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JOURNEY**

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WELCOME

LINDA SCHOTT

President
Southern Oregon
University

Greetings leaders, and welcome to SOU:

The theme of this year's 44th annual conference of the Western Regional Honors Council is "Journey To Leadership," and appropriately so. All of you are leaders, whether student, faculty or administrator. With that label comes an expectation of achievement and a promise of greatness. I thank each of you for embracing that charge, and for actively preparing yourselves and others to create a better world.

This conference hasn't convened in Oregon since 2001, and we as a society have met more than a few challenges since then. There was the attack on the World Trade Center and the resulting wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. There was the Great Recession and the ongoing crisis of climate change. We are on our third presidential administration since 2001, and each transition has required adjustments to our approach and our outlook. As we seek to overcome the challenges of life, we look to our leaders. We look to you.

Now that I've placed the weight of the world on your shoulders, I want to invite you to have fun during your visit to Southern Oregon University and Ashland. We have a gorgeous 175-acre campus; our town is full of eclectic shops, outstanding restaurants and iconic cultural opportunities; and a recreational rainbow of outdoor pursuits originates at our doorstep.

Enjoy this conference and the time you spend as our guests. Take advantage of the opportunities for scholarship and collaboration with your peers. We thank you for the leadership and innovation that may result from your efforts.

Sincerely

Linda Schott
President, Southern Oregon University



KEN MULLIKEN

Executive Director SOU Honors College



WRHC Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administrators at Southern Oregon University (SOU), I welcome you to scenic Ashland for the 44th annual conference of the Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC). We are thrilled to host first WRHC conference in Oregon since 2001.

Nestled at the convergence of the Siskiyou and Cascade mountain ranges, Ashland is home to one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. Unique restaurants, galleries, and retail stores cater to hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend plays each year at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. There are two-dozen nearby wineries, and Ashland is a short drive to Crater Lake National Park. While you are on campus, we invite you to visit the Schneider Museum of Art, play a round of disc golf, or take a walk to Lithia Park. Honors education at SOU focuses on leadership, specifically as it applies to inclusive diversity, student success, intellectual growth, and responsible global citizenship. Reflecting this focus, the theme for the WRHC 2017 conference is The Journey to Leadership, symbolized in the conference logo, designed by SOU Honors College Scholar, Micaela Saling. Micaela and her fellow SOU WRHC student interns (Lauren Aldana, Riley Evetts, and Brianna Morgan) were largely responsible for organizing this conference. Their efforts were invaluable.

Leadership is not a destination, but rather an ongoing process. As a part of honors education, WRHC conferences provide opportunities for scholars to transform themselves from motivated students into creative and collaborative innovators who serve as influential leaders to solve challenges in the region, the nation, and the world. We look forward to hosting you and invite you to join us on The Journey to Leadership.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken R. Mulliken".

Ken Mulliken, Ph.D.
Executive Director of the Honors College
Southern Oregon University

**LEADERSHIP
IS A JOURNEY,
NOT A DESTINATION.
IT IS A MARATHON,
NOT A SPRINT.
IT IS A PROCESS,
NOT AN OUTCOME.
-JOHN DONAHOE**



April 7, 2017
Welcome to Ashland!

I am pleased to welcome the Western Regional Honors Council annual conference to the city of Ashland. It's an additional delight to be able to welcome the conference attendees, guests, and visitors to Oregon for the first time since 2001.

Ashland is a top-notch small city, full of opportunities typically only found in much larger cities. It is probably best known for being the home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and people from across the globe come to attend the performances at the Festival as well as our many other local theaters. I hope you take the time to take in a show or two.

Ashland is also fortunate to be the home of Southern Oregon University, whose 6,200 students bring to our community not only the vibrancy of youth, but a true commitment to diversity, inclusion, and sustainability. Many of them assisted in the planning of this conference; I would like to especially thank SOU Honors College students Lauren Aldana, Riley Evetts, Brianna Morgan, and Michaela Saling for their efforts. I think it is fitting that this year's theme is, "Journey To Leadership," as these students have shown their impressive leadership skills through their hard work.

I invite each of you to enjoy all that Ashland has to offer – exceptional restaurants, superb shopping, historic landmarks, unique art galleries and not-to-be-missed nearby hiking, mountain biking, and river rafting. Don't forget to take a stroll through Lithia Park and its 93 acres of walking trails, duck ponds, playgrounds, and newly upgraded Japanese garden.

And if you see me around town, please say hello!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Stromberg'.

John Stromberg, Mayor

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 4/7

- 1PM-5PM Registration Opens
Ashland Hills Hotel - Lobby
- 5PM Scribendi Reading & Reception
Ashland Hills Hotel – Cosmos Ballroom
- 6:30PM Dinner on your own
- 8PM Julius Caesar
Oregon Shakespeare Festival

SATURDAY 4/8

- 7AM- Registration Opens
12PM SOU Stevenson Union Foyer
- 8AM-9AM Workshop Session 1
Reflecting on Leadership: The E-portfolio
Cultural Comparisons in Literature and Art
Exploring Topics in Markets and Marketing
Community-Engaged Research as High-Impact Honors Practice
The Impact of Research on Teaching Science
Peer Advising and Community Building
Human and Environment Health vs. the Waste Management System
Implementing telemedicine in rural communities
How Rhetoric about Millennials Impacts the Economy
- 10AM Schneider Museum of Art Tour
SOU Schneider Museum

SATURDAY 4/8

- 9AM-10AM Workshop Session 2
Historical Perspectives on Identity
International Threats and Domestic Responses
Studies in United States Foreign Policy
Informal Reporting Network for Sexual Assault
Methodology To Improve Programs
Creative Endeavors in Honors
Experiential Education
The Roles of Social Influences in STEM Education
The Effects of GMO's in the Agricultural Sector
Neuroprotective Potential of Psychedelics and Their Analogues
Animation Changes Over the Years
- 10AM-11PM Workshop Session 3
Perspectives on Healthcare: Physical and Mental
Literary Analysis of Tolkien and Stoker
Gender Stereotypes and Sexual Assault
Setting the Stage for Interdisciplinary Learning
Creating Inclusive and Safe Spaces
The Evolution of Ethics
Interfering with Signal Transduction in Breast Cancer Progression
A Qualitative Study on Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation
A Leader from the Farm: Odilia Chavez
First-Year Mentoring Culture
- 11AM-12PM Workshop Session 4
Reading and Writing the Landscape
Scribendi Student Exchange
Honors Student Ambassador Experience
Leadership on a Global Scale
Properties of Myrofibroblasts
Aesthetic Implications in Cavendish's Nature
Chemistry, Mycology, and Archaeology

AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY 4/8

- 12PM-1PM **Provided Lunch**
SOU Rogue River Room
- 1PM -2PM **Workshop Session 5**
Adventures in Leadership Development
Infinite Jest, Marxist Theory, and Capitalism
Entrepreneurial Service: Refugee Relocation Assistance
Impact of Chronic Malaria within a Population
Honors Publications: Challenges and Opportunities
Truth and Democracy: Examining Political Undertones Through Words and Money
Studies in Radiography, Pathology, and Neurology
Studies in the Unstanding of Disease Progression
Potrayals of Race and Immigration
Studies in Religion and Human Rights
- 2PM **Schneider Museum of Art Tour**
SOU Schneider Museum
- 3PM -4PM **Workshop Session 6**
Digital Honors Admissions Systems
'Wraparound' Honors Advising: A Holistic Approach
EF College Study Tours / The SOU Democracy Project
The Oresteia and Greek Theatre
Smart Clothing for Visibility
Visions of Alternative Societies
Studies In Genetics and GMOs
Marketing and Policy
A Healthy and Sustainable Community
Taxation, Marriage, and Education
Female Protagonists in Y.A. Literature

SATURDAY 4/8

- 3PM -4PM **Workshop Session 7**
Student Experiences in A University Writing Center
Integrating Honors Instruction with Honors Societies
Queer Politics in Eastern Europe
The Sicilian Pupi: Conveyors of Myth
Hierarchical Relations in Communities
Prostate Cancer Research
Horror in Literature and Film
Scientific Explorations of Theatre
Studies in Wildlife Biology
Innovative Initiatives at WWU
Benefits of Peer Leadership
Rethinking stewardship
- 4PM **Student Poster Session**
SOU Stevenson Union Arena
- 7PM **Recognition Dinner & Keynote Speech**
Ashland Hills Hotel Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY 4/9

- 7:30AM-9:15AM **Disc Golf Tournament**
SOU Disc Golf Course
- 7:30AM-9AM **WRHC Business Meeting**
SOU Stevenson Union Room 319
- 8AM-9AM **Lithia Park Guided Tour**
Meet in Ashland Hills Hotel Lobby
- 9:30AM **Poster Awards and Closing Ceremonies**
SOU Stevenson Union - Rogue River Room
- 11AM **SOU & Chapman Conference Planning Transition Meeting**



CONFERENCE MAP & INFO

REGISTRATION

Please check in with the WRHC Registration and Information Table to obtain your conference badge, program, and other conference materials. Registration will be available for two days.

Day 1: Friday April 7, 2017

Location: Ashland Hills Hotel Lobby

Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Day 2: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Location: SOU Stevenson Union Foyer

Time: 7:00am – 12:00pm

NAME BADGES

Name Badges are required for entry at all WRHC events. Badges are provided with the conference registration materials you receive at registration. Badges may not be transferred. If you lose your badge, please contact WRHC Staff.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

All conference sessions will be held on the SOU campus. Please refer to the map on the opposing page for building locations. Most other activities—including the Scribendi Reception and Keynote Dinner—will take place at the Ashland Hills Hotel.

MEDIA/AV

Each room will be equipped with a computer, projector and a screen. Any other equipment will be the responsibility of the presenter(s).

PARKING

Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in SOU campus lots. This includes Summer Term and Federally Recognized Holidays. Many lots have timed parking spaces where visitors can park for short durations of time without a permit. Vehicles that remain in a timed spot for more than the posted time allowed may be subject to an over-time parking citation.

