The College of Arts & Sciences' SPRING 2022 HONORS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:30–2:00 PM
Sargent Hall Function Room & Blue Sky Lounge

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HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Jenna Agnone, "Targeting Behaviors Related to Light Pollution and Electric Consumption Through Intervention"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Dinmukhamed Alchinbayev, "When do economic sanctions work?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Alison Kelly
Major: Economics

Jonah Andersen, "Worlds Apart: How World Cultures Inform Videogames"
Project Supervisors: Professor Micky Lee and Professor Barbara Abrams
Major: Global Cultural Studies

Kasey Armstrong, "Federal Marijuana Legislation Reform and Decriminalization"
Project Supervisor: Professor Rachael Cobb
Major: Government

Isabel Baynum, "Analysis on Constitutional Protections and Terrorism as related to Miranda Rights"
Project Supervisor: Professor Steven Ultrino
Major: Political Science

Madison Bearden, "The Effects of Social Media on Adolescents' Body Image and Mental Health"
Project Supervisor: Professor Yvonne Wells
Major: Psychology

Project Supervisor: Professor Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch
Major: Government

Hunter Berube, "Of Irish Filmmakers: Analysis & Commentary"
Project Supervisor: Professor Quentin Miller
Major: Broadcast Journalism

Sarah Bishop, "The Importance of Empathy: Let's Talk About Climate Change"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Majors: Psychology and English

HONORS JUNIOR PROJECTS

Olivia Cattan, "The Impact of Thurgood Marshall: Through the Eyes of the Media"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Political Science
Course: POLS-H348-A: Honors Supreme Court Seminar

Aurora Cumani, "The New Scalia"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law
Course: POLS-H348-A: Honors Supreme Court Seminar

Katherine Donohue, "Liberty and Justice for All: The Unconventional Methods Earl Warren Used to Make Groundbreaking Change"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law
Course: POLS-H348-A: Honors Supreme Court Seminar

Ariella McCormick, "The Impact and Legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law
Course: POLS-H348-A: Honors Supreme Court Seminar
**HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS**

**Han Tran**, "The Discovery of Potential Therapeutic Iron Chelators in Treating Parkinson's Disease"
Project Supervisor: Professor Rachael Kipp
Major: Biochemistry

**Vivian Tran**, "Child Marriages Through The Legal Lens"
Project Supervisor: Professor Mary Flaherty
Major: Law

**Kendyl Trott**, "Managing the Unmanageable"
Project Supervisor: Professor Heather Stern
Major: Theatre

**Sayler Tyson**, "Reproductive Health Education and Intervention Programs in Mexico"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Media & Film

**Tatiana Vasquez**, "Analysis of Deep Gray Matter Neural Atrophy in Multiple Sclerosis Patients"
Project Supervisor: Professor Eugenia Gold
Major: Biology

**Lucia Vilches**, "Implementing Spanish Language Learning in American Elementary Schools"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

**Vanessa Vo**, "Using Proteomics to Identify Potential Biomarkers in IBD"
Project Supervisor: Professor Maghnus O'Seaghdha
Major: Biology

**Cayla Wade**, "Urban Outfitters in the Influencer World: Paid versus Organic Posts on Instagram"
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri
Major: Advertising

**Abigail West**, "PrettyLittleThing: A Case Study of Social Media Influencers, Fast Fashion and Environmental Degradation"
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri
Major: Public Relations

**Portia Brummitt-Vachon**, "Are German Contracts Better?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Mary Flaherty
Major: Law

**Kyle Burzycki**, "All Eyes on Erdoğan: A Case Study On Democratic Erosion in Turkey"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kulich-Vamvakas
Major: International Relations

**Maria Jose Bustamante**, "Teenage Consumer Behavior and its Effects on the Environment"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

**Esmeralda Callejas**, "The effects of social media and technology on social movements"
Project Supervisor: Professor Brian Conley
Major: Political Science

**Adriana Cano**, "Sex and the Climate"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

**Logan Casey**, "An In Depth Look at The Civil Rights Act of 1964"
Major: Political Science

**Michaela Casey**, "Pesticide Use in the U.S."
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

**Mallika Choudhari**, "Rendezvous becomes Home"
Project Supervisor: Professor Laura Shink
Majors: Law and Theater

**Lauren Comeau**, "Why Public Trust in National Television News Media Has Declined from the Year 2000 to Present"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Journalism
Shana Cote, "How is the LitLab helping change the world?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Dan Stefanescu
Major: Computer Science

