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Friday, April 16, 2010

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*International Relations and Romance Languages*
Heritage Language Teaching’s Impact on the Academic Success of Immigrant Children

Beau C. Benson
*Journalism and History*
Le Roi Salamandre: Bestiary and Politics of François Ier

Charmaine Chua
*International Relations and Sociology*
The Pontianak and Her Ties to Malaysian, Singapore Social History

Chelsea Garbell
*Media, Culture, and Communication*
The Introduction of Syphilis into Hawaiian Society and the Devastation it Wrought: The Re-Shaping of a People, their Land, and their Culture from 1778-1900

Alexandra Hancock
*Spanish*
CONADEP and HIJOS: A Comparison of Vehicles of Memory after the Dirty War in Argentina

Kate Richardson
*Spanish*
Mexican Cinema and the Construction of National Identity

Margarita Zeitlin
*German and Linguistics*
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Professor Dan Sanes, Neural Science
Professor Yaacov Trope, Psychology

Lisa Hurwitz
*Psychology and Spanish*
Sitting Pretty: Development of Flexible Strategy Choice in Infant Sitting

Adam Lurie
*Psychology*
About Face: Changes in Heading Direction as Infants Spontaneously Transition Between Crawling and Sitting Postures

Jennifer Quon
*Neural Science*
Balancing on the Bridge: Infants' Perception of Affordances for Crossing
Alyssa Zuckerman  
*Psychology and Journalism*

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**The American Landscape**  
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Professor Matthew Rohrer, English and American Literature  
Professor Lytle Shaw, English and American Literature

Logan Booth  
*History and Religious Studies*

*Crushed Hope, Rebuilt Lives: Central European Attorneys and Physicians Start Anew in the United States*

Margaret Craig  
*Journalism*

*Long-Form Reporting: Urban Ecovillages*

Edward Maxwell  
*History and German*

*Progress for the American Indian: Jacob C. Morgan’s and John Collier’s Debate over the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934*

Vladislava Soshkina  
*Politics*

*Winning Influence: The Effects of PAC Demographics on Senatorial Support*

Daniel Sprouse  
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Shendi Xu  
*English and American Literature*

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Professor Irina Beladodova, Russian and Slavic Studies  
Professor Andrea Dortmann, German  
Professor Viola Kloarov, German

Victoria Grefiel  
*Anthropology and East Asian Studies*

*Language and Ethnic Identification among Generation-1.5 Filipino-Americans*

Isabel Lane  
*Russian*

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Shivam Mathura  
*Philosophy*

*Interdisciplinary Action: The Convergence of a Misconstructed Reality with Itself*
Timothy McEniry  
*Language and Mind*

The Role of Language in the Formation of Worldview

Sarah Parrish  
*Spanish and Linguistics*

A Sociolinguistic Code-Switching Study of Nuyorican Poetry

Lemonia Stroubos  
*Hellenic Studies and Politics*

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Dante Wadley  
*Anthropology and Linguistics*

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Samantha Waller  
*Psychology*

Madame la Ministre: Feminist Language Reform in French

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**Issues in Linguistics**

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Professor Alec Marantz, Linguistics and Psychology
Professor William Morgan, Expository Writing
Professor Gregory Murphy, Psychology

Nessa Berezin-Bahr  
*Linguistics and Anthropology*

SY Vernacular English

Michelle Dugan  
*Anthropology*

Language Use in a Montessori Classroom

Alexandra Furukawa  
*Linguistics*

Accommodative Teacher-Talk in New York City High Schools

Anna Greenwood  
*Linguistics*

The Status of Glides in Italian Syllables

Shannon Mooney  
*Linguistics and Anthropology*

Social Variation in the Pronunciation of /r/ in Glasgow

Amanda Rysling  
*Linguistics*

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Gabriel Slamovits  
*Linguistics and Literature*

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Professor Ben Goldberg, Computer Science
Professor John Leahy, Economics
Professor Aditi Thapar, Economics

Nam Chau  
*Economics and International Relations*

Leah Clark  
*Economics*

Emma Marconi  
*Urban Design and Architecture Studies*

Caran Wakefield  
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Professor Elke Siegel, German
Professor Bryan Waterman, English and American Literature

