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History
The first annual SIS Undergraduate Research Symposium took place in 1998 to provide a forum for undergraduates to present outstanding research. Now in its sixteenth year, the symposium continues to highlight exceptional undergraduate research projects covering an array of important international issues. By offering students an opportunity to discuss and further develop their undergraduate research, the symposium helps to celebrate our diverse interests as students and build a community of scholars who exemplify the commitment to academic excellence and global service—the core tenets of the School of International Service.

The 16th Annual SIS Undergraduate Research Symposium

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
3:00 – 9:00 pm
Abramson Family Founders Room
Welcome by Nathan Thompson, Student Coordinator
Remarks by Dean James Goldgeier and Associate Dean Patrick Jackson

Opening Remarks & Welcome: 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Research Poster Session 1: 3:00 - 3:45 pm, Atrium

• Yuliya Khromyak, Gender Parity in Education and Availability of Contraception: The Road to Economic Development
• Shelby Allinder, Albania's American Devotion
• Anthony Cassillo, Wasted Time: How Primary Education in North Korea Impeded Economic Growth
• Adam T. Cook, Intent to Harm: Factors Impacting Target Selection By African Islamist Militant Groups
• Jeannette Bonifaz, Democracy Under Morales: New Citizenship and Post-liberalism
• Rolando Cuevas, Caroline Gomez, Lisa Luzmeya, and Miyako Takashima, Soaring Eagle and Hidden Dragon: A Comparative Study of Developmental Aid in Latin America from the US and China
• Kelsey Lee and Sau Lim, ASEAN and Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia

Panel Session 1: Transnational Crime & International Security: 3:30 - 4:45 pm

• Panel Chair: Tom Long
• Panel Discussant: Edward Lucas

• Nicholas Taber, Commercial Interests, Political Influence, and the Arms Trade
• Alexander Alba, The Chinese Dragon's Achilles' Heel
• Allison Blauvelt, Art Crime in the European Union: Systemic Structural Analysis and Review of Relevant Legislation
• Michelle Tham, Middle Class Growth and the Level of Activism in China: A Regional Level Approach

Research Poster Session 2: 4:30 - 5:15 pm, Atrium

• The list of poster presenters for both sessions appears above

Panel Session 2: International Finance & Development: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

• Panel Chair: Professor Arturo Porzecanski
• Panel Discussant: Michael Stanaitis

• Randi Saunders, It Takes Two to Tango: Addressing the Gender Gap and HIV Prevention Programs in Nairobi, Kenya
• Megan Lowry, Mobile Money and the Unbanked: Risk, Reward, and Branchless Banking in Afghanistan
• Canyon Bosler, Access to Credit and Migration in Uganda: Complements or Substitutes?
• Mary Aabye, Factors Affecting Mobile Banking Technology Use

Panel Session 3: Activism & Movements in the Social Sphere: 6:45 - 8:15 pm

• Panel Chair: Professor Rosemary Schinko
• Panel Discussant: Daniel Dye

• Lauren Bosma, The Effect of Indigenous and Elite Interaction on Social Movement Formation
• Oren Rabinowitz, When Do Countries Change? Explaining Foreign Policy Change after Successful Social Revolution
• Minjun Chen, Implications of Gangnam Style for Strengthening a Pan-Asian Community in the United States and Promoting East Asian Reconciliation
• Andrew Menefee, The Political Economy of Race: Comparing the Deep South United States and the Northeast of Brazil, 1870-1940

Presentation of Research Prizes, Closing Remarks & Reception: 8:15 - 9:00 pm

• Please join us in the Abramson Family Founders Room for refreshments after the third panel has concluded.
• Presentation of research prizes by Nathan A. Thompson and Jared P. Hutchins, Student Coordinators, approximately 8:30 pm.
• Closing Remarks by Professor Aaron Boesenecker.

Graduate student and faculty judges. Thank you!

• Professor Aaron Boesenecker
• Professor David Bosco
• Professor Brian Cramer
• Davina Durgana
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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in the Abramson Family Founders Room.