UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

2011 Honors Capstone Research Conference

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Schedule

Opening Remarks Prof. Michael Mass, Director, University Honors Program
Dr. Paula McCabe, Associate Director, University Honors Program

Session One ***9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Oral Presentation***

Kaitlin Carpenter (SOC: Public Communication) "Should We Tweet the Future? Research and Stories on Social Media"
Advisor: SOC Prof. Scott Talan

***Kurt Karandy** (CAS: History) "The Souls of White Folk: The Social Gospel and Jim Crow in Washington, D.C., 1880-1920"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Kimberly Sims

***Jennifer Knauss** (CAS: Biology) "The Influence of bantam microRNA on the Evolution of Size"
Advisor: CAS Prof. David Angelini

***Sarah Jade Caffey** (CAS: Anthropology) "Killer Couture: Plus-Size Fashion as Art and Social Justice"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Patrick Jackson

Chris Lewis (CAS: Economics) "Talk about Disaster: Everyday Life in Detroit"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Celine-Marie Pascale

Break ***10:30 – 10:45 a.m.***

Session Two ***10:45 a.m. – 12 noon Oral Presentation***

***Alyssa Frederick** (CAS: Marine Biology) "Quantifying Mutualism in Tropical Reef Corals"
Advisors: CAS Profs. Kiho Kim, Christopher Tudge

◊ **Erin Lockwood** (SIS: International Studies, CAS: Economics) "Pirates and the State: How Historical Representations of Piracy Inform Contemporary Responses"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Patrick Jackson

Steven Haber (SPA: Political Science) "The 2010 Senate Elections in 140 Characters or Less"
Advisors: SPA Profs. Christine DeGregorio, Kimberly Cowell-Meyers

Shelby Legel (CAS: Sociology) "Counseling Children of Incarcerated Parents"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Andrea Brenner

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Cassandra Ake (SIS: International Studies) "I Exist: Obstacles and Opportunities for Middle Eastern GLBT Organizing"
Advisor: SPA Prof. Diane Singerman

Session Three ***12 noon – 1:30 p.m. Poster Session***

Ceci Alvarez (Kogod: International Business) "A Company Analysis of Alvaco Networks, Assessment of Current Marketing Strategy and Detailed Recommendation to Grow the Business"
Advisor: KSB Prof. Richard Linowes

Christina Bartol (SIS: International Studies) "The Arctic Ocean as a Marine Protected Area: A Policy Paper to the Five Arctic Nations"
Advisor: SIS Prof. David Martin-McCormick

***Sophie Cassell** (CAS: Psychology) "Differences in Individuality and Identity: Differentiation Between Fraternal and Identical Same-Sex Twins"
Advisor: CAS Prof. James Gray

***Ishani Desai** (SIS: International Studies, CAS: Economics) "The Impact of Microloans on Women's Decision-Making Power in India"
Advisors: CAS Prof. Mary Hansen, SIS Prof. Nanette Levinson

***Mary Jane Egan** (SPA: Political Science, CLEG) "'No Coat Hangers in Iraq': Abortion and the War on Terror"
Advisors: SPA Profs. Jessica Waters, Kimberly Cowell-Meyers

Brian Goodrich (SIS: International Studies, CAS: Political Science)
"Economic Integration in the Western Hemisphere: Trends and Conditions Fostering Interstate Cooperation"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Elizabeth Cohn

Katlin Karges (SPA: Law and Society) "Sexual Assault Policies of DC Universities: Comparison and Reform"
Advisor: SPA Prof. Jessica Waters

Ji Won Kwon (SIS: International Relations) "The Impact of Organic Agriculture on Poverty Reduction"
Advisor: KSB Prof. Nancy Sachs

Jacqueline Lacroix (SIS: International Studies) "Creative Alternatives to Western Styles of Conflict Resolution: The Potential of West African Dance"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Reina Neufeldt

***Sarah Leister** (SIS: Language and Area Studies: Spanish and Latin America)
"In Pursuit of Liberation: Religion and Resistance in Post-Coup Honduras"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Adrienne Pine