Katherine Albis  
*Latin and Greek*

Rachel Broderick  
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Afrodite Fountas  
*Politics and Hellenic Studies*

Megan Gannon  
*English and American Literature and Art History*

Diana Kole  
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Jessica Matuozzi  
*English and American Literature*

Liam O’Brien  
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Emily Sheeler  
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Laughter and Identity

Fictionalizing Reality: The Modern Irish Literary Identity

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Reading Abduction Scenes of Ancient Greece

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Professor James Fernandez, Spanish and Portuguese
Professor Jordana Mendelson, Spanish and Portuguese
Professor Ara Merijan, Italian Studies

Felipe Cole
*History and Law and Society*
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Ernest Hartwell
*Spanish and Religious Studies*
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Ernest Hartwell
*Spanish and Religious Studies*
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Jasmine Huerta
*Spanish*
Rosario Ferré: Works for Children and Children in Her Works

Anna Sophia Irvin
*Romance Languages*
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Jacob Steinberg
*Spanish*
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Professor Dennis Geronimus, Art History
Professor Carol Krinsky, Art History
Professor Ken Silver, Art History

Rachel Broderick
*English and American Literature*
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Chad Cordova
*Art History and French*
Ernest Pignon-Ernest in Naples

Abigail Lapin
*Spanish and Art History*
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Janel Feliz Matir
*Art History*
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Alexandra Polson
*Art History*
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Hannah Roberts
*Art History*
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Professor Hasia Diner, Hebrew and Judaic Studies and History
Professor Joanna Waley-Cohen, History

Chloe Anderson
Sociology and Philosophy
Williamsburg Hasidim: Border Maintenance and Crossing

Elizabeth Maroney
International Relations
The Effects of Religiosity Upon Tolerance for Muslims in Europe

Amanda Mayo
Anthropology and Environmental Studies
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Rachel Slaff
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Andrew Tepper
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Professor Sanford Gordon, Politics
Professor Elizabeth Mansfield, Art History

Ann Nichole Agravante
Politics and Asian, Pacific and American Studies
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Rebecca Greenberg
Economics and Politics
Corruption and Electoral Volatility

Deirdre Lyons
History
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Alyxandra Mattison
Anthropology
Warfare and Displays of Power in the Emerging Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms

Eric Min
International Relations and Spanish and Linguistics
Dead or Deposed: The Effects of Assassinations and Coups on Political Institutions

Harry Wolberg
Politics and History
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- Professor Eric Hoens-del-Pinal, Anthropology
- Professor Colin Jerolmack, Environmental Studies
- Professor Fred Myers, Anthropology
- Professor Christopher Schlottman, Environmental Studies

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- Professor Stephane Gerson, French
- Professor Denicte Martone, Expository Writing
- Dr. Ryan Poynter, Academic Affairs

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Professor David Grier, Physics
Professor Esteban Tabak, Mathematics

Bernard Beckerman
*Physics*
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Zachary DeStefano
*Mathematics*
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Chaney Lin
*Physics and Mathematics*
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Michael Sharpnack
*Mathematics*
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Annie Weathers
*Physics*
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Dr. Kimberly Germain, Director of Scholarship Programs
Professor Kathleen Gerson, Sociology
Professor Marta Peixoto, Spanish and Portuguese

Jennifer Altavilla
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Lia Avellino
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Masha Carey
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Jennifer Gerdes
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Professor Henry Brenner, Chemistry
Professor Frankie Edozien, Journalism
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Professor Friedrich Ulfers, German

Darren Bryk
*Economics*
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Ashley Comfort
*Chemistry*
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Andrew Diaz
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Professor Nicola Cipani, Italian Studies
Professor Raffaella Cribiore, Classics
Professor Toral Gajarawala, English and American Literature

Joshua Cahan  
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Melissa Magrath  
*Music*
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Matthew Margini  
*English and American Literature*
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Issac Solomon  
*Latin American Studies*
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Professor Andrea McKenzie, Expository Writing
Professor Liana Theodoratou, Hellenic Studies
Professor Tessa West, Psychology