Conor Creane, "The Kavanaugh Project"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law

Matyas Csiki-Fejer, "Extinction Politics: How Policymaking Frameworks Govern Keystone Species’ Preservation"
Project Supervisor: Professor Lori Mitchener
Majors: Government and Law

Paige D’Ambrosio, "From Concept to Closing - The Ins and Outs of Putting on a Performance"
Project Supervisor: Professor Heather Stern
Major: Theatre

Michelle Davis, "Post Truth Era: The Origins of Facts Versus Feelings in American Media"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Media & Film

Jocelyn De Paz, "Evaluating the Influence of Riboflavin-Producing Bacteria on Women's Health"
Project Supervisor: Professor Maghnus O'Seaghdha
Major: Biology

Kate DiDucca, "Creating a Brand: A Study Into What Goes Swimmingly"
Project Supervisor: Professor Keith Kitz
Major: Graphic Design

Haley Donovan, "The Severe Democratic Backsliding in the Country of Honduras"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kulich-Vamvakas
Major: Political Science

Molly Dowd, "Social Media’s Influence on Hesitancy Toward Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine in the United States with a Specific Focus on English-language Twitter"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Global & Cultural Communication

Sivheng Sok, "Microeconomics: Should We Support It?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Marin Stamer, "Systemic Transportation Intervention within Los Angeles: The Train to Nowhere*
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Madeline St Laurent, "Prime Advertising: The Scope of Self-promoting Actors on Instagram"
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri
Major: Public Relations
Excellence in Honors Departmental Winner, Advertising, Public Relations & Social Media

Ella Sulloway, "A Comparative Analysis of Sexuality Education in the United States and The Netherlands"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Global & Cultural Communication

Amelia Tausek, "How Do Far-Right Ideologies Affect LGBTQ+ Students on College Campuses?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Clare Thomsen, "OnlyFunding: Analyzing Online Sex Work as a Facet of the Gig Economy"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Daniel Thurlow, "The Swing Vote"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law

Hunter Toyoda, "Role of ConE's ATPase Motifs in protein-protein interactions within the conjugation machinery of Bacillus subtilis"
Project Supervisor: Professor Melanie Berkmen
Major: Biochemistry
HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Leah Duperron, "The effects of essential amino acid and micronutrient content on different commercially available dog diets"
Project Supervisor: Professor Carl Merrill
Major: Biology

Dahlia Elamin, "A Walk Through Two Careers"
Project Supervisor: Professor Eric Dewar
Major: Biology

Laura FitzGerald, "Targeting Green"
Project Supervisor: Professor Nichole Vatcher
Major: Psychology

Laurel Frisbee, "Angelica Kauffmann and the Women of the Odyssey"
Project Supervisor: Professor Charles Cramer
Major: Art History

Lauren Frost, "Mechanistic Insight into the Intracellular Trafficking of S. Aureus in Human Oropharyngeal Keratinocytes"
Project Supervisor: Professor Magnus O'Seaghdha
Major: Biology

Excellence in Honors Departmental Winner, Biology
Matthew Gadbois and Skyler Spanbauer, "Going to Class Shapes You More Than Running for Your Life"
Project Supervisor: Professor Eric Dewar
Major: Biology

Steven Shamnoski, "Unique Marketing Techniques in the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Industries"
Project Supervisor: Professor Nadine Lysiak
Major: Biology

Patrick Shalvey, "The Middle Ground of Products Liability Analysis"
Project Supervisor: Professor Graham Kelder
Major: Law

Lauren Semancik, "What factors affect the low female participation rate in the aviation industry?"
Project Supervisor: Professor Alison Kelly
Majors: Economics and Political Science

Carine Santos, "Body Image and Mental Health Stigma in Brazilian Women/ Women of Brazilian Descent"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sukanya Ray
Major: Sociology

Paola Rojas Rodriguez, "Linking the DAF-7 signaling pathway to neuropeptide signaling in the nervous system of C. elegans"
Project Supervisor: Professor Annette McGehee
Major: Biology

Victoria Scheuren, "Teacher Conceptions of COVID-19 Pandemic Stress and Protocols: A Qualitative Study"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Lauren Soares, "Inyoung You: The Facts and Circumstances"
Project Supervisor: Professor Mary Flaherty
Major: Law