Amanda Merkwae (SPA: Law and Society) "Sex, Lies and the Small Screen: Television as a Sex Educator"
Advisor: SPA Prof. Jessica Waters

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◊***Emily Pfefer** (SPA: Political Science, CLEG) "The Swedish Dual Earner/Dual Caregiver Model: Gift of the Social Democratic Platform or Reward to a Motivated Women's Movement?"
Advisors: CAS Prof. Mieke Meurs, SPA Prof. Kimberly Cowell-Meyers

***Emily Reid** (CAS: Studio Art) "Because What is a Woman without One?"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Andy Holtin

Cassandra Ricketts (CAS: Biochemistry) "Aspartate Aminotransferase Substrate Specificity Alteration"
Advisor: CAS Kathryn Muratore

Irena Schneider (SIS: Russian Language and Area Studies) "Governed by Bandits: The Evolution of Social Order through Violent Entrepreneurship in Post-Soviet Russia"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Linda Lubrano

Sasha Scott (SIS: International Studies) "Commodification of Otherness in Fair Trade Marketing"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Celine-Marie Pascale

***Leah Simoncelli** (SOC: Public Communication and Spanish) "Do Your Service Day"
Advisors: SOC Prof. Sarah Menke-Fish, American University Director of Community & Local Government Relations Penny Pagano

Rachel Strohman (CAS: Literature) "Literature in the Language of Life: The Importance of Writing in Colloquial Moroccan Arabic"
Advisors: CAS Profs. Anita Sherman, Roberta Rubenstein

Elizabeth Tseng (SIS: International Studies) "China's New Consumer Class: Environmental Implications and International Significance"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Judith Shapiro

Joanna Van Asselt (SIS: International Studies) "Community Employment: A Study of Peruvian Domestic Workers and Their Labor Opportunities in Santiago, Chile"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Peter Redvers-Lee

Session Four ***1:45 – 3 p.m.*** ***Oral Presentation***

***Kate Lindsey** (CAS: French Studies) "The Fatal Loss of Prestige in the Picard, Tamazight and Chuvash Languages"
Advisors: CAS Profs. Nadia Harris, George Berg, Galina Buchina

Elizabeth Kerby (CAS: Health Promotion) "Belly Dance for Health"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Anastasia Snelling

***Leah Pope** (CAS: Literature) "Historical Readings of Ambition in Beowulf and Macbeth"
Advisors: CAS Profs. Jonathan Loesberg. Mary Frances Giandrea

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Quinn Pregliasco (SIS: International Studies, SPA: Political Science) "An Analysis of the Secondary Outcomes of Federal Housing Assistance"
Advisors: SPA Profs. Kimberly Cowell-Meyers, Alison Jacknowitz

***David Menasche** (CAS: Physics, Mathematics and Economics)
"Creating New Quantum Superpositions: The Role of Mutually Attractive Interactions between Atoms"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Philip Johnson

Break ***3 – 3:15 p.m.***

Session Five ***3:30 – 4:45 p.m.*** ***Oral Presentation***

Jieun Lee (CAS: Biochemistry) "POSS Modified Cellulose for Reduced Polymer Flammability"
Advisor: CAS Prof. Douglas Fox

***Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons** (SIS: International Studies)
"Constructing the Right to Truth"
Advisor: SIS Prof. Susan Benesch

Shirin Karimi (CAS: Literature) "Giving Voice Where There Is None: How Original Poetry Breaks Down the Enclosures of Hospitals and Prisons"
Advisor: SPA Prof. Robert Johnson

♦**Kelsey Stefanik-Sidener** (SPA: Political Science) "Nature, Nurture or that Fast Food Hamburger: Media Framing of Diabetes in the *New York Times* from 2000 to 2010"
Advisor: SOC Prof. Lauren Feldman

Kaitlyn Coogan (SIS: International Studies) "Community Schools in Rural Egypt: Hardly Ancient, Highly Innovative"
Advisor: SPA Prof. Diane Singerman

Closing Remarks Prof. Michael Mass, Director, University Honors Program

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