Christopher Bailey  
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Regina Gurevich  
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Professor Asli Peker, Politics
Professor Alastair Smith, Politics
Professor Cristina Vatulescu, Comparative Literature

Sara Atalay  Choosing Justice
International Relations

Cristina Bighi  All Roads Lead to Rome: Via dell'Impero and Fascist Ideology
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Isha Dandavate  The Impact of Country Relations on the UN's Decision to Intervene in Civil War Countries
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Rachel Fried  Conceptions of Community: "Community Standards" and Obscenity Law
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Rebecca Karsik  The Islamic Republic Revolutionary Guard of Iran
Politics and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

Rachel McEvoy  The Role of Law in Cicero's Court Orations
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Megan Stewart  U.S. Foreign Policy and the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood: Promoting Stability or Instability?
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Professor Guy Ortolano, History
Professor Jon Ritter, Art History
Professor Daniel Walkowitz, Social and Cultural Analysis

Hilary Dennis  
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Andres Garcia  
*Latino Studies and Africana Studies*  
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Natalia Guzman  
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Xiaoyue Hu  
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Professor Peter Button, East Asian Studies
Professor Henry Em, East Asian Studies
Professor Thomas Looser, East Asian Studies
Professor Jini Kim Watson, English and American Literature

Elisa Chen  
*Politics*  
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John Ellwanger  
*Economics*  
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Aparna Patankar  
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Sharon Sung  
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Lindsey Yoo  
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Professor Meryl Gordon, Journalism
Professor Marc Lieberman, Economics
Professor Jeff Manza, Sociology
Professor James Ramsey, Economics

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Professor Lourdes Davila, Spanish and Portuguese
Professor Michael Peachin, Classics
Professor Athena Vouloumanos, Psychology

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Professor Stephen Schiffer, Philosophy  
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Nicole Basile  
*Comparative Literature*  
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Caleb Scholle  
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Professor Susan Andersen, Psychology  
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Maryann Aita  
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Jacquelin Rankine  Causal Representations as Basic Elements of Impression Formation
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Lance Rappaport  "Helpful for Some": Interpersonal Provision and Recipient Task-Specific Competence as Moderators of the Efficacy of Advice on Recipient Mood and Liking of the Support Provider
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Gila Singer  The Effect of Mental Construal on Cooperation in an Environmental Commons Dilemma
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Jennifer Zhu  Emotionally Charged Categories and Category-Based Inductions
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The Nervous System: Memory, Mood, and Modulation in Living Systems, Part I
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Professor Todd Gureckis, Psychology
Professor Gary Marcus, Psychology

Seth Concors  Protein Kinase A: A Novel Explanation for Observed Reward Increases due to Food Restriction
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Mustfa Manzur  Astrocytes in the Amygdala
Neural Science and History

Wilfredo Matias  Regulation of the Female Post-mating Response in Drosophila melanogaster
Biology and Romance Languages

Lokesh Shah  Role of CAMKII in an Animal Model of Alzheimer's Disease, Presenilin Conditional Knockout
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### 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
**Genes, Growth, and Development**
Room 718, Silver Center
Judges:
Professor Claude Desplan, Biology  
Professor David Greshman, Biology  
Professor Edo Kussel, Biology

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Molecules and Materials
Room 721, Silver Center
Judges:
Professor John Halpin, Chemistry
Professor Neville Kallenbach, Chemistry
Professor Mark Tuckerman, Chemistry

Jesse Amato-Grill  
*Physics*
Optical Forces Arising from Phase Gradients

Ashley Comfort  
*Chemistry*
The Role of Microparticles in Protein Transport

Jason Flamendorf  
*Chemistry*
Quantum Mechanical Study of Atomic Helium in Carbon Nanohorns

Christopher Haley  
*Chemistry*
Long Distance Photoinduced Electron Transfer in Triazole-Based Conjugated Polymers with Porphyrin and C60 End Groups

Lindsay Hill  
*Biochemistry*
Nanoparticles Functionalized With High Gadolinium Chelate Payload as Effective In Vivo T1-Brightening Contrast Agent

