

HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM

December 4th, 2020

9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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9:00—10:00 | Panel I

Alternative Approaches to Education: Focused Curriculum, Balanced Schooling, and Monsters

Kelsey Percival — Children's Horror Film: The Lessons of a Redeemable Monster

Advisor: Dr. Wendolyn Weber

Second Reader: Dr. Charles Hoge

Lucas Snuffin — The Problem with District Created Curriculum: An Argument for School Created Curriculum Through Implementing Culturally Responsive Teaching

Advisors: Dr. Philip Bernhardt and Dr. Shelby Balik

Alexandra Berkowitz — Historical Transitions in U.S. Public Education, Current Imbalances, and Ideas for a more Holistic Approach

Advisor: Julie Eber

Second Reader: Dr. Philip Bernhardt

10:15—11:15 | Panel II

Trauma, Addiction, and the Aftermath: Current Issues in Mental Health

Erica Payne — Attitudes Toward Addiction and Free Will: A Mixed-Method Study and Philosophical Analysis

Advisors: Dr. Katherine Hill and Dr. Caleb Cohoe

Krystal Smith — Evaluating Student Mental Health During COVID-19

Advisor: Jovan Hernandez

La Shun Mosely — Unresolved Trauma: A Review of How it Accumulates and Evolves into a Category of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the Combined Effects of it and Military related PTSD on Subgroup Veterans

Advisor: Dr. Randi Smith

11:30—12:15 | Celebration Ceremony

12:15—1:15 | Lunch Break

1:15—2:15 | Panel III

Inflammation, Hyperbaric Chamber Treatments, and Medical Aid in Dying: Reevaluating the Norms in Patient Care

Elizabeth Platt — Expanding the Concept of Care for Terminally Ill Patients: How the Healthcare Teaching Curriculum Should be Changed to Holistically Accommodate Medical Aid in Dying

Advisor: Ricardo Gonzalez-Fisher, MD

Brianna Simmons — Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: An Overlooked Treatment for Traumatic Brain Injuries

Advisors: Dr. Sheryl Zajdowicz

Mikaela Mudge — Go with Your Gut: A {New} Approach to Inflammation

Advisor: Dr. Vida Melvin

2:30—3:30 | Panel IV

Navigating Power Structures in the Legal System and the Rainforest

Olivia Czarnecki — Legal Socialization and the Feminist Perspective: The interaction of experience and positionality in institutional legitimacy outcomes

Advisors: Dr. Desiré Anastasia and Dr. Ikaika Gleisberg

Second Reader: Dr. Nicholas Recker

Chelsea Smith — Oil Palm in Indonesia: How Agricultural Expansion Fuels Poverty and Deforestation

Advisor: Dr. Sara Jackson Shumate

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