Phil.) "Plato's Republic"

*Advisors: Prof. Maggie Stogner, Prof. Leena Jayaswal & Prof. Andrea Tschemplik*

**Matt Kent** (SPA: Pol. Sci.) "A Politician's Guide to Facebook: How to Win with the New Media"

*Advisor: Prof. Carol Whitney*

**Jill Mogensen** (KSB: Bus. Admin.) "Delta Northwest Merger"

*Advisor: Prof. Richard Linowes*

**Kate Naseef** (SOC: Journ. & SPA: Pol. Sci.) "The Next Step in Interactive News: Social Networking and User-Generated Content (Case Study, *The American University Eagle*)"

*Advisor: Prof. Amy Eisman*

\* **Emily Noll** (CAS: Anthro.) "An Institutional Stopgap: The Role of Visitors' Services Center Inside the DC Jail"

*Advisor: Prof. David Vine*

**Lindsey Nugent** (CAS: Bio.) "Fluctuating Asymmetry and Human Attractiveness"

*Advisor: Prof. Cathy Schaeff*

\* **John O'Trakoun** (SIS: Intl. Studies & CAS: Stat.) "China's Christians: The Vanguard of Democratic Reform?"

*Advisor: Prof. Jun Lu*

**Katie Rotella** (CAS: Psych.) "Psychological Distance, Negative In-Group Stereotyping and System Justification in Women"

*Advisors: Prof. Kate Gunthert & Prof. Clara Cheng*

**Rachel Schaengold** (CAS: Grap. Design) "2008 Election Primary Explained Visually"

*Advisors: Prof. Chemi Montes-Armenteros & Prof. Linsey Silver*

\* **Sara Scott** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Geographic Indications: Translating Terroir into Aged American Cheeses"

*Advisor: Prof. Kelly Feltault*

**Beth Soderberg** (CAS: Psych. & Women's and Gender Studies) "Beautiful: Brides and the Industry that Makes Them"

*Advisor: Prof. Eileen Findlay*

**Jennifer Taber** (CAS: Psych.) "Influence of Peer Status on HPV Information Communication"

*Advisor: Prof. Kathleen Gunthert*

**John Tylwalk** (CAS: Comp. Sci.) "Smoke, Blood, and Fire: Modeling Fuzzy Objects Using Particle Systems and Real Time Physics"

*Advisor: Prof. Michael Black*

**SESSION  
FOUR**

1:45-2 p.m.

**Madison Iannone** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Investing in Individuals: A Dualistic Approach to Development"

*Advisor: Prof. Nanette Levinson*