Peter Liang  
*Chemistry*
PX to JX2 conversion of DNA Origami Tiles

Sonal Patel  
*Chemistry*
Patchy Particles and Polymers in the Directed Self-Assembly of the Diamond Structure

Elisabeth Shanblatt  
*Physics*
Trapping Colloidal Particles with Tilted Rings of Light

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Bacteria, Viruses, and Immunity
Room 369, Waverly
Judges:
Professor Ken Birnbaum, Biology
Professor Burt Goldberg, Chemistry

Samantha Barry  
*Biology*
Determination of the Genetic Interactions between Two Spore Coat Morphogenetic Proteins of *Bacillus subtilis* and their Coat Protein Targets

Rati Krishna  
*Urban Design and Architecture Studies*
*Bacillus subtilis* Spore Coat Composition and Assembly During Sporulation

Reza Parungao  
*Biology*
Constant Region Function of Nurse Shark Immunoglobulins

Thana Theofanis  
*Neural Science*
Does Tetherin Inhibit Viral Replication in Neurons?
Lara Winterkorn  
*Bacillus subtilis* Spore Germination Assay  
*Biology*

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**Poster Presentations**  
Hemmerdinger Hall and Silverstein Lounge  
1st floor, Silver Center  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Group 1**  
Judges:  
Professor Betts Brown, Social and Cultural Analysis  
Professor Thomas Ertman, Sociology  
Professor Andrea McKenzie, Expository Writing

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Ana Isabel Lagos  
Metropolitan Studies and  
Urban Design and Architecture Studies  
Public Spectacles as Expressions of the Life of a Nation: Mexico City, 1910 and 1968

James Lou  
Economics  
The Effect of the Time of Day on Ebay Auctions

Angelica Murdakhayeva  
Environmental Studies  
Hydrological Responses to Land Cover Changes in the Hudson River Watershed

Anna Williams  
Metropolitan Studies  
Do Good Fences Make Good Neighbors?: The Debate Over Belfast's Peacelines

Karen Yi  
Social and Cultural Analysis and Journalism  
Undocumented Immigrants Speak: A New Migrant Discourse on the Contemporary Racialization of Immigrants
**Group 2**
Judges:
Professor Mosette Broderick, Art History
Professor Yvonne Latty, Journalism

Kaitlyn Creasy  
*Philosophy*
Reconciling Value Pluralist and Value Monist Aspects in Friedrich Nietzsche’s System of Values

Jane Fuerst  
*French and Economics*
Les Engraineurs and Changing French Cultural Identity from the Banlieue Perspective

Robert Joynt  
*Philosophy*
Mental Causation and the Mind-Body Problem

Joyce Laine  
*Physics and Comparative Literature*
Properties of Andromeda

Jae You  
*Politics and Music*
Mozart Transcription

**Group 3**
Judges:  
Professor David Amodio, Psychology  
Professor Scott Kellogg, Psychology

Jonathan Bain  
*Psychology*
The Influence of Movie Critics on Taste Judgments

Jenny Chan  
*Psychology*
Effortful Control in Children with Temper Outbursts and Typically Developing Children

Lauren Gonzales  
*Psychology*
Promoting Sibling Bonds: An Intervention for the Prevention of Youth Violence in Neglected Foster Children

Jessica Grogan  
*Psychology*
Academic Evaluations

Jeffrey Hamilton  
*Psychology and Film and Television Production*
How Does Fear Influence Economic Decision-Making?

Alyssa Zuckerman  
*Psychology and Journalism*
Sit Tight: Cross-Cultural Differences in Posture, Play, and Parenting
### Group 4
Judges:
Professor Burt Goldberg, Chemistry
Professor Patrick Huggins, Physics

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Professor Chiye Aoki, Neural Science
Professor Nikolai Kirov, Biology

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Professor Burt Goldberg, Chemistry
Professor Patrick Shrout, Psychology

