

HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM

May 7th, 2021

8:30 A.M.—3:40 P.M.

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8:30-9:50 | Panel I

A Box of Chocolates: Assessing Critical Thinking in Communication and Science

Elizabeth R. Jefferies — Instructions from the Past: Tracing the Roots of Technical Writing in the Ancient World

Advisors: Darcy Beery and Dr. Richard Sandoval

Autumn A. Schwinn — The Internet's Impact on News: Today's Consumption and Production of News and What Can Be Done About It

Advisor: Steven Krizman

Elizabeth Henderson — Investigating the Importance of Method Validation through Forensic Science and Adhesive Trace Evidence

Advisor: Dr. April Hill

Second Reader: Dr. Sarah Schliemann

10:00-11:20 | Panel II

Dynamics of Social Justice and Change

Evelyn E. Fiadonu — How Protestant Christianity is Losing its Relevancy due to Conservative Stances on Women and the LGBTQ Community and What It Can Do to Change

Advisor: Dr. Brian O'Hara

Carol Kendra Gillespie-Tomczyk — Examining, Redefining and Humanizing Genocide Education in America

Advisor: Dr. Cristina Bejan

Anna Sanchez — A Comparison of Native and Indigenous Experiences of Trauma and PTSD, American Understanding, and the Gaps Between

Advisor: Dr. Tara Hammar

Second Reader: Dr. Sara Jackson Shumate

11:30-12:15 | Celebration Ceremony

12:15-1:00 | Lunch Break

1:10-2:10 | Panel III

Democracy: Theory and Form

Ryan Schiller — The Case for Constitutional Republics from its Enemies, the Skeptics

Advisor: Dr. David Sullivan

Braedan Weart — Raising Further Questions on the American Project for Stability and Democracy in Africa

Advisor: Dr. Robert Preuhs

2:20-3:40 | Panel IV

Mind Your Head: A Dive, Trip, and Fall into Health and Safety

Amy Bowman — Proceed with Caution: A Deeper Dive into Health and Safety in High School Theaters

Advisor: Brian Kelley

Timothy M. Riley — Think before you drink: Will that plastic bottle you are drinking from come back to harm you?

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Schliemann

Andrew Smith — The Construction of Reality in Alzheimer's

Advisor: Dr. Sean Petranovich



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