Fall 2010
EKU Honors
Thesis Conference

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December 2-3, 2010
Kennamer Room
Powell Building
Thursday, December 2nd  
Kennamer Room, Powell Bldg.

11:00-11:15 a.m.  
Introductory Remarks by Dr. Linda Frost, Director, Honors Program

11:15-11:45 a.m.  
The Water Crisis in Developing Countries and Its Effect on Health  
Esther Kamau, presenter  
Dr. Judith Lindquist, mentor  
Amber Crutcher, discussant

11:45-12:15 p.m.  
The Baptism of Dasein  
Dana Fritz, presenter  
Dr. Minh Nguyen, mentor  
Esther Kamau, discussant

12:15-12:45 p.m.  
White Nose Syndrome: Identification of Genus and Mortality in Bat Populations in the U.S.  
Amber Crutcher, presenter  
Dr. Laurie Rincker, mentor  
Dana Fritz, discussant

12:45-1:00 p.m.  
Break

1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Marked Bodies: The Scarring of Gender Warfare  
Tiffany Bowles Cromer, presenter  
Dr. Marta Miranda, mentor  
Kayla Rose Antoine, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m.  
Determination of Expression Profiles and Regulatory Elements for Slit2 with Gene Expression and Genomic Databases  
Jesse Orloff, presenter  
Dr. Amanda Waterstrat, mentor  
Tiffany Bowles Cromer, discussant

2:00-2:30 p.m.  
Personality Influences on Information Processing  
Kayla Rose Antoine, presenter  
Dr. Adam Lawson, mentor  
Jesse Orloff, discussant

2:30-2:45 p.m.  
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2:45-3:15 p.m.
The Other Side of the Special Needs Spectrum: Identification and Differentiation for Gifted and Talented Students in the General Education Classroom
Sara Hunt, presenter
Dr. Ginni Fair, mentor
Jonathan Slone, discussant

3:15-3:45 p.m.
MRSA Control Methods on Campus
Jonathan Slone, presenter
Dr. Sheila Pressley, mentor
Virginia Wilson, discussant

3:45-4:30 p.m. Break

4:30-5:00 p.m.
RICO: 1970 to Present
Patrick Brown, presenter
Dr. Christina Dewhurst, mentor
Jennifer Watjen, discussant

5:00-5:30 p.m.
Christianity in 2010: Going Formal
Thomas Brosius, presenter
Dr. Todd Hartch, mentor
Patrick Brown, discussant

5:30-6:00 p.m.
Transgender Students on College Campuses
Jennifer Watjen, presenter
Dr. Bob Mitchell, mentor
Thomas Brosius, discussant

6:00-7:30 p.m. Reception, Regents Dining Room
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7:45-8:15 p.m.  
The History of Photography: How Environmental Awareness Came about  
*Angela Spugnardi*, presenter  
Ms. Mary Tortorici, mentor  
Cassandra Humes, discussant

8:15-8:45 p.m.  
A Psychological Look at the Tattoo Taboo  
*Cassandra Humes*, presenter  
Dr. Theresa Botts, mentor  
Angela Spugnardi, discussant

A special thank you to Dr. Gene Kleppinger for serving as technology consultant for this event.
9:30-9:45 a.m.
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9:45-10:15 a.m.
Life Not on Purpose
Cynthia Chang, presenter
Dr. Travis Townsend, mentor
Courtney Kinter, discussant

10:15-10:45 a.m.
Modern Day Slavery: Human Sex Trafficking in Mexico
Courtney Kinter, presenter
Dr. Abbey Poffenberger, mentor
Cynthia Chang, discussant

10:45-11:15 a.m.
Break

11:15-11:45 a.m.
Elizabeth I: The Legend of the Ages
Samantha Denise Hall, presenter
Dr. Catherine L. Stearn, mentor
Daniel VanDerPloeg, discussant

11:45-12:15 p.m.
Fertility Trends in Developed Countries: A Reversal?
Michelle Hull, presenter
Dr. Frank O’Connor, mentor
Samantha Denise Hall, discussant

12:15-12:45 p.m.
Sex Specific Predisposition of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy via microRNA Regulation
Daniel VanDerPloeg, presenter
Dr. Rebekah Waikel, mentor
Michelle Hull, discussant

12:45-1:00 p.m. Break
Friday, December 3rd
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1:00-1:30 p.m.
Same-Sex Marriage: A Constitutional Analysis
David M. Anderson, presenter
Dr. Christopher Neumann, mentor
Marisa Back, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m.
Domestic Violence in the Army
Caroline Dunlevy Hicks, presenter
Dr. Shannon Weer, mentor
David Anderson, discussant

2:00-2:30 p.m.
El Baile de Amor, Tango (Documentary)
Marisa Back, presenter
Dr. Chad Cogdill & Dr. Marianne McAdam, mentors
Caroline Dunlevy Hicks, discussant

2:30-3:30 p.m. Break (1 hour)

3:45-4:15 p.m.
Engine Failure on Takeoff
Westley Williams, presenter
Dr. J. D. Lands, mentor
Laura Bates, discussant

4:15-4:45 p.m.
The Appeal of Advertisements to Individuals of Specific Personalities
Jennifer McGowan, presenter
Dr. Jonathan Gore, mentor
Westley Williams, discussant

4:45-5:15 p.m.
Asexuality: Non-Sexuality in a Sexual World
Laura Bates, presenter
Dr. Cheryl Jackson, mentor
Jennifer McGowan, discussant