ASHLAND

We invite you to explore downtown Ashland. Maps and additional information have been provided in your registration packet to discover our campus and our town at your own leisure. There will be a guided tour of Lithia Park on Sunday if you're interested in learning more about the area.

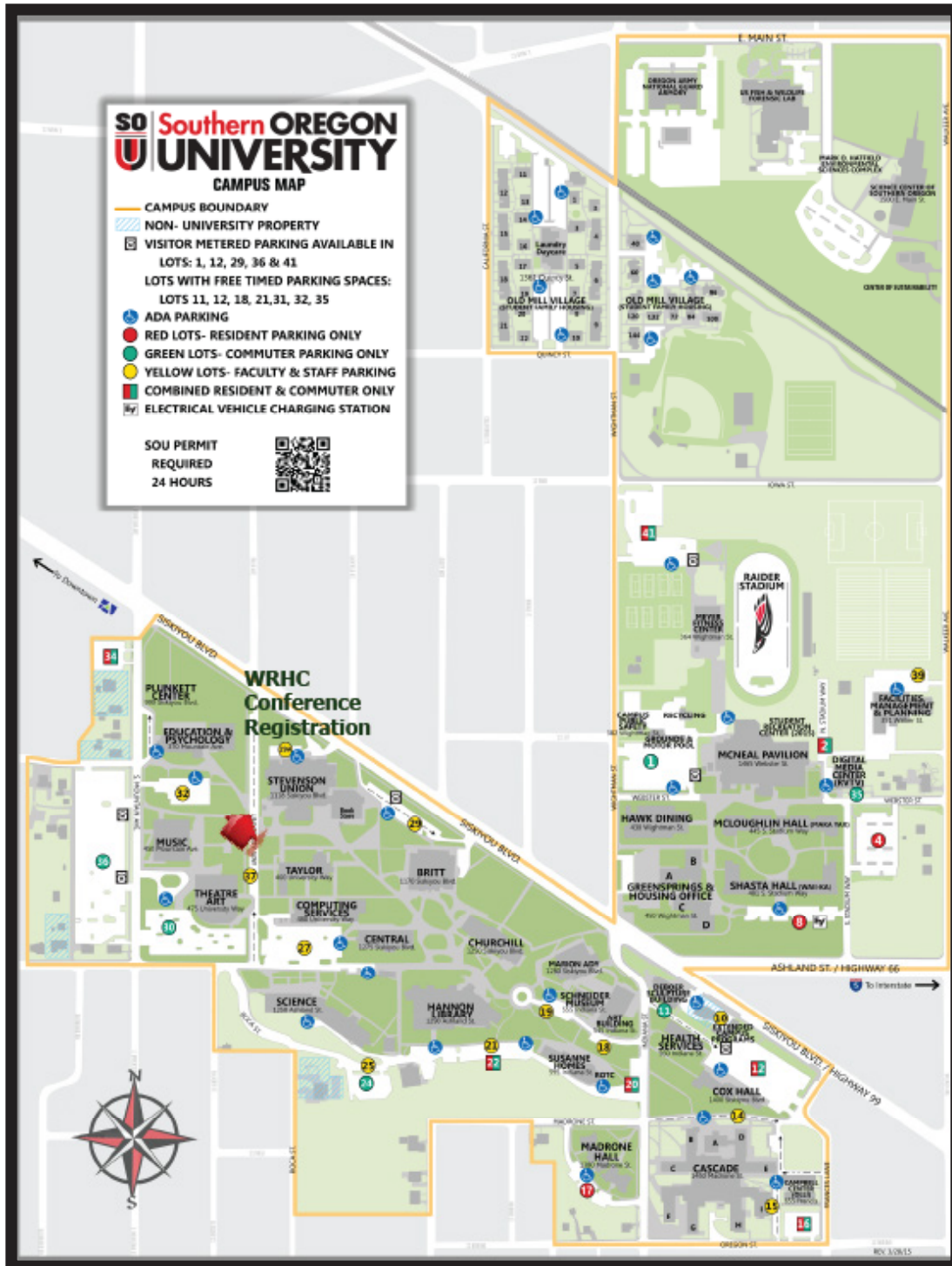
WRHC

The Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC) is a professional organization of faculty, administrators, and students dedicated to the promotion and advancement of undergraduate honors education. The WRHC represents honors programs in universities across the Western region.

The objective of this council shall be the promotion and advancement of honors and similar programs in Western colleges and universities.



SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY



FRIDAY APRIL 7

REGISTRATION & TABLE OPEN

1:00PM-5:00PM

ASHLAND HILLS HOTEL LOBBY

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SCRIBENDI READING AND RECEPTION

5:00PM - 6:30PM

ASHLAND HILLS HOTEL - COSMOS

Scribendi Winners

Lissa Baca - Photography - "Body of Light" - University of New Mexico

Andrea Wold - Visual Art - "Recognition 1" - Mt. San Jacinto

Max Black - Poetry - "Hungry" - Westminster College

Renee Reeves - Short Fiction - "Motherroad" - University of New Mexico

Ellen Harris - Creative Nonfiction - "I Am Nothing; I see all; I am part or particle of God" - University of Northern Colorado

Joshua Lane - Open Media - "Identity in Contradiction" - University of New Mexico

SCRIBENDI RECEPTION

5:00PM-6:30PM

Light refreshments will be provided.

DINNER/EVENING ON YOUR OWN, 6:30PM



JULIUS CAESAR



Julius Caesar is a marked man. Adoring commoners celebrate his battlefield victories, but those higher up the Roman political ladder worry that his ambition has grown too large. On a stormy night full of alarming sights and ominous portents, Cassius persuades Caesar's friend Brutus to do the unthinkable: help him assassinate Caesar for the good of the Republic. But death doesn't stop Caesar, whose spirit haunts the destinies of his friends and enemies, threatening the republican ideal for which they murdered him. Shakespeare's political thriller explores powerbrokers' machinations—honorable and not—and their unexpected, violent consequences.

This production is one of eleven plays put on by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) for their 2017 season. Each season, OSF offers three or four by works by Shakespeare and seven by other classic writers, as well as modern and contemporary work and world premieres. Founded in 1935 by Angus L. Bowmer-- a former teacher at Southern Oregon University-- the Tony Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival is among the oldest and largest professional non-profit theatres in the nation. Julius Caesar is part of Shakespeare in American Communities, a national program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

"Inspired by Shakespeare's work and the cultural richness of the United States, OSF reveals our collective humanity through illuminating interpretations of new and classic plays, deepened by the kaleidoscope of rotating repertory."

We look forward to seeing you at the theater!



KEYNOTE

CYNTHIA RIDER



Cynthia Rider became OSF's third executive director in 2013. Highlights of her first four years at OSF include the completion of a new Long Range Plan for OSF; the opening of the new Hay-Patton Rehearsal Center; All the Way's 2014 Tony Award win for Best Play; and the privilege of working with a Board of Directors of incomparable dedication to OSF and its audience.

Prior to joining OSF, Cynthia spent nine years at Kansas City Repertory Theatre as managing director and, earlier, as associate director for advancement and administration. Cynthia's experience also includes six years as executive director of the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey. She served as associate director, later promoted to acting director, of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Partnership, which worked to strengthen small- and medium-sized manufacturers across the state.

Cynthia's theatre experience also includes time spent on the stage. She started her theatre career as a resident company member, guest artist and young company actor at the Alley Theatre in Houston. Her favorite work in Kansas City included the plays she appeared in by Kyle Hatley at the KC Fringe Festival, as well as *Bed Among the Lentils* by Alan Bennett at Kansas City Actors Theatre, for which she was named "Best Actress" by The Pitch. Cynthia graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Boston University.



SATURDAY APRIL 8

REGISTRATION & TABLE OPEN

7:00AM-12:00PM

SOU STEVENSON UNION FOYER

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WORKSHOP SESSION 1

8:00AM- 8:50AM

REFLECTING ON LEADERSHIP: THE E-PORTFOLIO - CHURCHILL 230

Robert Newbury, Margaret Duvall, Nicole Paiva - University of Nevada, Reno

The Honors first-year seminar at UNR concludes with an e-portfolio project that documents the acquisition of leadership skills and scholarly behaviors transitioning into university Honors. Three students who won e-portfolio awards in 2016 will present their work and outline the design process.

CULTURAL COMPARISONS IN LITERATURE AND ART - STUDENT UNION 313

HEROES, BOTH ADMIRABLE AND AWFUL: A COMPARISON

Caleb Deane - Southern Utah University

How does one define a hero? By comparing and analyzing ancient literary heroes such as Achilles, Gilgamesh, Hector and Sundiata, we may find an answer. Each one presents different ideals for the respective cultures, but this essay aims to discover the ideal in the context of the modern human.

PAINTING PLEASURE: AN ANALYSIS OF ARTISTIC EROTICISM

Teva Mayer, Marlow Schulz - Washington State University

The similar cultural components of the societies that produced artists François Boucher and Jean-Honoré Fragonard, as well as Jack Vettriano, allowed for erotically intimate themes within their paintings. A comparison of the cultures and artists' works allows for an understanding of contrasting responses incited within the public and arts establishment.



EXPLORING TOPICS IN MARKETS AND MARKETING - LIBRARY 117

FLATTENING OF THE YIELD CURVE OF U.S. TREASURIES

Napier Janson Jencka - Sierra Nevada College

The yield curve of U.S. treasuries is considered by many market observers a signal of impending recession. Analysis of the precursors to U.S. recessions since 1929 reveals this signal to have validity yet the influence of conformation bias and herd mentality on markets and policy mustn't be overlooked.

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVE VISUAL BRANDING

Calvin Wilkins - Scottsdale Community College

A creative director relies on typography, color, illustration and layout to effectively communicate a clear and consistent vision of an event brand. Without effective leadership that vision will not be realized.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH AS HIGH-IMPACT HONORS PRACTICE CHURCHILL 229

Divya McMillin, Paul Carrington - University of Washington Tacoma

This workshop invites Honors leadership and administrators to re-think the curriculum in ways that open it out to community engagement and global learning. Pulling together retention needs as well as the Honors imperative for progressive and empowering curricula, this workshop provides strategies for a community-supported Honors curriculum.

