2010 Honors Capstone Research Conference

April 14, 2010, 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

9:15-9:30 a.m. **Leah Pope** (CAS: Theatre & Lit.) "Dramaturgy: *The House of Bernarda Alba*"
Advisor: Prof. Cara Gabriel

9:30-9:45 a.m. **Michelle Holleran** (KSB: Bus. Admin. & SIS: Intl. Studies) "Sustainable Safe Drinking Water: Business Analysis and Local Sustainability"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Linowes

9:45-10 a.m. **April Saylor** (SOC: Public Comm.) "A Strategic Communications Plan for Roxanne Conlin, Candidate for U.S. Senate"
Advisor: Prof. Dotty Lynch

10-10:15 a.m. **Morgan Halvorsen** (SOC: Journ.) "'Keep Going:' An Honors Capstone Project"
Advisors: Prof. Javier Rivera & Prof. Cara Gabriel

10:15-10:30 a.m. *** Leah Chavla** (SIS: Intl. Studies) and **Kaitlan Peterson** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Hispanohablantes' Perceptions of Muslims and Islam"
Advisor: Prof. Diana Marinova

10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK

SESSION TWO

10:45-11 a.m. *** Heather Bauer** (CAS: Psych.) "Everybody is SomeBODY: How Evaluating Your Body Affects Your Evaluation of Others' Bodies"
Advisor: Prof. Kathleen Gunthert

11-11:15 a.m. **Tim Moore** (CAS: History) "The Disneyfication of Stone Mountain: A Park's Response to Its Visitors"
Advisor: Prof. Robert Griffith

11:15-11:30 a.m. *** Greta Wicklund** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Parenting and Politics from El Salvador: Empowered Belonging in the United States"
Advisor: Prof. Linda Lubrano

11:30-11:45 a.m. **Evelyn Fisher** (CAS: Psych.) "Autism in Literature: The Negotiation between Syndrome and 'Silent Wisdom'"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Sha

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

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Amanda Augustine (KSB: Bus., Lang. & Culture.) "Changing the Global Marketplace through Chai: The Expansion of Tata Tea Limited"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Linowes

Nicole Bazik (SPA: Pol. Sci. & CAS: Psych.) "Gender Role Attitudes in Youth"
Advisor: Prof. Noemi Enchautegui de Jesus

*** Sarah Brown** (CAS: Wom. & Gend. Studies & SIS: Intl. Studies) "African Women's Movements: Toward a Feminist Conception of Security, Citizenship, and Nationhood"
Advisors: Prof. Susan Shepler & Prof. Gay Young

Jennifer Bryer (KSB: Bus. Admin. & SPA: Law & Soc.) "Amazon E-book Rental Service"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Linowes

*** Laura Busche** (KSB: Bus. Admin.) "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue: The New Creative Agency"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Linowes

*** Shea Cadrin** (CAS: Graph. Design) "Live Simply Campaign"
Advisor: Prof. Chemi Montes

*** Han Chen** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "How Rural Tourism Becomes a Good Development Strategy for Inland China: A Guide to Sustainable Tourism for Tourists and Tourism Agencies"
Advisor: Prof. Judith Shapiro

Meghan Finney (CAS: Psych. & Phil.) "Religiosity, Spirituality and Ideas about Suicide"
Advisor: Prof. James Gray

Yelena Galperina (SIS: Intl. Studies & CAS: Art Hist.) "Nations and Art: Shaping of Art in Communist Regimes"
Advisor: Prof. Patrick Thaddeus Jackson

Robert Green (CAS: Comp. Sci. & Applied Math.) "X86 Process Simulator for Mobile Phone"
Advisor: Prof. Michael Black

Meredith Jachowicz(CAS: Sociology) "Courage, Charm and Compassion: Gender Roles in Newbery Medal Winning Books"
Advisor: Prof. Andrea Brenner

Emma Kerr (SOC: Journ.) "Plants or People? The Challenges of Tackling Environmental Issues in Developing Countries"
Advisor: Prof. Maggie Stogner