Adam Gaudet, "An Analysis of the History, Application and Value of Rent Control"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Clara Gay, "Climate Change Curriculum: Creating Future Climate Activists"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Giovan Soares, "Inyoung You: The Facts and Circumstances"
Project Supervisor: Professor Mary Flaherty
Major: Law

Breno Silva, "Studying the Enzyme-Dependent Formation of Methanesulfinate From Dimethylsulfone via High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)"
Project Supervisor: Professor Denyce Wicht
Major: Chemistry

Julia Soares, "Employment-At-Will Doctrine in the United States"
Project Supervisor: Professor Rachael Cobb
Major: Law
HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Hayley Gervais, "Proto-Feminist or Misogynistic Stereotype? Understanding Medieval Perceptions of Chaucer's Wife of Bath"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Kaylin O'Dell  
Major: English

Elisabeth Goemaere, "Assemble: a Co-Living Community Center"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Sandro Carella  
Major: Interior Design  
Excellence in Honors Departmental Winner, Art & Design

Isabel Greenstein, "Public Scholarship Through Social Media: Substance Use Disorder, Trauma, and Intimate Partner Violence"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Rebecca Stone  
Major: Sociology

Marissa Guirguess, "Complications with Mariculture in the U.S."  
Project Supervisor: Professor Carl Merrill  
Major: Biology

Autumn Hall, "Pahk the Cah in Hahvahd Yahd: Denigration of the Boston Accent's Non-Rhoticity Through Accent Bias"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee  
Major: Global & Cultural Communication

Toni-Ann Hall, "Fenty Beauty: Diversity in the Beauty Industry through Inclusive Marketing"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri  
Major: Public Relations

Ekaterina Harding, "Alternative Gift Wrapping: An Easy Way to Participate in Stopping Climate Change"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz  
Major: Psychology

Hoaka Hashimoto, "Housing Affordability in Hawai‘i"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Inmee Baek  
Major: Economics  
Excellence in Honors Departmental Winner, Economics

Youssef Hassan, "The Effect of Regulatory Burdens in Clinical and Translational Research"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Graham Kelder  
Major: Law

HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Jordan Perry, "Progressive Female Heroines: A Study of Ann Radcliffe"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Hannah Hudson  
Major: English

Sebastian Peska, "Water policies in the United States and European Union"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Rachael Cobb  
Major: Environmental Studies

Dai Podziewski, "Audience Response to Professional Athletes' Mental Health Activism on Twitter"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee  
Major: Journalism

Megan Qualters, "Gendered Barriers in Politics and Positions of Power"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky  
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Olivia Rasmussen, "From Hitler to Hippies: How Volkswagen Transformed their Branding of the Beetle Post World War II"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri  
Major: Advertising

Katelynn Rice, "A New Era in Electric-Powered Vehicles"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz  
Major: Psychology

Natalia Rios-Martinez, "The Impact of Voting Rights on the American Economy: A Study of Economic and Political Freedom, Contemporary Legislatures and The Supreme Court Post-VRA"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky  
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Caitlin Robbins, "Ethics of AI Regulation"  
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky  
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Project Supervisor: Professor Alison Kelly  
Major: Economics
HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Molly Muhigi, "International Impact of the Bolshevik Revolution, Specifically for 20th Century African Americans"
Project Supervisor: Professor Patricia Reeve
Majors: History and Political Science

Ashley Mulroy, "Prosperity Student Housing"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sandro Carella
Major: Interior Design

Lauren Muro-Belandria, "The Gradual Demise of Humanity: A Contemporary Argument Against Capitalism"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Grace Murphy, "The Texas Heartbeat Act and Patriarchal Power: The Role of Reproduction in the Social, Cultural, and Political Subordination of Women"
Project Supervisors: Professor Barbara Abrams and Professor Bobbi Van Gilder
Major: Global Cultural Studies

Caitlin Murphy, "The Future of Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy for Depression"
Project Supervisor: Professor Yvonne Wells
Major: Psychology

Kathy Nguyen, "Analysis of domain structure of the bacterial mating protein ConB of Bacillus subtilis"
Project Supervisor: Professor Melanie Berkmen
Major: Biochemistry