THE IMPACT OF RESEARCH ON TEACHING SCIENCE - CHURCHILL 220

Jehremy Felig - Montana State University, Billings

Drawing from my experience in the Biological Sciences Lab researching the neurological disease Familial Dysautonomia, as well as my time Student Teaching in Ninth Grade Earth Science; I will discuss the fluidity of the scientific method when encountering challenges, how the structure of research can be applied to teaching science, and how discovery based learning can be used as a driving force for education.

PEER ADVISING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING - CHURCHILL 231

Christine Anderson, Serena Mickens, Amaris Ketcham - University of New Mexico

Peer advisement is beneficial to the Honors community because it connects students to knowledgeable upperclassmen and creates a way for students to get involved in the Honors community as a whole.

HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VS. THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ED/PSYCH 292

Tonyae Meeks - Lane Community College

I will be explaining the importance of proper waste management and the negative effects to human health and the environment it can have if managed unscientifically. In addition to several alternate methods that would benefit not only my community but as intended, the world.

IMPLEMENTING TELEMEDICINE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES - ED/PSYCH 258

Carlie Anderson - Fort Lewis College

Within the United States there is a severe shortage of rural medical doctors, particularly primary care doctors. A solution to this problem is to move towards a telemedicine model. This project explores how medical providers are currently adapting telemedicine into their medical practice.



HASHTAG LAZY AND ENTITLED: HOW RHETORIC ABOUT MILLENNIALS IMPACTS THE ECONOMY - STUDENT UNION 319

Alison Butz - Orange Coast College

An examination of traditional and modern media narratives creating inter-generational conflict between the newer Millennial Generation and the established Generation X workforce through gas-lighting and cognitive dissonance, and its effects on American economic productivity.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2 **9:00AM- 9:50AM**

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON IDENTITY - STUDENT UNION 319

SEX AND GENDER

Mallory Mass - GateWay Community College

This presentation will explore sex and gender, as we know them. We will discuss the definitions, history, and current views of sex and gender. Information about the current discrimination that people face when identifying as a gender other than their biological sex will be examined.

THE POWER OF PAWNS: AN ANALYSIS OF PARISIAN IDENTITY AND LOYALTY DURING THE ANGLO-BURGUNDIAN OCCUPATION

Isabel Melendez - Cal Poly, Pomona

The paper analyzes the effect rapidly changing succession, local leadership, and war has on the city of Paris before a national identity was established. The paper focuses on a bottom up perspective to best portray the socio-political situation in 15th Century Paris.

HOW MUSIC GENRE IDENTITY CONTRIBUTES TO CULTURAL AND RACIAL DIVISIONS.

Vincent White - Metropolitan State University of Denver

This paper critically and theoretically analyzes the intersectionality of cultural identities within popular music genres. This research probes the mechanisms through which genres establish and maintain identification that determine how genres contribute to cultural divisions.

INTERNATIONAL THREATS AND DOMESTIC RESPONSES - LIBRARY 117

BRITISH APPEASEMENT 1936-1939: PARLIAMENT AND THE PUBLIC

Kylie DeeAnn Johnson - University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Prior to WWII, the British Parliament found itself attempting to reconcile the needs of the country (national security/domestic concerns) with the public desire to aid Europe. The debate led to government leaders balancing their duty to country with the calls for action from their people.

PROTECTING OUR CYBER BORDERS

Sofya Bochkareva - Chapman University

From petty email scandals to dangerous government hacks, cybersecurity has been at the forefront of more and more news sources in recent years. This presentation seeks to inform about the nuances and ethics of cybersecurity and its principles, and analyze the cause and effect of noteworthy cases.



STUDIES IN UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY - LIBRARY 206

LESSONS IN CULTURAL PLURALISM: WHAT U.S POLICY IN IRAQ FAILED TO DO

William Mo, Richard Lim - Mt. San Antonio College

Despite U.S. post war policy to engage with regionalized geographic factions in Post-Hussein Iraq, the lack of cultural awareness in the U.S military's attempts to implement democratic institutions contributed to prolonging Iraq's political instability. Attempted improvements towards local community relationships to increase U.S credibility met limited success.

PROMOTING PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLBEING AMONG REFUGEE WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Haley Anderson, Heather Swanson - University of Washington, Tacoma

Evidence has been cast in the news that refugees moving throughout the world are not being received well by new countries. There is a lack in resources and experiences that cause citizens to act differently towards refugees. Observing interview responses allowed for degrees of compassion analysis.

INFORMAL REPORTING NETWORK FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT - CHURCHILL 231

Taylor Lee Boteilho - Central Washington University

The informal reporting network for sexual assaults at Central Washington University is questioned utilizing a survey of all faculty and staff. This data is analyzed in conjunction with the Campus Climate Survey. If proven, the hypotheses highlight weak support for students, and demonstrate need for in-depth faculty and staff training.

"BREAKING THE CYCLE" METHODOLOGY TO IMPROVE FUTURE PROGRAMS CHURCHILL 230

Judah Bergeron - Central Washington University

This thesis outlines the details involving the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) study, and the background behind the study itself. The thesis will discuss the history of BTC, and why the research is being conducted. The main research question is "what variables of the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) substance abuse treatment program contributed to the failure of the program in Tacoma?" Hypotheses about the outcome of the thesis are described, as well as the methods used in conducting the research.

ART AND LITERATURE - CREATIVE ENDEAVORS IN HONORS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION CHURCHILL 229

Robyn Martin, Bruce Aiken, Hana Lipke, Markie Scheidegger, Kali Swichtenberg - Northern Arizona University

Art & Literature of the Arizona Strip allowed students to experience the remote and dynamic landscape of Northern Arizona through field-based learning and student-directed education, fostering experiential learning in a supportive community.

THE ROLES OF SOCIAL INFLUENCES IN STEM EDUCATION - CHURCHILL 220

Alexis Hilts - University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Women, underrepresented minorities, and 1st-generation college students who pursue STEM degrees report diminished efficacy and belongingness, which threatens their achievement and retention. This study examined how students' social influences impact their efficacy and belongingness in STEM.



THE EFFECTS OF GMO'S IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR - ED/PSYCH 258

Berenice Pelayo - Central Arizona College

The purpose of this research is to identify the changes in the agricultural sector of the United States in regards to genetically modified organisms. The history, controversy as well as the risk-benefit factors will be discussed. The dialogue regarding mandatory labeling will be analyzed.

NEUROPROTECTIVE POTENTIAL OF PSYCHEDELICS AND THEIR ANALOGUES ED/PSYCH 254

Sina Soltanzadeh Zarandi - University of California, Davis

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of disability in adults that may lead to physical impairment or cognitive deficits. Psychedelics compounds such as N,N-dimethyltryptamine (DMT) can increase the levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a neuroprotective agent that has the capacity to prevent irreversible injury of ischemic neurons.

ANIMATION CHANGE OVER THE YEARS - STUDENT UNION 313

Edna Garcia - Central Arizona College

Animation is the optical illusion of creating life through the rapid display of images. The visual illusion of movement in the images grabs the attention of particular audiences. Over the last century animation had gone through many changes.

SCHNEIDER MUSEUM OF ART TOUR 10:00AM - SCHNIDER MUSEAM OF ART

WORKSHOP SESSION 3 10:00AM- 10:50AM

PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTHCARE: PHYSICAL AND MENTAL - ED/PSYCH 254

SCHIZOPHRENIA SYMPTOMS

Abigail Saldana - GateWay Community College

Schizophrenia is a serious mental disorder that affects about one percent of the population. There are 3.5 million people in the United States who are suffering from Schizophrenia. We will discuss this mental illness and its medications and treatment options.

PRENATAL DIETARY GUIDELINES

Elizabeth Edwards - Pima Community College

A reputable, government approved, prenatal dietary guideline does not exist, and pregnant women need one. To solve this problem, we created a comprehensive guide similar to MyPlate and must now distribute it. The guide comes in three parts coordinating to each trimester, including necessary macronutrients and micronutrients.

AN INVESTIGATION OF PSYCHOPATHY FROM A PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVE

Charlotte Zhang - Mt. San Antonio College

Psychopathy is a disorder marked with a lack of empathy. Psychopathic individuals often hold a subjective and fluid view of morality. However, this paper argues that this subjectivism is wrong. It calls into question the degree to which psychopaths can be held morally responsible, and thus punished for their crimes.



LITERARY ANALYSIS OF TOLKIEN AND STOKER - STUDENT UNION 330

THE UNEXPECTED J.R.R. TOLKIEN STUDIES

Jaclyn Mona, Galen Bowman - Pima Community College

This will be a presentation regarding the surprising advantageous that came out of the serendipitous opportunity of studying J.R.R. Tolkien through a single gender class. What started out as an experimental class turned into one of great discussion and collaborative efforts, bringing about various studies.

FEAR OF PROGRESS: THE VICTORIAN VAMPIRE IN BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA

Alexis Hollingsworth - Southern Utah University

Monster stories bring attention to societal fears. Dracula, the well-known iconic literary monster, represented to Bram Stoker's audience their fears about scientific progress, foreign colonization, homosexuality, and female sexuality. I will demonstrate how Dracula illustrates the fears and sexual repression of the Victorian Era and why it still matters today.

GENDER STEREOTYPES AND SEXUAL ASSAULT - STUDENT UNION 319

SECONDARY VICTIMIZATION: CAUSES, CASES, AND CONSEQUENCES

Sariah Holsinger-Backer - Dixie State University

This paper defines and examines secondary victimization, the blaming of rape victims by medical and legal personnel, as well as its causes and consequences. Real life cases are used as examples and the multiple societal and systemic components of secondary victimization are explored.

