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# HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**CAVEA JSSB 420**

# SCHEDULE

## **PANEL I | 8:30-9:20**

### **HUMAN-CAUSED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE: ARCTIC CYCLONES, & GREENBACK CUTTHROAT TROUT**

**Alexander Turner** - Arctic Cyclones in a Changing Climate: Intensification, Frequency, and Impacts on Sea Ice Concentration

**Advisor: Dr. Keah Schuenemann**

**Eleanor Mancilla** - Principal Component Analysis and qRT-PCR Validation of an RNA-Seq Dataset Analyzing Acute Thermal Stress in the Greenback Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus virginalis stomias*)

**Advisor: Dr. Doug Petcoff**

## **PANEL II | 9:30-10:35**

### **MIND THE GAP: EXPLORING APHASIA, LITERACY, & COMPOST**

**Jonah Self** - ¿Cómo se dice?: The Impact of Language Proficiency on Aphasia

**Advisor: Dr. Kathy Hardin**

**Ariana Rabinovich** - The Call is Coming from Inside the Classroom: The Urgent Need for Building and Assessing Secondary Students' Critical Literacy and Critical Consciousness

**Advisor: Dr. Daniel Moore**

**Caroline Blackwell** - The National Composting Program

**Advisor: Dr. Sarah Schliemann**

## **PANEL III | 10:45-11:45**

### **I FOUGHT THE LAW: DISILLUSIONMENT WITH HEALTHCARE, CAPITALISM, & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS**

**Lizeth Murillo** - Children of Immigrants: Health Disparities and Curanderismo as an Outlet

**Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Koshatka Seman**

**Ryan Larrimore** - We're All Getting Screwed: How Can A Study Of Onlyfans Let Us Critique Late-stage Capitalism?

**Advisor: Dr. Roger Green**

**Haven Colley** - Biases and Limitations Within Criminal Trial Courts and Appellate Courts

**Advisors: Dr. Andrea Borrego & Dr. David Fontenot**

## **CELEBRATION LUNCH | 12:00-1:30**

**TIVOLI 640**