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FALL 2025 HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM

**Friday, December 5th
8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

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Honors Program

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