A CORRELATIONAL STUDY OF GENDER, GENDER STEREOTYPES AND MAJOR OF CHOICE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Laura Inderberg - Mesa Community College

The hypothesis of the study was that students from majors predominantly populated by their own gender, hold stronger gender stereotypes than students in more gender diverse majors. A two way ANOVA analyzed 151 male and female students from several majors, and showed no significant correlation between the three variables.

THE BIG PICTURE: SETTING THE STAGE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING CHURCHILL 231

Scott Linneman, Richard Simon, Daniel Gallegos - Western Washington University

The Big Picture is a lecture series intended as a common experience for all new students in WWU Honors Program. It is grounded in Big History, a field in which scholars weave together the sum of evidentiary knowledge into a metanarrative that frames human existence in a cosmological context.

CREATING INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SPACES - CHURCHILL 230

Dr. Carol E. Johnson - Central Arizona College

Honors students, PTK students, and the Honors Director at Central Arizona College created a club, CAC DREAMers. Their mission is to create supportive communities for DREAMers, DACamented students, and Allies. There will be a discussion on how inclusivity, safe spaces, and educating faculty, staff, and administration was approached.



THE EVOLUTION OF ETHICS - ED/PSYCH 292

Kevin Abke - Central Arizona College

Scientific research needs room to be conducted while adhering to the guidelines of morality and ethics. The question of where a line exists of doing no harm, while not going too far is presented. Stem Cells research from In Vitro Fertilization under certain circumstances could be unethical but extremely beneficial.

INTERFERING WITH SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION IN BREAST CANCER PROGRESSION STUDENT UNION 313

Melissa Coyle - Chapman University

AKT signaling with mTORC1 acts as a proliferation messenger. The focus of this research is on mTORC1 and cell survival through the inhibition of apoptosis. The purpose is to study the effects of MLST8 silencing in breast cancer cells to control cancer cell progression.

A QUALITATIVE STUDY ON RACE, GENDER, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION LIBRARY 206

Aidan Drew Bjelland - Central Arizona College

In contemporary American society, issues revolving around race, gender, and sexual orientation are heated, causing tension between social groups. The paper being presented focuses on the understanding and perception of federal civil rights legislation pertaining to the rights of protected classes on the basis of race, gender, and sexual orientation.

A LEADER FROM THE FARM: ODILIA CHAVEZ - CHURCHILL 220

Taryn Rebuck - Rio Salado College

I will discuss the achievement of an inspirational migrant farm worker. There are few people who will speak out against the poor treatment of farm workers and risk their jobs and lives in America. I intend to share the story of Odilia Chavez.

BEGINNING A FIRST-YEAR MENTORING CULTURE - CHURCHILL 220

Daniel Villanueva, Larissa Gloutak, Kate Groesbeck, Daniel Lang, Juliana Bogert - University of Nevada, Reno

The University of Nevada, Reno Honors Program began a student-led Mentorship Program for first-year students in 2016. Panelists will discuss the planning stages and goals, program structure, matching of mentors/mentees, activities, and important lessons learned, good and bad, for future semesters.

WORKSHOP SESSION 4

11:00AM- 11:50AM

READING AND WRITING THE LANDSCAPE - CHURCHILL 231

Amaris Ketcham, Renee Reeves, Jesse Yelvington - University of New Mexico

What does it mean to "read" a landscape? Does a geologist read landscape differently than an anthropologist, historian, or artist? Students and faculty will discuss disciplinary methods they learned to read and write about landscape while studying the Lewis and Clark Trail through Montana.



SCRIBENDI STUDENT EXCHANGE - CHURCHILL 224

Allie Sipe - Southern Oregon University

I attended the University of New Mexico as the first student exchange staff member for the Honors magazine Scribendi. This experience illustrates the multilevel benefits of connecting the national honors community through student exchange programs and literary arts magazines.

THE HONORS STUDENT AMBASSADOR EXPERIENCE - CHURCHILL 230

Kiersten Horton - Western Washington University

WWU's Honors Outreach to Past and Prospective Students Ambassador Program serves as a 25-person ambassador group that assists with the consistency and success of our university outreach efforts. This discussion will provide an administrative and student perspective of the HOPPS program development.

LEADERSHIP ON A GLOBAL SCALE - CHURCHILL 220

Matthew Gonzalez - Chapman University

Ideas and perceptions of leadership shape and evolve all those who are subjected to said leadership. Strict adherence to a western idea of leadership has been proven to cause discontent and unhappiness within those leadership structures. However, those (western) leaders who employ the methods expressed by eastern philosophers, has been shown to increase the positive attributes to leadership throughout all avenues of approach.

BIOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE CORNEAL STROMA INFLUENCE APOPTOSIS OF MYOFIBROBLASTS - ED/PSYCH 254

Amanda Robinson - University of California Davis

Myofibroblasts are vital to corneal wound healing. However, excessive myofibroblast presence and persistence can cause vision impairment. The impact of corneal biomechanics on myofibroblast apoptosis was investigated in the presence of pro-apoptotic factors. Myofibroblasts underwent less apoptosis on stiff surfaces suggesting softening the cornea could be a novel therapeutic approach.

BACHA POSH: HOW CULTURE AFFECTS PERCEPTION OF GENDER AND SOCIALIZATION STUDENT UNION 330

Naomi Barraza - Central Arizona College

This presentation illustrates the many factors that precipitate differences in the way males and females are socialized in Afghanistan and the United States. Furthermore, the catalysts and effects of gender inequality are brought to focus in order to reveal the radical differences of how gender is perceived by different cultures.

SUSPICIOUS PATTERNING: AESTHETIC IMPLICATIONS IN CAVENDISH'S NATURE STUDENT UNION 319

Tessa Brunnenmeyer - Southern Utah University

Margaret Cavendish says that mediated perception cannot provide us knowledge. I intend to give reason to believe that a rejection of the visual arts would follow from her rejection of mediated perception and piece together an account of aesthetics in the Early Modern Period of Philosophy.



STUDIES IN CHEMISTRY, MYCOLOGY, AND ARCHAEOLOGY - ED/PSYCH 292

DISCOVERY OF POTENTIAL NOVEL FUNGAL ALLERGENS

Rasika Patkar - University of California Davis

Although numerous species of fungi have been associated with allergic diseases, many allergenic fungal species are yet undiscovered. The goal of this study was to examine the allergenic potential of proteins in fungal samples from ascospores.

THE METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF LIPID RESIDUE ANALYSIS IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTTERY SAMPLES

Todd Matuszewicz - Metropolitan State University of Denver

This research establishes a methodology for extracting fatty acid residue from archaeological pottery sherds to verify the use of the vessels and corroborate diverse theories through dietary habits. Various techniques were employed to withdraw the embedded lipid residues. The efficacy was evaluated through the analysis of the prepared samples.

THERMOCHEMISTRY OF PROTEIN FOLDING

Nikhil S. Babu - Metropolitan State University of Denver

Proteins in their native state are rigid, and held together in their specific conformation by weak interactions such as hydrogen bonding, ionic interactions, and van der Waals interactions. The entropic force is the primary motivating factor for proteins to unfold or for hydrophobic residues congregation when in a polar solvent.

LUNCH - PROVIDED

12:00PM - 12:50PM

SOU ROGUE RIVER ROOM

WORKSHOP SESSION 5

1:00PM- 1:50PM

ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - CHURCHILL 229

Reid Hensen, Ellie DeReu, Noah Hill, Devin Maves - University of Montana

The DHC House Program promotes student-led education and mentoring within our honors college. Five "Houses" with unique identities provide students with opportunities for collaboration and community. Our panel discusses the theory behind our program, its current status, and future direction.

INFINITE JEST, MARXIST THEORY, AND CAPITALISM - CHURCHILL 220

Tanner Lyon - Sierra Nevada College

Infinite Jest is filled with ideological ploys of media to effect mass social control of individuals. This essay analyzes Marxist theory and the sociopolitical context of Infinite Jest to demonstrate the divergence of economics and politics that Marx theorized would mark the end of capitalism.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICE: REFUGEE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE - STUDENT UNION 330

Daniel Villanueva, Rachel Rezaei, Megan Arakaki, Madeleine Lohman - University of Nevada, Reno

This fall, the 120 entering Honors students at the University of Nevada, Reno performed over 2000 hours of community service assisting 10 families from the Congo and Syria transition to life in Reno. Three of the most active student-leaders in this effort present on activities and lessons learned.

IMPACT OF CHRONIC MALARIA WITHIN A POPULATION - ED/PSYCH 258

Clayton A. Grubb - Scottsdale Community College

Through mathematical modelling, research data show that the presence of chronic malaria within a population increases the prevalence of the disease. Leaders in malaria prevention and treatment protocols as well as health policy makers rely on both field work and mathematical modelling to determine the most effective treatments.

HONORS PUBLICATIONS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - ED/PSYCH 292

PROMOTING CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

Kim Andersen - Washington State University

Engaging in artistic creativity is one way to develop confidence and leadership. In our presentation we intend to account for and discuss the surprisingly complex undertaking it is to run an online journal. How to receive quality submissions, the editorial process, a functional website, and the question of student involvement.

IMPORTANCE OF PRINT IN A DIGITAL AGE

Alexandra Magel and Melissa Krukar - University of New Mexico

As Scribendi, a literary arts magazine for undergraduates in Honors, surpasses its thirty-year mark, we are often asked: Why not go digital? In this talk, the editorial board of Scribendi draws on evidence from neuroscience, business, communications, and philosophy to the theoretical implications of print, the real world applications, and how print relates to our mission at Scribendi.

TRUTH AND DEMOCRACY: EXAMINING POLITICAL UNDERTONES THROUGH WORDS AND MONEY - LIBRARY 206

HOW BIG MONEY UNDERMINES AMERICAN ELECTORAL LEGITIMACY

Chris Davis - Metropolitan State University of Denver

This past election cycle left many analysts confused as to why many failed to predict the election of Donald J. Trump for president. I suggest that many focused on the lack of truth in Trump's words rather than the perceptions his supporters had of him, leading to false conclusions.

