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Honors Thesis Symposium

December 7th, 2023

11:00 AM-5:00 PM

CAVEA JSSB 420

PANEL I | 11:00 - 11:50

“Illuminating the Past: The Importance of History and its Impacts on the Present

James Vargas - “Divided We Fall or United We Rise: Presidents, Demagoguery, and the Constitution”

Advisor: Dr. Jeremiah Castle

Joy Saliu - “Beyond the Western Gaze: Western vs Nonwestern Approaches Toward History”

Advisor: Dr. Annie Butler

LUNCH | 12:00 - 1:30

in Tivoli 440/540

PANEL II | 1:45 - 2:50

Creative Thinking for the 21st Century Within Art, User Experience, and Product Design

Max Kwan - “Designing for Anxiety: Modern Culture and Emotional Product Design”

Advisors: Jamie Johnson and
Kristina Funck

Rohit Pandit - “How Design Thinking Can be Employed to Create User Friendly Digital Products”

Advisor: Joshua Hoffeld

Alexis Vasquez - "Ink and Insight: How to Navigate as an Art Major”

Advisor: Teejay Hwang

PANEL III | 3:00 - 3:50

Exploration of the Sciences: Genomes, Art, and Archaeology

Mikayla Sauers - “Art in Archaeology: The Recontextualizing of Roman Art”

Advisor: Dr. Jade Luiz

Brianna Winkler - "Isolation, Sequencing, and Modification of the *Acropora millepora* Coral GFP Gene: Encouraging Recovery from Bleaching Events"

Advisor: Dr. Maria V. Cattell

PANEL IV | 4:00 - 4:50

Narratives, Myths, Truths and Lies; How we create stories and how stories create us

Nerea Gourlaouen Alonso - “Indigenous Language Theft: The Foundation of our Current Perception of Language in the United States of America”

Advisors: Dr. María Rey-López and
Dr. Richard Sandoval

Kat Taylor - “Strange, Paralyzed Fruit: Subverting Stereotype through Self Ownership”

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Dr. Alex Boodrookas