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*Psychology*

Neural Responses to In-Group Norm Violations

Francesca Cohen
*Psychology*

The Mind’s Eye: Performance Fields in Visual Imagery

Elizabeth Crecca
*Psychology*

Vocalizations: Determining Which Convey Meaning

**Group 7**

**Judges:**
Professor Andy Hilford, Psychology
Professor Alex Reyes, Neural Science

Nathaniel Drix
*Psychology*

Control of Spontaneous Trait Inferences at Encoding

Allison Greene
*Psychology*

A Flaw of the Human Motor System

Angel Patel
*Psychology*

Cue Combination in the Visual Perception of Texture

Lance Rappaport
*Psychology and Psychology*

Interpersonal Provision and Recipient Task-Specific Competence as Moderators of the Impact of Advice on Recipient Performance

Lianne J. Salcido
*Psychology*

Interpersonal Provision, and Recipient Task-Specific Competence on the Efficacy of Partner-Provided Advice

**Group 8**

**Judges:**
Professor Andre Adler, Physics
Professor Matthew Leingang, Mathematics
Professor Alan Mincer, Physics

Alexander Grau
*Computer Science and Psychology*

Interaction Concepts and Methods for a Pressure Sensitive Pad

Abdul Qadeer Iqbal
*Biochemistry*

Computational Analysis of Higher Order Junctions

Aukosh Jagannath
*Mathematics*

Exploring Galactic Graviational Potentials Using Cold Streams

Chaney Lin
*Physics and Mathematics*

Lock and Key Colloids
Rachel Marano  
*Mathematics*
  Mathematical Modeling and Biological Systems: The Effects of Smoking on Fetal and Maternal Circulation

Jared Wyatt  
*Computer Science*
  Somnus: A Database System for the Analysis of Complex Behavioral Traits

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**Group 9**

Judges:
Professor Kevin Thom, Economics
Dr. Kimberly Torres, Academic Advising

Benjamin Bierwirth  
*Economics*
  Monetary Unions: Interest Rate Preference Divergences and Impacts

Ajay Kailas  
*Biology*
  The Indus Valley

Sarah Lensing  
*Economics*

Ashley Nickelsen  
*Biology and Economics*
  The Usage of Biofilms to Naturally Filter Contaminated Water in Developing Nations

Sameer Shah  
*Economics*
  Morality and Team Decisions

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**Group 10**

Judges:
Professor James Canary, Chemistry
Professor Nick Geacintov, Chemistry

Natalya Gertsik  
*Biochemistry*
  Electron Tomography of the Erythrocyte Cytoskeleton

Eric Greenwald  
*Biochemistry*
  Mechanism of Interaction of RW4D with Model Membranes

Lauren Lashua  
*Biochemistry*
  Expression and Activity of the Microbial Lectin PapGI: A Novel Addition to the Recombinant Lectin Microarray

Marcel Said  
*Chemistry*
  Microwave-Assisted Deprotection of Phenols
**Group 11**
Judges:
Professor Neville Kallenbach, Chemistry
Professor Wendy Suzuki, Neural Science

Paula Askalsky  
*Neural Science and Psychology*
- The Effect of Norepinephrine Concentration on $\alpha_1$, $\alpha_2$, and $\beta_1$ Adrenoreceptors in Synaptic Inputs to the Lateral Amygdal

Casey Farin  
*Neural Science*
- Effects of 1-NA Spermine on the Rewarding Effects of SKF-82958 and their Augmentation by Food Restriction in Rats

Victoria Ko  
*Neural Science*
- Temporal Frequency of Parvocellular Neurons as a Function of Retinal Eccentricity

Neil Majmundar  
*Neural Science*
- Role of RCAN1 in Anxiety and Depression

Jordan Maki  
*Neural Science*
- Autism-like Behaviors in the D/N TSC-2 Mouse

Maximiliano Sobrero  
*Neural Science and Psychology*
- Prolonged Intrathecal Infusion of beta-methylamino-L-alanine: An Evaluation of a Novel Animal Model of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

**Group 12**
Judges:
Professor Todd Gureckis, Psychology
Professor Mary Killilea, Biology

Elizabeth Grand  
*Psychology*
- Impacts of Anxiety on Peripheral Vision

Jaime Marrus  
*Psychology*
- Regulating the Effects of Transference

Eunho Rhee  
*Psychology and Film & Television*
- The Role of Procedures in the Intergroup Studies of Outcome Discrepancy