THE THEORY WARS: AN EXPLORATION

Jared Kohn - University of California, Davis

The "Theory Wars" in the late 20th century argued the nature and value of literary theory. Through analysis of the various schools of thought, I consider the political undertones of their arguments while noting the relevance of this debate and its implications in the political realm of the 21st century.



STUDIES IN RADIOGRAPHY, PATHOLOGY, AND NEUROLOGY - ED/PSYCH 292

KNEE DEEP: RADIOGRAPHIC POSITION AND RELATED PATHOLOGY

Jeremias Cruz - GateWay Community College

This research project delves knee deep into the knee and reveals rare pathological cases as well as the special projections that will best demonstrate them. We will review the central ray angulation effect on cross-table trauma projection. Finally, we will discuss the comparative experiment.

SVV PATHOGENESIS IN RHESUS MACAQUE SKIN

Anah Gilmore - Metropolitan State University of Denver

Simian Varicella Virus (SVV) is the only animal model that accurately represents the stages of disease for Varicella Zoster Virus. By examining the skin of monkeys infected with SVV, the presence of virus antigen, PDL-1, and B-3 Tubulin was identified.

STUDIES IN THE UNSTANDING OF DISEASE PROGRESSION - ED/PSYCH 254

LITERARY ANALYSIS OF NUTRITIONAL INTERACTIONS CONCERNING VERTICAL HIV-1 TRANSMISSION VIA BREASTFEEDING IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Ellana Williams - Metropolitan State University of Denver

The purpose of this presentation is to analyze nutritional interactions concerning vertical HIV-1 transmission via breastfeeding in underdeveloped nations. Understanding of social, and economic issues; coupled with nutritional status will seek to establish if breastfeeding is culturally, and healthfully appropriate for mother and infant in conjunction with contrasting global health policy.

BEHAVIORAL AND NEUROBIOLOGICAL ADAPTATIONS THAT MAY PROVOKE OBESITY

Julianne Brutman - Washington State University

Certain feeding psychopathologies, such as binge eating disorder, provoke obesity. Here, we utilized a pre-clinical binge-like feeding paradigm and Next Generation Sequencing to investigate induced behavioral and epigenetic changes. Our novel findings highlight a process by which HFD exposure promotes behavioral and neurobiological adaptations that may provoke an obese phenotype.

POTRAYALS OF RACE AND IMMIGRATION - STUDENT UNION 319

RACE AND VIOLENCE: HOW MEDIA SHAPES PERCEPTIONS OF SHOOTINGS IN AMERICA

Sterling Voortmeyer - Southern Utah University

Do media outlets reinforce preconceived notions of race and violence through their documentation of mass shootings in America? I seek to answer this question through an analysis of popular news outlets' reports of these events, and ask how we can promote responsible consumption and production of media.

NI DE AQUÍ, NI DE ALLÁ (NOT FROM HERE, NOT FROM THERE)

Estefania Rivera Gonzalez - Sierra Nevada College

This is a personal narrative of my my life as an undocumented immigrant in the United States. Through stories and research, I hope to shed light on the issues that the community of "Dreamers" or young undocumented immigrants face today.

STUDIES IN RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS - STUDENT UNION 313

COMPANIONS OF FIRE: CONFRONTING APOSTASY LAWS AROUND THE WORLD

Zachary Lien - University of Idaho

Currently, twenty countries maintain some form of an apostasy law or measure, and apostates—those who abandon religious teachings—face severe challenges. In an effort to address this human rights issue, this research analyzes the viability of several policy approaches that seek to mitigate the effects of apostasy laws.

STUDIES IN RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS - STUDENT UNION 313

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECT FEMINISM HAS HAD ON ISLAMIC WOMEN LIVING IN THE MENA COUNTRIES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, GENDER AND RELIGION

Kaity Williams - Metropolitan State University of Denver

My intended audience is anyone interested in the issue of gender equality in the MENA countries. The research paper I would like to present shows personal accounts as to the socio-economic results of feminism in the MENA countries. The paper is part historical journey and part thesis to show areas of opportunity regarding this topic.

SCHNEIDER MUSEUM OF ART TOUR 2:00PM - SCHNIDER MUSEAM OF ART

WORKSHOP SESSION 6 2:00PM- 2:50PM

THE PATH TO A DIGITAL HONORS ADMISSIONS SYSTEM - CHURCHILL 229

Connor Freitas, Scott Linneman - Western Washington University

Small but growing programs struggle to process increasing numbers of applications every year, creating undue strain. Typical paper processing systems can lead to inefficiency. The WWU Honors Program switched to a digital system and hopes to share its the benefits and struggles of the transition.

'WRAPAROUND' HONORS ADVISING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH - CHURCHILL 220

Paul Carrington - University of Washington Tacoma

This workshop welcomes administrators, faculty and students to discuss high impact Honors advising. It considers advising not as the purview of professional advisors alone, but a collaborative enterprise maintained by staff, faculty and students. This 'wraparound' culture places equal emphasis on intangible student needs as it does on degree completion.

EF COLLEGE STUDY TOURS / THE SOU DEMOCRACY PROJECT - CHURCHILL 231

Kathryn Francis, Samara Diab, Prakash Chenjeri - Southern Oregon University, EF

This session will focus on the development of short-term, faculty-led study abroad opportunities in honors. We will discuss best practices in creating accessible and effective global experiences for students, giving session attendees viable frameworks for establishing similar initiatives on their campus. SOU's Democracy Project will be featured.

PRODUCTION, ADAPTATION AND ICONOGRAPHY OF THE ORESTEIA AND GREEK THEATRE - STUDENT UNION 313

Gus Smith - Lane Community College

The Orestseia of Aeschylus embody Greek tenants of drama, from plot structure to artistic portrayal, the Oresteia is a quintessential play of Greek antiquity. My presentation argues for a specific dramaturgical packet that informs and advises the production and portrayal of the Oresteia by examining the history of Greek theatre, past performances, and artistic elements for contemporary adaptations.



DEVELOPMENT OF SMART CLOTHING FOR VISIBILITY - STUDENT UNION 319

SueBin Lee - University of California, Davis

The paper presentation will entail researching and prototyping safety clothing for bicyclists and night time athletics to ensure their safety in the dark. Studies will be taken to prototype a wearable smart clothing that will assist bikers and night runners in their commute.

VISIONS OF ALTERNATIVE SOCIETIES: PAST AND FUTURE - STUDENT UNION 330

IMAGINING ANGAAA: A UTOPIA OF EQUALITY

Angela Miller - Cochise College

Ever dreamed of living in a world with true equality, where everyone puts in the same amount of work and is rewarded and paid the same? Where poverty does not exist, and everyone gets along? Angaaa is just that place. Explore this imaginative attempt to create the ideal utopic society.

THE SACRED BAND: GUARDIANS OF BOEOTIA

Eben Lee Thomas - Southern Utah University

The Sacred Band of Thebes was an elite, erotic military unit which existed during the fourth century BCE. The purpose of this paper is to establish the most accurate record of the Sacred Band in order to prove that its actual purpose was to guard Thebes and its Boeotian holdings.

STUDIES IN GENETICS AND GMOs - ED/PSYCH 292

GMOS: INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Lorri Michele Bethel - Flathead Valley Community College

GMO crops have become a major part of America's agriculture and food supply since their introduction in 1996. In this presentation, using raw data and peer reviewed articles, I will review what we know about them including the history, acceptance, and the major controversies surrounding GMOs.

GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION IN NUCLEAR ABFI14 GENOTYPES IN THE CALIFORNIA RED FIR-NOBLE FIR SPECIES COMPLEX

Paige Stephens - Southern Oregon University

A research project completed in Dr. David Oline's Fall 2015 Genetics course regarding potential hybridization of *Abies magnifica* (California red fir) and *Abies procera* (Noble fir) as determined by the geographic variation in nuclear Abfi14 genotypes in the California Red fir-Noble fir species complex in the Cascade and Klamath-Siskiyou bioregions.

EXAMINING THE AMERICAN DIET THROUGH MARKETING AND POLICY - LIBRARY 206

THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN FOOD POLICY

Jade Williamson - Flathead Valley Community College

My oral presentation examines the timeline of U.S. food policy and regulation. I will cover which agencies regulate food production and the reasoning behind food policy formation. To illustrate U.S. food regulation, I will include an overview and excerpts, from Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* and John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.

EATING MEAT: HAVE WE BEEN SOLD OUR DIETS THROUGH MARKETING?

Sage Freeman-Gonzales - Metropolitan State University of Denver

Eating meat is a very normal dietary behavior in our culture, but is this our choice, or have we been sold a diet from clever corporate marketing? The billion-dollar meat industry has taken over our diets, and is starting to see backlash as people discover the lies they were told.



VISIONS FOR A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY - CHURCHILL 230

BOSQUE ESMERALDA: AN ECOLOGICAL UTOPIA

Sarah Chadbourn - Cochise College

Imagine: in the near future, a visionary group of U.S. citizens rejects the country's relentless ecological advancements, and hoping to get closer to nature, establishes a utopian community in the redwoods of Northern California.

MENTAL HEALTH AND STUDENT ATTRITION

Heather Buchanan - Southern Oregon University

Mental health is an issue that is receiving increased attention in higher education. This presentation summarizes student research comparing the mental health, stress, and social support of returning and non-returning students during fall term. Results from this study could help universities create more effective retention and mental health programs.

RESPONSES TO SOCIETAL EXPECTATIONS IN TAXATION, MARRIAGE, AND EDUCATION LIBRARY 117

DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE: DESDEMONA'S DOWNFALL

Elona Dahi - Mt. San Antonio College

While it's widely argued that Desdemona is one of Shakespeare's most independent female characters, this perception is frivolous. Desdemona conforms to her gender role, never challenging the period's status quo, thereby rendering her marriage an empty act of rebellion since the institution of marriage itself ensures Desdemona becomes Othello's property.

