



**First Annual SPA Undergraduate Research Symposium
April 24, 2009, 4:30 PM, Ward Circle Building**

CONGRESS AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION – WARD 203			
Moderator: Linda Patterson; Judges: Carmen Apaza, Barbara Palmer, and Jill Rickershauser			
	Title of Presentation	Student	Faculty Sponsor
4:30 – 5:30	Peter Brown for Houston: Applied Politics at American University	Jenna Bramble Voltaire Cortez Erika Langhart Michael Schapiro Carl Seip Chris Stelmarski	Candice Nelson
	Enclave Deliberation and Political Tolerance	John Danise	Traci Nelson
	Framing Legislation Using Short Titles in the House of Representatives	Tom Anderson	Christine DeGregorio
	Nation Building in Failed States in the Name of National Security	Perry Blatstein	Susan Glover
BREAK 5:30- 5:45			
5:45 – 6:45	No Reason for Cohesion? Political Participation and Community Organizing Among Indian-Americans	Joy Swain	Denise Baer
	How to Survive a Political Sex Scandal	Ryan Korn	Christine DeGregorio
	Comparing Republicans' 100 Days of 109th and 111th Congress	Edward Levandoski*	Joumana Moukarim
	The American Government: Representative or Not?	Kaitlyn Ewing*	Julia Piscitelli

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTHCARE – WARD 205			
Moderator: Laura Langbein; Judges: Derry Allen, Alison Jackowitz, and Steve Taylor			
	Title of Presentation	Student	Faculty Sponsor
4:30 – 5:30	Revisiting Education State Aid Targeting Practices	Bill DeBaun	Laura Langbein
	But I Am Not a Leader: Constraints on Underrepresented College Students' Leadership	Jenna Sablan	Gregg Ivers
	Why NOT Plagiarize? A Study of Behavioral Controls in College Students	Josh Hattem	Lynn Addington
	Death Penalty Literacy: Teaching D.C. High School Students About Capital Punishment	Molly Kenney Amanda Fulton	Rob Johnson
BREAK 5:30 - 5:45			
5:45 – 6:30	Predicting the Potential for National Health Care Reform in an Obama Administration: A Look Back on the Lessons of the Clinton Era	Meredith Hughes	Sonja Walti
	State-Level Renewable Energy Policy: A South Dakota Case Study	Carrie Johnson	Tom Williams
	Uncertain Environments and the Evolution of Organization for Disaster Management	Cristen Oehrig	Beryl Radin

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JUSTICE AND CIVIL SOCIETY – WARD 301			
Moderator: Christiaan DeWaal; Judges: Chana Barron, Peter Brusoe, and Bill Davies			
	Title of Presentation	Student	Faculty Sponsor
4:30 – 5:30	The New Kingdom: An Exploration of the Philosophical and Socio-Political Forces Acting on the Fictional Kingdom of Penjuste	Stephanie McDaniel	Alan Levine
	The Founding Fathers and Religion	Lana Knox	Julia Piscitelli
	The American Revolution as a Maoist People’s War	Michael Weiss	Christopher Sands
	Internet News Consumption and Social Capital	Nicole Bazik	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
BREAK 5:30- 5:45			
5:45 – 6:30	Motor Living Wills	Jacquelyn Suarez	Jeffrey Schaler
	The Federal Wage Gap through the Lens of Multiracial Feminism	Calina Ellwand	Julia Piscitelli
	The Political Instability of Paraguay	Arielle Haller-Silverstone*	Julia Piscitelli

POSTERS – WARD 2ND FLOOR			
Judges: Lynn Addington, Sarah Fischer, and Beryl Radin			
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4:30 – 6:30	Lethal Rejection: Fiction Writing as an Invaluable Window into the World of Crime	Sonia Tabriz	Robert Johnson
	Social Attitudes and Punitiveness	Sam Dunn	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	Christian Identification and Its Effect on Environmental Conservation	Colin Boese Meddings*	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	Cuban Americans and Liberal Social Values	Rob Lord*	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	The Impact of Chronic Illness on Opinions towards Universal Health Care	Kelsey Stefanik-Sidener*	Traci Nelson
	Variance in the Cigarette Tax Among States	Ryan Skukowski*	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	Levels of Co-curricular Engagement Across College Campuses	Lauren Hardgrove	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	The Influence of Foreign Aid on Latin America	Dan Saavedra*	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers
	Presidential Approval in Relation to Voter Turnout	Lizzie De Santis*	Kimberly Cowell-Meyers

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**Reception at 6:30 to follow
presentations on Ward 2nd Floor
All are welcome!**