Caran Wakefield  
*Social Work and Psychology*
- Representing and Reanalyzing Ambiguous Words
Group 13
Judges:
Professor Efrain Azmitia, Biology
Professor Richard Borowsky, Biology

Samuel Ahn
Biology and Philosophy
The Developmental Timing of Genetic Events Influences Morphogenesis in Caenorhabditis elegans

Kelly Clemenza
Biology
Regulatory Polymorphism in the Flowering Time Gene CONSTANS (CO)

Kyung Seok Ko
Biology
Identification of plg-1 Regulation in Caenorhabditis elegans

Daniel Martin
Biology
PHC Neuron Laser Ablation in Caenorhabditis elegans

Sameer Shah
Economics
Cadherin Expression in Caenorhabditis elegans

Group 14
Judges:
Professor Claude Desplan, Biology
Professor Ignatius Tan, Biology

Sarah Abbassi
Biochemistry
Gene CG33275 in Drosophila's clock

Dina Bangiyev
Biology
Identifying the Localization Patterns of Proteins Involved in Polarity of the Nematode Worm Caenorhabditis elegans

Josephine DeLuca
Biology and Psychology
Investigating Zelda’s Interaction with MicroRNA Enhancers in Early Drosophila Development

Harris Kaplan
Biology
Silencing Gene Expression in Drosophila

Gabrielle Myers
Biology
Studying the Link between the Molecular Clock and Neural Rhythms in Drosophila

Cary Weiss
Biology and Environmental Studies
Trypanosome Lytic Factor, An Antimicrobial High-Density Lipoprotein, Reduces Death from Bacillus anthracis in Transgenic Mice
**Group 15**
Judges:
Professor Patrick Eichenberger, Biology
Professor Tyler Volk, Environmental Studies

Stephanie Chen  
*Neural Science*
Adaptive Introgression in the Awash National Park

David Javier  
*Neural Science and*
Esther Kang  
*Neural Science*
You Are What You Eat: Alterations in Cognition and Brain Morphology Among Obese Adolescents

Jennifer Kung  
*Psychology*
A Day in the Life: Opportunities for Learning in Everyday Activity

Sayeed Manik  
*Biology*
Assessment of Neonatal Transport Efficiency at Bellevue and Langone Hospitals

Vincent Scaringi  
*Anthropology*
Analyzing Saw Marks in Bones of Different Sizes

**Group 16**
Judges:
Professor Carol Reiss, Biology
Professor Matthew Rockman, Biology

Renee Bogdanovic  
*Biology*
Determination of Hairy Genes Involved in Tunicate Heart Cell Differentiation

Kevin Huang  
*Biology*
Kinetic Characterization of T Cell Receptors Specific for a Melanoma Antigen

Melissa Ingram  
*Biology*
Analysis of Various Organic Solvents in Supporting 3D DNA Crystalline Structures

Lindy Triebes  
*Biology*
A Placental-Specific Conditional Knockout of Dlk1 in Musculus

Vladislav Tsaltskan  
*Biology*
Effect of T-Regulatory Cells on Pediatric TB Infection
**Group 17**

Judges:
Professor Paul Gans, Chemistry
Professor Marcus Weck, Chemistry

Daniel Heindel  
*Chemistry*
Structure Based Design Of Small-Molecule Ligands for BCL6 BTB Domain

Steven Lopez  
*Chemistry*
Mercury Detection through Fluorescence and Circular Dichroism

Pavan N Malhotra  
*Chemistry*
Making a DNA Clock

Christina Rotsides  
*Chemistry*
Sensing Systems for Divalent Metal Ions

Jin Ju Yi  
*Chemistry*
Molecular Capsules in Hydrogen-Bonded Host Frameworks

**Group 18**

Judges:
Professor Mike Landy, Psychology
Professor Marg Rhodes, Psychology

Marianne Reddan  
*Psychology*
The Influence of Behavioral Control on Human Fear Acquisition and Retention

Jennifer Lee  
*Psychology*
Tripodal Ligand for Mercury Sensing

Liu Liu  
*Chemistry and Psychology*
Event Segmentation Theory in Long-Term Memory