TAX EVASION AND THE PREVALENCE OF BLACK MONEY IN INDIA

Armana Chadha - Mt. San Antonio College

This analysis explores India's growing problem of tax evasion and how black money has consequentially become a normal aspect of the economy there.

SELF-EDUCATION AND SELF-EMPOWERMENT: FREDERICK DOUGLASS'S INTELLECTUAL JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

Justin DesRochers - Mt. San Antonio College

While Frederick Douglass may have escaped slavery from the South, it was his pursuit of learning which truly set him free. His journey demonstrates the role education can have in empowering oppressed people and how those same people can rise up, fight for justice, and change the course of history.

THE NEW POWER OF FEMALE PROTAGONISTS IN YOUNG ADULT DYSTOPIAN LITERATURE - ED/PSYCH 294

McKenzie Watterson - University of Montana

Considering heroines in young adult dystopian fiction, this project examines them through a literary review. Using feminist ethics of care as a baseline, the review considers their unique worlds, agency, and motivation. This project also adds to the cannon with a new piece of creative writing.



WORKSHOP SESSION 7

3:00PM- 3:50PM

ANALYSIS OF STUDENT EXPERIENCES IN A UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER CHURCHILL 220

Tanner Telford - Weber State University

This analysis was conducted in order to gain both statistical and student response data concerning the Weber State University Writing Center, which provides free writing tutoring to Weber State students of all majors. The findings were also made available to the WSU English department for possible curriculum assessment/adjustment purposes.

INTEGRATING HONORS INSTRUCTION WITH HONORS SOCIETIES - CHURCHILL 229

Lee W. Gordon - Orange Coast College

The Garrison Honors Center at Orange Coast College integrates the activities of 12 Honors Societies with The College's Honors Instruction.

The presentation will discuss this arrangement, which houses PTK and Honors Societies in the same entity as Honors classes, as a replicable model for other colleges' and universities' Honors Programs

QUEER POLITICS IN EASTERN EUROPE - LIBRARY 117

Mason Schmidt - University of California, Davis

Eastern Europe has diverging environments for LGBTQ+ citizens. Through survey distribution, I explore the intersectional experiences of the community and its effect on feelings of representation and acceptance. Additionally, I look to understand which policy implications exist regionally and beyond.

THE SICILIAN PUPPI: CONVEYORS OF MYTH - STUDENT UNION 319

Marco Saglimbeni - Chapman University

This project explores the traditional form of Sicilian puppetry known as the pupi theater, and how it represented the struggles of consistently oppressed Sicilians, eventually developing into a form of ritual. This project also examines the importance and relevance of myths in human culture.

HIERARCHICAL RELATIONS IN COMMUNITIES: BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL STUDENT UNION 313

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL SELECTION: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Jamie Moseley - Chapman University

What has lead humans to place themselves upon a pedestal as the superior species? The ethical implications of human interference on natural selection will be evaluated and the why behind human (over)involvement in conservational efforts will be analyzed as conservation impacts are closely assessed.

THE DRAMATIC EVOLUTION AND APPLICATION OF URBAN CHINESE FEMALE GENDER ROLES

Sofya Pangburn - Chapman University

This research examines the roles of women in China. I surveyed a sample of Chinese citizens on their views of female gender roles, finding correlations between participant demographics and responses. Moreover, I analyzed modern Chinese history and culture to discover the origins of Chinese feminism.



PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH - ED/PSYCH 292

Jonathan Trautman - Scottsdale Community College

This research project discusses the relationship between critical compounds in the biology of prostate cancer patients in recapitulation. Dr. John Nagy and his research group endeavor to be leaders by mathematically modeling relationships between compounds and phenomena in order to make accurate predictions regarding tumor growth.

CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES OF HORROR IN LITERATURE AND FILM - STUDENT UNION 330

SPOOKY, SCARY MOVIES: A HALLOWEEN FILM OVERVIEW

Samantha West - Dixie State University

This paper represents the culmination of a semester's worth of Honors research on the topic of Halloween and its cultural significance in the American consciousness. It examines the motifs and context of Halloween and how these can be distilled into simple criteria for evaluating Halloween films.

EDGAR ALLAN POE, PRIVATE DETECTIVE

Paul Byra - Cochise College

While Edgar Allan Poe is widely known for his chilling tales of psychological horror, his detective fiction may tend to be overlooked. However, Poe's French detective Auguste C. Dupin, embodies all the traits and skills of the quintessential literary private detective, even influencing Arthur Conan Doyle's character of Sherlock Holmes.

SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATIONS OF THEATRE - ED/PSYCH 294

THE SWEET SOUNDS OF THE GREEKS

Matthew Hovey - Flathead Valley Community College

Ancient Greek amphitheaters have been a mystery to the scientific field due to the enhancement of vocal acoustics. Recently, the science behind the acoustics has received a better understanding. This presentation will dive into the science behind the Greek amphitheater, Epidaurus, and how the Greeks possibly figured the science out.

A FEELING MACHINE: THE BRAIN'S NEUROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF TRAGEDY ON STAGE

Keifer Clark - Flathead Valley Community College

This presentation will be taking a close look at the connections between the brain and the human desire for tragedy. It will cover basic parts of the limbic system, the stress response system, lacrimation, and mirror neurons while connecting them to examples from theatre.

STUDIES IN WILDLIFE BIOLOGY - ED/PSYCH 258

THE EFFECT OF A BAIT ADMINISTERED SYLVATIC PLAGUE VACCINE ON NON-TARGET SMALL MAMMAL SURVIVAL

Emily Leonhardt - University of Montana

This study estimated monthly survival for non-target small mammals captured on prairie dog colonies treated with a placebo or sylvatic plague vaccine bait. Small mammal trapping was conducted on the Charles Russell National Wildlife Refuge, and survival was estimated using program MARK.

GLUCOCORTICOIDS AND PARENTAL EFFORT IN TREE SWALLOWS

Mackenzie Prichard - University of Montana

In this study, I observed aspects of elevated stress hormones (CORT) in tree swallows to examine whether CORT suppresses or increases parental effort as debated in previous research.



INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES AT WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - CHURCHILL 231

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENTS: TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Dr. Tom Moore, Pauline Mogilevsky, Helen Anderson - Western Washington University

At Western Washington University, the Honors Program and Fellowship Office work closely with one another, with considerable overlap in staff and applicants: the two departments even share facilities! This discussion will focus on the Fellowship Office's advertisement strategies, student involvement, and successful collaborations with other departments.

FROM BUNKERED TO BOUNDLESS: THE TRANSITION OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S WRITING CENTER TO THE HACHERL RESEARCH AND WRITING STUDIO

Grace Eliason - Western Washington University

In the past two years, big changes have been made at Western Washington University's Libraries, the most substantial being the relocation and refinement of the school's Writing Center and its practices. Some eyebrow-raising developments include the use of studio-model practices and the merging of research consultation with writing assistance services. This presentation will provide a synopsis of this transition, including pedagogical reasons for the transition and recent developments thereof.

BENEFITS OF PEER LEADERSHIP - CHURCHILL 230

LEARNING THROUGH LEADERSHIP: GROWING AS A PEER LEADER

Jamie Moseley - Chapman University

Although many individuals have opportunities to engage in leadership experiences throughout their undergraduate college careers, additional benefits gained may often be overlooked. Applying lessons learned from time spent as a leader to all aspects of life can be immensely beneficial for students.

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES: A CASE STUDY OF PEER LEADERSHIP

Emily Liles, Andrea Corral - University of Nevada, Las Vegas

This case study proposes a five stage interpersonal communication model, designed to engage both incoming students and their mentors who participate in a peer leadership program unique to the Honors College at UNLV. Conflict management styles, self disclosure, social reward systems, and methods of reflection are some of the necessary leadership skills discussed.

RETHINKING STEWARDSHIP - LIBRARY 206

RE-THINKING FUNDRAISING: VALUES-BASED STEWARDSHIP

Divya McMillin - University of Washington Tacoma

This paper expands the concept of stewardship to include that from donor to the institution, where stewardship is not just about shepherding funds but about commitment to shared values. It presents the case study of UW Tacoma's Global Honors Program, with core values of global learning and community engagement.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOW IT AFFECTS EVERYONE

Justin Quinn - Pima Community College

Domestic abuse is widespread and affects all people in some way. Presentation will include definitions of types of abuse, societal impacts and ways to disrupt the cycle of abuse.



STUDENT POSTER SESSION

4:00PM - 6:00PM

SOU STEVENSON UNION ARENA

Poster Presentations are listed in alphabetical order by last name and by judging category. If more than 2 people are presenting a poster, the applicant's name is listed first.

SCIENCES

1. Benjamin Barnes, Jonathan Radda - Southern Oregon University

ASHLAND'S LITHIA WATER: MAJOR ION CONCENTRATIONS AND HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Jonathan Radda and Ben Barnes present results of a term-long research project investigating the ions solubilized in Ashland, Oregon's Lithia water. Samples collected from downtown Ashland were analyzed by methods including titrimetry, spectrophotometry, and potentiometry. Conclusions about the water's lithium content and potential health effects were extrapolated from the data.

2. Julia Bramstedt - Central Washington University

IMPACT OF BERBERINE CONCENTRATIONS ON MCF-7 BREAST CANCER CELL GROWTH RATE

This research examines the effect Berberine concentration has on the growth rate and viability of MCF-7 breast cancer cells. Results from this experiment revealed that as Berberine concentration increased, growth rate decreased and relatively constant viability.

3. Viktoriya Broyan - Central Washington University

INCREASED LOCAL AND DISTANT COLOR DISTRACTOR EFFECTS ON STROOP TASK REACTION TIMES

The current study will investigate whether the addition of multiple color distractors, locally and distantly, negatively influence perceptual performance on a timed Stroop card-sorting task. The task is to match the color of the ink written on the index card to the ballot box labeled with the correct color word.

4. William Carpenter - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING OF LARGE SOLID ROCKET MOTORS

The purpose of this project is to research, develop, and refine the techniques necessary to produce solid rocket motors of incrementally increasing size in preparation for an attempt to launch and safely recover 10kg of payload on a suborbital space flight on a vehicle completely designed and built by undergraduate students.

