Fall 2015
Honors Thesis Conference

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Honors Program

November 16-18, 2015
10:00-10:30 a.m. “Capital Punishment at Home and Abroad: The Evolution of the Use of the Death Penalty in the United States and the United Kingdom”
Rachel Gaines, presenter
Dr. Sucheta Mohanty, mentor
Laura Mims, discussant

10:30-11:00 a.m. “Characterization of Aquatic Sediment Bacteria Resistant to Triclosan and Antibiotics”
Laura Mims, presenter
Dr. Bill Staddon, mentor
Shelby Smith, discussant

11:00-11:30 a.m. “You Have a Body to Share”
Shelby Smith, presenter
Dr. Lisa Day, mentor
Rachel Gaines, discussant

1:00-1:30 p.m. “The Colors Between the Lines: Artistic Expression or Therapeutic Release?”
Sara Brooks, presenter
Dr. Gay Sweely, mentor
Jerushah Nickell, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m. “Rimes and Onsets: The Illustrated Autobiography of a Good Girl”
Jerushah Nickell, presenter
Dr. Gay Sweely, mentor
Paige Fetters, discussant

2:00-2:30 p.m. “Raised Afraid: The Media’s Influence in Heightened Fear of Terrorism”
Paige Fetters, presenter
Dr. Ken Tunnell, mentor
Sara Brooks, discussant

3:00-3:30 p.m. “The Brutal Truth About Police Brutality”
Markhel Hargrove, presenter
Prof. Christina Dewhurst, mentor
Elizabeth Zweigart, discussant

3:30-4:00 p.m. “Changing the Channel: How the Media Impacts the Way Society Views Stuttering vs. ASD”
Elizabeth Zweigart, presenter
Dr. Charles Hughes, mentor
Carlie Hall, discussant

4:00-4:30 p.m. “Comparative Analysis of Rural Mental Health”
Carlie Hall, presenter
Dr. Theresa Botts, mentor
Markhel Hargrove, discussant

10:00-10:30 a.m. “Marijuana and Criminality”
Martin “Jake” Kamber, presenter
Dr. Victoria Collins, mentor
Courtney Miller, discussant

10:30-11:00 a.m. “Evolution of Madness: The Portrayal of Insanity in Opera”
Courtney Miller, presenter
Dr. Erik Liddell, mentor
Brooke Morris, discussant

11:00-11:30 a.m. “Teambuilding in the Classroom: Is It Effective?”
Brooke Morris, presenter
Dr. Adrienne Fike, mentor
Martin “Jake” Kamber, discussant

1:00-1:30 p.m. “Funerary Rituals in the Antebellum United States”
Lauren Coyne, presenter
Dr. Carolyn Dupont, mentor
Kim Smartt, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m. “Higher Standard for Prosecutors: Relationship Between Wrongful Convictions and Prosecutorial Misconduct”
Kim Smartt, presenter
Prof. Christina Dewhurst, mentor
Emily Bartee, discussant

2:00-2:30 p.m. “The Management of International Disasters”
Emily Bartee, presenter
Dr. Ryan Baggett, mentor
Lauren Coyne, discussant

3:00-3:30 p.m. “History of Education in Oppressed Groups: A Comparative Study of Deaf and Native American Education”
Caitlyn Cook, presenter
Prof. Sharon Lott, mentor
Madison Koller, discussant

3:30-4:00 p.m. “The Process of Homegrown Radicalization in the United States”
Austin McEldred, presenter
Dr. Ryan Baggett, mentor
Caitlyn Cook, discussant

4:00-4:30 p.m. “Ethnographic Study of Sign Languages Affected in Haiti and Various Cultures”
Madison Koller, presenter
Dr. Karen Petronio, mentor
Austin McEldred, discussant
Tuesday, November 17

10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Library 204D  
"The Evolution of Cinderella"  
Nikita Dell, presenter  
Dr. Gerald Nachtwey, mentor  
Heidi Houtz Little, discussant

10:30-11:00 a.m.  
"Serial Murder and the American Media"  
Heidi Houtz Little, presenter  
Dr. Terry Cox, mentor  
Nikita Dell, discussant

10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Library 204G  
"Dialect Is Not a Disorder Everywhere"  
Brittany O’Brien, presenter  
Dr. Erin Presley, mentor  
Holly Martin, discussant

10:30-11:00 a.m.  
"Girls in STEM"  
Heidi Houtz Little, presenter  
Dr. Terry Cox, mentor  
Nikita Dell, discussant

11:00-11:30 a.m.  
"Communication Needs in Autism Spectrum Disorder"  
Holly Martin, presenter  
Dr. Jeffery Townsend, mentor  
Jessica "Taylor" Welch, discussant

1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Library 204D  
"Algebraic Poetry"  
Julian DeVille, presenter  
Dr. Steve Szabo, mentor  
Megan Scheper, discussant

1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Library 204G  
"Teaching and Inspiring Civic Engagement in Youth"  
Caitlyn Sessions, presenter  
Dr. Matthew Howell, mentor  
Bailey Bare, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m.  
Library 204D  
"Dystopian and Utopian Societies in Literature: Different Perspectives yet Similar Themes"  
Megan Scheper, presenter  
Dr. Charlotte Rich, mentor  
Julian DeVille, discussant

1:30-2:00 p.m.  
Library 204G  
"Therapeutic Riding Through the Eyes of the Participant"  
Bailey Bare, presenter  
Prof. Kathy Splinter-Watkins, mentor  
Caitlyn Sessions, discussant

3:00-3:30 p.m.  
Library 204D  
"Reconnecting with Our Roots: Farm Life and Therapy"  
Spencer Hammond, presenter  
Prof. Kathy Splinter-Watkins, mentor  
David Willis, discussant

3:00-3:30 p.m.  
Library 204G  
"The Decline of Catholicism in Modern Day Ireland"  
Rachel Blades, presenter  
Dr. Todd Hartch, mentor  
Katelyn Martin, discussant

3:30-4:00 p.m.  
"Aesthetic Perception and Impact of Information: An Analysis of the Effect of Contextual Information on Perceptions of Beauty when Viewing Works of Art"  
David Willis, presenter  
Dr. Adam Lawson, mentor  
Trystannei Cool, discussant

3:30-4:00 p.m.  
"Art of Arts Integration"  
Katelyn Martin, presenter  
Dr. Julie Bucknam, mentor  
Rachel Blades, discussant

4:00-4:30 p.m.  
"The Effects of Meditation on Schizophrenia"  
Trystannei Cool, presenter  
Dr. Cheryl Ramey, mentor  
Spencer Hammond, discussant
Wednesday, November 18

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<td>&quot;Perceptions of Mental Health Among First-Year College Students&quot;</td>
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Graduating Honors seniors, their mentors, families & friends are cordially invited to this year’s Honors Scholars Convocation

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Jaggers Room, Powell Building
4:00 pm: Reception
4:30 pm: Ceremony

All friends and family are welcome!