*** Ryan Korn** (SPA: Pol. Sci. & CLEG) "The Democracy Game: A U.S. Presidential Elections Board Game and Applied Literature Review"
Advisors: Prof. Benjamin Jensen & Prof. Peter Brusoe

Natalie Matthews (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Impact of the Internet and Political Development in China"
Advisor: Prof. Pek Koon Heng Blackburn

Kate Pinkerton (CAS: Env.Studies) "Status of Seagrasses as Indicators of Nutrient Pollution in Guam"
Advisor: Prof. Kiho Kim

*** Molly Sauer** (SOC: Pub. Comm. & CAS: History) "Health Communication for HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis in South Africa"
Advisor: Prof. Lauren Feldman

Sonia Tabriz (SPA: Law & Soc. & CAS: Psych.) "Life Without Parole: Living and Dying in Prison Today"
Advisor: Prof. Robert Johnson

Jenelle Thomas (SIS: Lang. & Area Studies: Fr./Eur. & Lang. & Area Studies: Span./Latin Amer.) "That Ain't Right!: Language Standardization and Prescription in French, Spanish, and English"
Advisor: Prof. Jeff Killman

Jon Weakley (SPA: Pol. Sci.) "The Feminine Touch: Examining the Relationship between Proportions of Women in Canadian Parliament and Constituents' Confidence in Government"
Advisors: Prof. Karen O'Connor & Kimberly Cowell-Meyers

Peggy Wu (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Ming Bai: Say Bye to Confusion, Ni Hao to Understanding"
Advisor: Prof. Kylos Brannon

SESSION FOUR

1:45-2 p.m. **Alexander Priest** (SOC: Pub. Comm. & KSB: Bus. Admin.) "The Social Media Revolution: How New Networks for Conversation Are Changing the World"
Advisor: Prof. Rodger Streitmatter

2-2:15 p.m. **Alyssa Christenson** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "The Exploitation of Women and Girls by U.N. Peacekeepers"
Advisor: Prof. Vidya Samarasingh

2:15-2:30 p.m. **Stephen Tringali** (SOC: Vis. Media) "Music Video Production"
Advisor: Prof. Kyle Brannon

2:30-2:45 p.m. **Aaron Montenegro** (CAS: Phil.) "Re-Thinking Diversity and Multiculturalism at American University"
Advisor: Prof. Bette Dickerson

2:45-3 p.m. BREAK

SESSION FIVE

3-3:15 p.m. **Aaron Barnardluce** (SPA: Pol. Sci.) "Opting in or Staying Out: Comparative Institutionalization of Regime Opposition Groups and Its Effects on Mobilization Strategies"
Advisor: Prof. Todd Eisenstadt

3:15-3:30 p.m. *** William Flynn** (CAS: Physics & Math.) "Effective 4- and Higher-Body Interactions of Neutral Bosons in Optical Lattices"
Advisor: Prof. Philip Johnson

3:30-3:45 p.m. **Michael Ginsberg** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Political Engagement and the Chemical Warfare Clean Up at American University"
Advisor: Prof. Paul Wapner

3:45-4 p.m.	**Michael Levy** (CAS: Econ.) "The Effects of Microfinance on Women's Empowerment in Zimbabwe" *Advisor: Prof. Caren Grown*
4-4:15 p.m.	**Abigail LaBella** (CAS: Bio.) "Allometry and Insulin: The Insulin Receptor Pathway and Its Contribution to the Development of Allometry in Beetles" *Advisor: Prof. David Angelini*
4:15-4:30 p.m.	*** Trent Buatte** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "Space, Race, and the City: How Marseille Survived the 2005 French Riots" *Advisor: Prof. Cathy Schneider*
4:30-4:45 p.m.	*** Rachel Cannon** (SIS: Intl. Studies) "In Defense of Heritage Tourism" *Advisor: Prof. Naomi Baron*
4:45-5 p.m.	Concluding Remarks – Prof. Michael Mass

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