Soumya Maddula  
*Psychology*
Optimal Navigation through Simple Terrains

Melinda Scott  
*Psychology and Anthropology*
Regression and Delay Strategies Study
2:30 p.m.  Closing Ceremony, Hemmerdinger Hall

Welcome:
Matthew S. Santirocco, Dean of the College

Faculty Lecture:
Professor Karen Adolph
Professor of Psychology and Neural Science

Presentation of Awards:
Richard J. Kalb
Associate Dean for Students
Best in Panels

Ruth Shoemaker Wood
Assistant Dean for Students
Best in Posters
CAS Departmental Undergraduate Research Events

**Anthropology**
Anthropology Undergraduate Student Association (AUSA) Annual Research Conference
Tuesday, April 6, 3:30pm - 8:00pm & Thursday, April 8, 3:30pm - 5:30pm
101 Washington Place, Room 105

**Art History**
Honors Thesis Defenses
Ongoing throughout April

**Classics**
Honors Thesis Presentations
Friday, April 30, 12:00pm – 3:00pm, Silver Center
Seminar Room 503A

**Comparative Literature**
*BRIO* Issue Release Event
Wednesday, March 31, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
13-19 University Place, Room 222

**Computer Science**
Departmental Showcase: Undergraduate Research Project Presentations
Wednesday, May 5, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Warren Weaver Hall, 13th Floor

**Creative Writing**
*West 10th* Reading and Reception
Saturday, April 3rd, 7:00pm
Lillian Vernon Creative Writers House, 58 West 10th Street

Undergraduate Reading and Reception hosted by Darin Strauss, Clinical Associate Professor of Fiction
Friday, April 23, 7:00pm
Lillian Vernon Creative Writers House, 58 West 10th Street

**English**
Honors Thesis Defenses
April 15, 22, 27, and 29, 12:30pm - 2:00pm
13-19 University Place, Room 101

**Environmental Studies**
Capstone Final Presentations "Greening NYU"
Tuesday, April 27, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Silver Center, Room 507

Internship Final Presentations
Thursday, April 29, 3:30pm - 6:10pm
Bobst Library, LL149

Capstone Final Presentations "Greening NYC Transportation"
Tuesday, May 4, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
48 Cooper Square, Room 113

**Center for European and Mediterranean Studies**
CEMS Spring Reception to honor all undergraduate majors
Date and Time TBD

French
Awards Ceremony
Friday, April 30, 6:00pm
5 Washington Place, Room 101

Hellenic Studies
Honors Thesis Presentations
Thursday, April 15, 12:00pm
Place TBD

History
The Historian Issue Release Event
Wednesday, April 14, 6:00pm
King Juan Carlos Center Mezzanine

Irish Studies
Honors Thesis Presentations and Reception
Tuesday, May 4, Time TBD
Glucksman Ireland House

Italian Studies
Graduating Student Recognition
Friday, April 16, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Casa Italiana, First Floor

Journalism
Honors Ceremony
Tuesday, May 11, 5:00pm
20 Cooper Square

Mathematics
Student Prize Ceremony
Friday, April 16, 3:30pm
Warren Weaver Hall, Room 109

Neural Science
Student Graduation Reception
Wednesday, May 12, 2:30 PM
Meyer, Room 815

Philosophy
Senior Honors Student Reception
Date and time TBD

Politics/IR
Honors Thesis Presentations
Friday, April 9, 9:00am - 5:00pm
19 West 4th Street, Room 212

SCA
SCA Conference
Friday, April 23, 9:00am – 5:00pm
20 Cooper Square, Conference Room 485

**Sociology**
Senior Honors Seminar Presentations
(Open only to students enrolled in the course)

**Spanish and Portuguese**
Honors Thesis Presentations
Friday, April 23, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
19 University Place, Room 222

**Publications**
Undergraduate students throughout CAS departments participate in the creation and production of journals. The following is a list of some of our various departmental journals.

*BRIO* (Comparative Literature)
*The Historian* (History)
*Ink and Image* (Art History)
*Journal of Politics and International Affairs* (Politics/International Relations)
*Mercer Street* (Expository Writing)
*NYU Economics Journal* (Economics)
*NYU Working Papers in Linguistics* (Linguistics)
*West 10th* (Creative Writing)