5. Jehremy Felig - Montana State University, Billings

DOES CODON BIAS CONTRIBUTE TO FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA?

Familial Dysautonomia (FD) is a devastating disease of the peripheral nervous system. In eukaryotes, modifications to tRNAs that recognize codons for lysine, glutamic acid, and glutamine are missing, resulting in the reduced translation of AA-ending codons which leads to progressive neuronal death and FD pathophysiology.



6. Emalee Foster, Denise Ponce - Estrella Mountain Community College

POLLUTING OUR CHILDREN: A LOOK INTO ONE OF THE UNITED STATES' WORST CHEMICAL CONTAMINATES - ATRAZINE

Various studies and experiments have been done to humans and wildlife, to determine if Atrazine is a health risk. We aim to determine if the controversy surrounding Atrazine is warranted as well as taking a deeper look into how we would fix/deal with the health risks surrounding Atrazine.

7. Bianca Giogri - Paradise Valley Community College

RADIATION FROM THE STARS

Modeling the radiation from the stars under extreme circumstances can prove particularly challenging. Using calculus one is able take limits of the formulas for modeling stellar radiation and determine which equations make for better models based on what we know of stellar behavior and life cycles.

8. Fady Guirguis - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

PROTECTION GENERATED AGAINST INFLUENZA IN MICE FOLLOWING VACCINATION WITH LIPOSOMES CONTAINING ONLY ADJUVANTS AND NO INFLUENZA PROTEINS

Previous experiments using liposomal influenza vaccine with viral protein M2e and the adjuvant Monophosphoryl Lipid A or dsRNA, generated a protective adaptive immune response against H1N1 virus. In this study, we examined if liposomes containing an adjuvant and no protein would stimulate a protective innate immune response against influenza challenge.

9. Isela Hernandez - Paradise Valley Community College

LET'S GET PHYSICAL: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC IN EXERCISE

Music has the potential to elicit a small, but significant effect on performance. Through the advancements of technology, people who exercise have a greater chance to get through a workout easier, physically and emotionally, by allowing any form of music to influence their inner psyche.

10. Hyeyeon Hwang - University of California, Davis

FLEXIBLE ATTENTIONAL TEMPLATES: SHIFTING IN TARGET REPRESENTATION

An attentional template is based on a group of features in visual working memory that represent a target in visual search. Tasks which involved finding and selecting a target color in a visual search and on a color wheel revealed flexible shifts in the representation of the target color.

11. Chanda Mandisa Lowrance - Metropolitan State University of Denver

DETERMINATION OF THE ENTROPY CHANGE DURING THE PROCESS OF CLATHRIN-MEDIATED ENDOCYTOSIS IN DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER BY COMPUTATIONAL MODELING

Through computational modeling, I will determine the thermodynamic quantity of entropy for the process of Clathrin-mediated endocytosis can be predicted, and whether the process is spontaneous or nonspontaneous can be computationally defined.



12. Keesha Matz - Washington State University

THE INNATE IMMUNE RESPONSE AND THE NIPAH VIRUS (NIV)

The innate immune response is the body's first line of defense in combating viral infections. The deadly Nipah Virus (NiV) has developed mechanisms to evade this natural response and be more infectious. We observed two NiV proteins important for this evasion process which can be applied to future antiviral treatments.

13. Mattie Mazur - Flathead Valley Community College

THE RISE OF MONOCULTURE: THE DECLINE OF DIVERSITY

My research was on the agricultural practice of monoculture farming and how its implementation can influence the social and physical environment surrounding it. I also examined how monocultures impact biodiversity and the potential for this practice to be a sustainable long term method of farming in today's world.

14. Kim Reece - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

EXTENSION OF THE SIMON INVARIANT TO K_P GRAPHS

Extension of the Simon invariant on K_5 to other complete graphs with a prime number of nodes. An invariant under chosen constraints was found for 13 nodes, and ruled out for some other values. This invariant attains every odd value for some achiral embedding of K_{13} .

15. Ashley Richards - University of Washington Tacoma

BURSTING AT THE SEAMS: BALANCING LAND USE AND POPULATION GROWTH

Global Population growth has influenced the migration of individuals from rural communities to the city, in turn altering urban ecosystem's and requiring a large-scale reevaluation of how we use our land.

16. Omar Samara - California State University, Bakersfield

DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR POWERED SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE FOR LONG ENDURANCE FLIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL PAYLOADS

Development of long endurance unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) is critical to the advancements of both industrial applications and sustainability efforts as UAVs provide low cost and high quality remote sensing data which can be used in agricultural and petroleum monitoring. Solar power presents one power system capable of extending endurance.

17. Raquel Serverino - Paradise Valley Community College

DARE TO ROCK CLIMB: PHYSICS CAN SAVE LIVES

Rock climbing has a deep history, usually requires a lot of specialized equipment to provide a safety net, training and experience with that equipment, and extensive development of technique. The precision and technique needed to climb these rock walls can be informed by applying the laws of physics to ropes and rope systems.

18. Jovy Trejo - Mt. San Antonio College

APPLYING THE GREEN CHEMISTRY PRINCIPLES TO THE PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS

Applying the Green chemistry principles to the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals is a cost effective approach, and is less harmful to human health and the environment.



19. Kendra Wardon - Paradise Valley Community College

CLICKBAIT

Realistic dating profiles for 21 year old males and females were created, and the number of view, likes, and messages a proactive account received compared to a conservative profile were compared. Depending on the gender of the profile, provocative pictures received different levels and types of attention than conservative photos.

HUMANITIES

1. Nicole Choy - Chapman University

ANALYSIS OF THE FEMALE PRESENCE IN THE MALE-DOMINATED COMIC BOOK INDUSTRY

Examining the transformation of the female presence within comics and comic book culture as consequence of sociopolitical movements, analyzing current perceptions of women as members of comic book culture through exploration of female representation in Y: The Last Man, Batgirl of Burnside, and Thor.

2. Emily Renee Clouse - University of Washington Tacoma

USING MINDSET THEORY TO COMBAT INDIVIDUAL AND SYSTEMIC RACISM

By examining the history of humans, we can understand racism's roots and determine an effective solution. Implementing Carol Dweck's Mindset Theory can open the minds of oppressors and opportunities for the oppressed. A growth mindset can positively impact the lives of disadvantaged individuals.

3. Haley Eck - Southern Oregon University

THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS LITERACY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSROOM

Many of this country's most commonly taught works rely on religious allusions or themes to illustrate settings, develop characters, and communicate messages. This presentation discusses the importance of religious literacy as contextual and cultural instruction in the high school English classroom.

4. Rebecca Flora - Southern Oregon University

CHANGING THE WAY WE CONSUME COFFEE

My poster explores ethical consumerism and coffee. The key points include Direct Trade coffee, sustainability, and third wave coffee. Coffee is the second largest import in the U.S. We need to consider how we can consume coffee responsibly for the environment and pay fair wages to producers.

5. Monica Furman - Chapman University

CROSS(ING) THE LINE: LEADERSHIP IN DEVISED THEATRE

If devised theatre, or ensemble-created original performance, is by definition created by a group with no hierarchical structure in place, what is the purpose of a director? This research documents my four-year journey from ensemble member to director of Cross the Line, Chapman University's devised theatre group.

6. Jessica Habashy - University of Nevada, Las Vegas

THE INTERACTIVE EFFECTS OF PERFECTIONISM AND SOCIOCULTURAL IDEALIZATION OF THINNESS ON DISORDERED EATING SYMPTOMS

The idealization of thinness is ubiquitous in Westernized cultures; however, only some females develop disordered eating. Perfectionism is a personality trait that may intersect with sociocultural effects (e.g., pressures for thinness) to heighten vulnerability to disordered eating. Results from the current study supported this hypothesis in female college students.



7. David Kirichenko - University of Washington

STEERING MARKET ECONOMIES TO BE CONSCIOUS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The major challenge in the battle against climate change is providing a market-friendly solution. Any proposal to address climate change will not be successful if it fails to converge with the markets. A carbon tax has proved to be the most market-friendly solution in the battle against climate change.

8. Patricia Leon-Cleary - Mesa Community College

CORRELATIONAL STUDY: GPA AND EMPLOYMENT

Statistically analyzing student GPA to determine possible correlations two hours worked while employed. Mesa community college students were asked to volunteer for an anonymous survey. SPSS showed no significant relationship between a GPA and hours worked. In contrast a strong relationship between GPA and total credit hours was shown at a 95% confidence level and the Pearson correlation at .323.

9. Zachary Lien - University of Idaho

BLASPHEMY LAWS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Blasphemy Laws—or laws that limit freedom of expression with regards to irreverence or criticism towards religion, religious practices, religious texts, and/or religious beliefs—exist in eleven European Union countries, ostensibly to reduce social hostilities. This research analyzes the claim that social hostilities are decreased through these laws.

10. Sierra Peterson - University of Nevada, Reno

**COLLEGE STUDENTS' UTILIZATION OF CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:
THE ROLE OF FACULTY AND STAFF**

College is a stressful transition for many students who are learning to deal with pressures away from their support system. The role of faculty and staff as referral sources is largely unknown. The purpose of this project is to explore their role in referring students to campus mental health resources.

11. Anthony Reyes - Estrella Mountain Community College

THE AMERICAN BIG THREE

The topic of my research was to analyze the top three grossing accounting firms based here in the United States. Comparing the history, personnel, and statistical data of each company. The most interesting aspect of the research involved my interview with a Senior associate at PwC and what I found.

12. Jacklyn Rogers, Samara Diab - Southern Oregon University

WOMEN IN ACADEMIA: QUEST TO CRACK THE GLASS CEILING

The presentation will include an analysis of the role of women in higher education, and the numerous hurdles women encounter in their quest to earn equality.

