

**Session VII: Framing the Problem of Hunger: Barriers & Opportunities to Improve SNAP: A Community-Based Research Project 2:30-3:45 pm Kerwin 301**

Samuel Smith & Steven Weiman  
*Standard Medical Deductions*

Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Graddy-Lovelace

Maria Esposito, Katherine Olsson, & Evan Gertler  
*General data collection of SNAP*

Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Graddy-Lovelace

Jared Bedell, Mary Jane Builes, Megan Ross, Caroline Kish, & Michaila Peters  
*The Elderly Simplified Application*

Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Graddy-Lovelace

**Closing Remarks & Awards 3:45 pm-4 pm Kerwin 301**

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, Saul Newman

*Thank you to our faculty judges:*

*Korneliya Bachiyska, Karen Baehler, Brad Bartholomew, Bill Davies, Carla Flink, Harry Grundy, Sarah Houser, Jocelyn Johnston, Douglas Klusmeyer, Thomas Merrill, Candy Nelson, Saul Newman, James Quirk, Erdal Tekin*



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# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

*Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*9:30am – 4pm*

*Check in at 9am*

**Kerwin Hall 301**

**Opening Remarks & Welcome 9:30 am – 9:45 am Kerwin 301**

Dean of the School of Public Affairs, Vicky Wilkins

**Session I: Policy & Inclusion 9:45-11:00 am Kerwin 301**

Maura Fennelly Faculty Sponsor: Prof. K. Cowell-Meyers & Prof. S. Houser  
*Urban Park Paths and Their Impact on Community: A Study of Washington DC's 11th Street Bridge Park Research Proposal*

Owain James Faculty Sponsor: Profs. J. Johnson & K. Cowell-Meyers  
*Creating Regional Transportation Systems Through Referendums*

Brandan Persaud Faculty Sponsor: Profs. J. Palmer & J. Gan  
*Strategies for Inclusive Sex Education for the LGBTQ+ Community*

Gabriela Roca-Fernandez Faculty Sponsor: Profs. K. Cowell-Meyers & E. Hershberg  
*Natural Disasters and Systemic Changes*

Michela Rynczak Faculty Sponsor: Profs. K. Cowell-Meyers & E. Castañeda  
*Building a Bilingual and Bicultural Workforce: The Role of Progressive Immigration Reform in the Latino Classroom*

Giovanna Calderon Faculty Sponsor: Prof. C. Griggs  
*The District Against Homelessness (TDHA)*

**Session II: Political Theory 9:45-11:00 am Kerwin 300**

Alexander Chuchin Faculty Sponsor: Prof. A. Levine  
*Stirred by the Revolution: The Absence of German Political Philosophy on America*

Lise Moutier Faculty Sponsor: Prof. A. Levine  
*French Post-War Philosophers on America - Tales of Ambivalent Fascinations and Passionate Anti-Americanism*

**Session III: International Organizations 9:45-11:00 am Kerwin 311**

Morgan Harris Faculty Sponsor: Profs. K. Cowell-Meyers & B. Davies  
*An Examination of the European Union's Use of Lawfare Since 2001*

Alex Psilakis Faculty Sponsor: Profs. K. Cowell-Meyers, M. Egan, & G. Martin  
*Confronting A False Hope: The Rise of Illiberal Democracy in Central-Eastern Europe*

**Session IV: Political Conflict 11:20 am-12:35 pm Kerwin 300**

Lauren Beeslee Faculty Sponsor: Prof. K. Cowell-Meyers & Prof. S. Glover  
*Women's Economic Empowerment and Political Participation: The Case of Post-Conflict West Africa*

Thomas Fisher Faculty Sponsor: Profs. K. Cowell-Meyers & C. Edelson  
*The President and the Big Red Button*

Aaron Torop Faculty Sponsor: Prof. K. Cowell-Meyers & Prof. E. Suhay  
*Religious or Not, Here They Come: Evangelical Identity and the Culture War in the 2016 US Presidential Election*

Kira Zimmerman Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Douglas Klusmeyer  
*The Lieber Code and a Forgotten Population: Native American Treatment in Codes of Combat*

James Zanghi Faculty Sponsor: Prof. C. Griggs  
*The mental health of veterans and their reintegration in society*

**Session V: Policing & the Justice System 12:55-2:10 pm Kerwin 300**

Crystal Assenmacher & Ellen Dunlavey Faculty Sponsor: Prof. R. T. Moore  
*Police Performance, Effectiveness, and Impact: An Analysis of People's Perceptions in Washington, D.C.'s 2017 Public Safety Survey*

Kyra Paul-Fowler Faculty Sponsor: Prof. K. Cowell-Meyers & Prof. R. Johnson  
*Trapped in Punitive Patterns? Understanding State Differences in Juvenile Transfer Rates*

**Session VI: Increasing Access to Healthy Food for Low-Income Teens in DC: A Community-Based Research Project 12:55-2:10 pm Kerwin 301**

Kathleen Hoffkins, Sophia Ramcharitar, Jordan Bell & Jennifer Fei Faculty Sponsor: Jane Palmer  
*Survey Results*

Laura Toner, Harrison Eichelberger, & Randhika Aturaliya Faculty Sponsor: Jane Palmer  
*YouthBuild Focus Group Results*

Kefai Debebe & Kelly McDonnell Faculty Sponsor: Jane Palmer  
*LAYCCA Focus Group Results*

Erica Cirineo & Deepshika Muruganathan Faculty Sponsor: Jane Palmer  
*LAYC Teen Center Focus Group Results*