

# HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM



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## 9-10 AM / Panel 1

### Exploring Public Health: Mosquitos, Melanoma and Traditional Chinese Medicine

**Kaylee Mackenzie** — Using a Two-port Olfactometer to Determine the Ideal Attractants for *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Species

**Advisor:** *Dr. Robert Hancock*

**Deisy Rosales** — Traditional Chinese Medicine as an Alternative to Treating Asthma and Allergic Rhinitis in Children

**Advisor:** *James Gilchrist, ND*

**Sophia Nem** — Early Detection of Acral and Subungual Melanoma: A Proposal on Education Protocols for Increasing Awareness and Referral Patterns in Nail Salons

**Primary Advisor:** *Dr. Rachel Sinley*

**Second Reader:** *Dr. Doug Petcoff*

## 10:15-11:15 AM / Panel 2

### Reclaiming Heritage: Interracial Adoption, Mayan Linguistics and Indigenous Literature

**Liam Price** — Vowels and Culture: A Sociophonetic Analysis of Ch'orti' Mayan

**Advisor:** *Dr. Andrew Pantos*

**Second Readers:** *Dr. Rebecca Forgash and Dr. Richard Sandoval*

**Shayla Bischoff** — Go Smudge Yourself: Empowering Indigenous Youth through Young Adult Literature

**Advisor:** *Dr. Ella Marie Ray*

**Second Readers:** *Dr. David Weiden and Dr. James Aubrey*

**Jeancasia Nolen** — An Analysis of the Consequences of Interracial Adoption in America

**Reader:** *Dr. Megan Hughes-Zarzo*

## Celebration Ceremony / 11:30 AM-1 PM



## 1:15-2 PM / Panel 3

### A Beginner's Guide to Designing a Library: What Rhetoric and the Creation of the Universe Have in Common

**Anna Erickson** — Spatial Rhetoric in Relation to Industrial  
and Interior Design

**Advisor:** *Amy Kern*

**Colton Lee** — The Infinite Predicate of god

## 2:15-3 PM / Panel 4

### It's a Dirty World: Who's Going to Clean it Up?

**Sara Dahabreh** — A Program Analysis to Assess the Effectiveness  
of Paris Climate Agreement: Comparing Outcomes and Processes of  
Two Case Studies, China and Ethiopia

**Advisor:** *Dr. Andrew Thangasamy*

**Nick Sundstrom** — Can Golf Lessons Help Save the Environment?

**Advisor:** *Dr. Sarah Schliemann*

## 3:15-4 PM / Panel 5

### The Profit Motive, Deregulation, and their Impacts on Aviation and Private Prisons

**JayAnn Villalobos** — Inmates for Profit

**Advisor:** *Dr. Andrea Borrego and Barbara Koehler, J.D.*

**Steven Luu** — Re-Regulate the Deregulated Aviation Era?

**Advisor:** *Dr. James Simmons*

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