13. Eduardo Salazar - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

AUTOMATED SEEDPOD CUTTING PROCESS FOR WREATH PRODUCTION

Through Boys Republic, at risk teens are given the opportunity to learn work related skills and attitudes for a productive life. Currently seedpods used for wreath decorations are manually cut in an unsafe manner leading to the need of automation while meeting the growing market demand to fund ongoing programs.



14. Jessica Stipek - Chapman University

VEGANISM: A CURE FOR GLOBAL HUNGER?

This poster examines the various positive effects of veganism from an economic, environmental, medical, and ethical perspective. This poster describes how a vegan lifestyle can help individuals take leadership of their lives and help solve many of the world's most widespread problems.

15. Carol Sun - Chapman University

ANIME AND WAR

This poster analyzes how animation has been used as a medium to discuss a possible imminent future shaped by war and technology.

16. Tina Marie Taliaferro - Estrella Mountain Community College

WOMEN IN MEDIA

The Women in Media study is a qualitative, womanist inquiry into the ways that women engage and work in media through their creative interpretive work and through content creation. The study explores behind the scene media as a whole, to include television, film, radio, and online platforms.

17. Erik White - Mesa Community College

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANONYMITY AND SELF-AWARENESS ON PREDICTING ANTINORMATIVE BEHAVIOR

It was hypothesized that anonymity and a lack of self-awareness would cause an increase in the frequency of aggressive behavior in college students. The data gathered did not support the hypotheses suggested in this experiment. However, it should be noted that sampling error is probable in the present experiment due to the small size of the sample used. Discussion centers on the methodological flaws and implications of this experiment.

18. Jingyi Zhang - University of Washington, Tacoma

CHINA'S HOUSING BUBBLE

In recent years, an increasing number of people started to focus on real estate bubble. Especially, China's housing market is becoming overheated because it not only inflates rapidly, but also it is perhaps one of the most serious real estate bubbles in the world.

RECOGNITION DINNER & KEYNOTE SPEECH

7:00PM-9:00PM

ASHLAND HILLS HOTEL GRAND BALLROOM

Featuring OSF Executive Director, Cynthia Rider.

Those with dietary restrictions noted in their registration may pick up their meal card at the event.



SUNDAY APRIL 9

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

7:30AM-9:15AM

SOU DISC GOLF COURSE

The course has nine holes and is located on Southern Oregon University Campus. This event is open to all skill levels. Discs will be provided. The best three scores will win a WRHC disc, and the first-place winner will win a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

WRHC BUSINESS MEETING

7:30AM-9:00AM

SOU STEVENSON UNION ROOM 319

LITHIA PARK GUIDED TOUR

7:45AM-9:00AM

MEET IN ASHLAND HILLS HOTEL LOBBY

Join us for a guided tour of historic Lithia Park, hosted by Ashland Parks and Recreation. Lithia Park has been called the heart of Ashland, and for good reason!

POSTER AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

9:30AM-10:00AM

SOU STEVENSON UNION ROGUE RIVER ROOM

SOU AND CHAPMAN CONFERENCE PLANNING TRANSITION MEETING

11:00AM-12:00PM

SOU STEVENSON UNION ROGUE RIVER ROOM





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WRHC CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC).

ARTICLE 2: Objective

The objective of this Council shall be promotion and advancement of honors and similar programs in western colleges and universities.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

Membership in the Council shall be institutional membership. Institutional membership shall be open to institutions of higher learning as well as to foundations and government agencies interested in honors and similar programs. Each institutional member shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE 4: Voting Body

One representative of each institutional member shall be entitled to vote in all transactions of the Council.

ARTICLE 5: Officers

Officers of the Council: Definitions and Duties

The officers of the Council shall be a President, a Vice President, and an Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

The President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the organization, shall appoint committees, shall maintain communication with members of the Council, shall offer advice to the WRHC conference coordinator, and shall perform other duties as pertain to the office of the President.

The Vice President is defined to be the conference coordinator of the current annual WRHC conference. The Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of coordinating the annual WRHC conference by choosing a date and location for the conference in a timely fashion, disseminating the "Call for Papers," selecting the papers and presentations for inclusion in the conference,

and performing all other duties applicable to this position.

The Executive Secretary/Treasurer (EST) is defined to be the person in charge of keeping minutes of the meetings of the Council and performing such other duties incidental to the conduct of his/her office as may be required of her/him. In particular, s/he shall collect and manage all fees and dues owing to the organization and shall be the custodian of the Council's funds. S/he shall make an annual report to the organization as secretary and submit annually a complete and verified statement of the financial condition of the organization. S/he shall also serve as liaison with the headquarters of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The EST shall be responsible for regularly updating the WRHC website.

Selection Process for Officers of the Council; Terms of Office

The Vice President assumes the position of President at the business meeting of the annual WRHC conference. The President shall hold office for one year or until his/her successor is installed.

The conference coordinator of the following annual WRHC conference shall assume the position of Vice President at the business meeting of the current annual WRHC meeting. He/she shall hold this title until the business meeting of the following annual WRHC conference, at which point he/she assumes the role of President. In the event of the President's death or incapacity during his/her term in office, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President sooner than the business meeting of the following annual WRHC conference.

The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected at an annual meeting for a three-year renewable term. The headquarters of the WRHC shall reside at the home institution of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.



Ordinarily, new officers shall be installed at an annual business meeting. If it is not possible to elect a new Executive Secretary/Treasurer at an annual business meeting and/or to have the Vice President assume the role of President, then such an election and/or installation shall take place in a vote by mail.

The President shall hold office for one year or until his/her successor is installed. The President, or in her/his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the organization, shall appoint committees, and shall perform such duties as pertain to the office of President.

The chair of the following annual WRHC conference will assume the position of vice-president and succeed automatically to the office of the president and shall hold office for one year or upon the death or incapacity of the President, whichever occurs first.

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S/he shall serve as liaison with the headquarters of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

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ARTICLE 6: Meetings

The Council shall hold two annual meetings: one in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council and one in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Western Regional Honors Council at a time and

place to be determined by the membership at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE 7: Mail vote

Between meetings, any question or item of business shall be submitted by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer to a vote of the Council membership by mail.

ARTICLE 8: Amendments

Any proposal to alter or amend this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for suitable wording which clearly expresses the intent of the proposal and which is consistent with the other sections of the Constitution. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment to each institutional member prior to the annual meeting. Such alterations and amendments shall, upon receiving at a regular annual meeting a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, become a part of the Constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: Dues and voting rights

Section 1. The annual dues for institutional membership shall be fifty (50) dollars.

Section 2. Only those institutional members whose dues are paid by the time of the annual conference are entitled to a vote in the Business meeting of the Council.

Section 3. Any member in arrears for one year shall be dropped from the rolls.

ARTICLE 2: Annual Conference

Section 1. The conference coordinator (Vice President) will plan the budget such that the conference will not end in deficit.

Section 2. Fees for the spring annual conference will be approved by majority vote at the fall meeting.

Section 3. Conference surplus revenues shall be transferred to the WRHC account as soon as all revenues have been collected and the bookkeeping for the conference completed. The WRHC will consider helping host institutions with



conference costs by giving them a certain sum of money, to be both negotiated between the WRHC council and the Vice President and designed to keep conference fees as low as possible.

Section 4. Refunds for members unable to attend the conference for a valid reason, will be considered by the officers after the conclusion of the conference depending on funds available less 1%.

Section 5. The host institution will reimburse itself for conference costs incurred including administration, copy and publication costs, and travel.

Section 6. Student conference fees will be lower than faculty and administrators fees.

Section 7. The conference chair will submit a written financial report, including a final conference budget, to the executive secretary/treasurer and next conference organizers no later than two months after the conference.

Section 8. WRHC will provide seed money to those institutions that need it for the initial costs associated with planning a WRHC conference. It is expected that the seed money will be recovered from conference fees and returned to WRHC.

Section 9. The host institution of the WRHC conference will pay for the Scribendi reception at the WRHC conference through conference funds. In addition, the Scribendi winners attending the WRHC conference will have their conference registration fees waived by the host institution, which will pay for these fees through conference funding. Those persons who have been published in Scribendi will be encouraged to attend the conference but will not have their conference fees or other expenses waived.

Section 10. The conference host institution may invite up to three student interns to assist at the current conference from the institution hosting the following WRHC conference. Registration fees for these student interns shall be waived. A stipend from WRHC funds shall be paid to student interns for documented travel and lodging expenses at an amount to be determined yearly by the WRHC Executive Board.

ARTICLE 3: Scribendi, WRHC forum

Section 1. The WRHC will support Scribendi

financially annually for publication which is done by students in the Honors Program at the University of New Mexico.

Section 2. The WRHC will provide awards to students who win the competitions in each category.

Section 3. The WRHC will provide judges for the Scribendi contests.

ARTICLE 4: Special initiatives

Section 1. The WRHC will provide stipends for WRHC students participating in an NCHC Honors Semester.

Section 2. The WRHC will provide travel awards for regional students who are elected to an NCHC position.

ARTICLE 5: President's Council

Section 1. A President's Council will consist of no more than 5 WRHC members. The members will include the current WRHC President, the current WRHC Vice President, the former WRHC President, the current WRHC Executive Secretary/Treasurer, and one member to be appointed at large.

Section 2. The President's Council will be formed after a discussion between the current WRHC President and the most recent former WRHC president. Potential President's Council members will then be contacted and invited to be part of this council.

Section 3. The duties of the President's Council will be to help find a suitable location for the next WRHC conference, to discuss suitable locations with potential hosts, to provide advice to WRHC Vice President (conference coordinator) about the logistics and costs of the conference, to meet at the annual WRHC and NCHC conferences, and to discuss and help resolve unfinished WRHC issues that have been or will be raised at the bi-annual WRHC business meetings.

ARTICLE 6: Amendments

Any proposal to alter or amend these by-laws shall be submitted in writing to the executive secretary/treasurer who shall distribute a copy of the proposed alteration to institutional members prior to the annual meeting. Such alterations shall, upon receiving, at a regular annual meeting, a simple majority of those present and voting, become a part of the by-laws.



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