Savanna Nolau, "How COVID-19 Cleanliness Measures Has Affected Ridership of the MTA"
Project Supervisor: Jarvis Chen
Major: Government

Emily O'Rourke, "Making the switch to sustainable menstrual products for the environment and health of the individual"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Katherine Perez Bonilla, "Why LGBTQ+ Awareness Is Important For Kids"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Majors: Psychology and Sociology

John Heeran, "What I Learned Studying Sociology at Suffolk"
Project Supervisor: Professor Keri Iyall Smith
Majors: Criminal Justice and Sociology

Madeline Helfihi, "Northern Inspiration: The Influence of German and Netherlandish Prints on Caravaggio"
Project Supervisor: Professor Thomas McGrath
Major: Art History

Olivia Hess, "Cancer Care Service-Learning Student Manual"
Project Supervisor: Professor Jessica Mak
Major: Radiation Therapy

Cassandra Johnson, "Rates, Resources, and Response: An In-Depth Look at the Impact of COVID-19 on Native Americans"
Project Supervisor: Professor Keri Iyall Smith
Major: Sociology

Jacqueline Kelly, "Amy Coney Barrett: The Future of the Supreme Court"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law

Madelynn Kolifrat, "Why Domestically Abused Women Stay In The Relationship"
Project Supervisor: Professor Mary Flaherty
Major: Law

Sophia Kozlowsky, "Saving the planet from inside prisons: Green energy training programs for incarcerated individuals"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology and Sociology

Michelina Larson, "The Boston Literary Library Experience"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sandro Carella
Major: Interior Design

Victoria Lento, "No Feminism without Transfeminism: The Hybrid Figures of Hannah Höch"
Project Supervisor: Professor Charles Cramer
Major: Art History
HONORS SENIOR THESES AND PROJECTS

Julia Lewis, "A Study on the Proposed Sea-Gate System for Boston"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Matthew Lewis, "Society After Liberalism"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Sarah Locascio, "ACTion Against the Climate Crisis: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy as a Tool to Reduce Climate Anxiety and Increase Climate Engagement"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Allison Lopes, "Female Methamphetamine Abuse"
Project Supervisor: Professor Rebecca Stone
Major: Law

Sarah Lukowski, "Female Victimization in the 1970s & 1980s Slasher Film"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Journalism

Alexandra Majka, "Adolf Hitler’s Leadership Tactics, Anti-Semitic Rhetoric, and Ability to Persuade the German Crowds Led to the Implementation of the Nuremberg Laws"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Global & Cultural Communication

Rene Maldonado, "Combating Climate Crisis: Therapeutic Methods to Calm Climate Anxieties"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Nicolas Malm, "Broadcasting in the City"
Project Supervisor: Professor Charles St. Amand
Major: Broadcast Journalism

Mathias Martinez, "The Case for Economic Liberalization: Comparison of Maoist and Dengist Economics in China"
Project Supervisor: Professor Chris Melenovsky
Major: Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Alec Maskell, "Sergei Parajanov’s Aesthetic Dissidence in 'The Color of Pomegranates'"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kevin Carragee
Major: Media & Film

Madison McAloon, "Finding the Motives: A Proactive Immigration Policy Recommendation for the Biden Administration"
Project Supervisor: Professor Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch
Major: International Relations

Carlos Mendez, "Changing Consumer Behavior in the Household"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Giana Metta, "The Microbiome, Diet, and Cancer"
Project Supervisor: Professor Eric De Waal
Major: Biology

Shawn Montgomery, "The Ecological Economic Evaluation of the Eastern White Pine"
Project Supervisor: Professor Christos Makriyannis
Major: Government

Ainslee Moorehead, "Memory, Museums, and Massacres: Public Historical Interpretations of the American Revolution"
Project Supervisor: Professor Kathryn Lasdow
Major: History

Ricardo Mora, "Global Green House Gas Emissions Mitigation in Latin America"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sarah Schwartz
Major: Psychology

Emilee Morin, "The Legacy of Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan"
Project Supervisor: Professor Sheila Scheuerman
Major: Law

Venice Morris, "As I Am"
Project Supervisor: Professor Susan Alessandri
Major: Public Relations

Kamal Moussa, "Brain Development and Connectivity in Polish Crested Chicken"
Project Supervisor: Professor Eugenia Gold
Major: Biochemistry