DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2013

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9:00 a.m. Coffee and Continental Breakfast – Room 208

10:00 a.m. Welcome – Room 206
Dr. Maria T. Iacullo-Bird,
Assistant Dean, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

10:15-11:45 a.m. Plenary Session – Room 206

The Shrine of St. Patrick’s Bell
Julia Vantrimpont
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lisa Farber

Online Dating and Relationship Longevity
Rahul Rai
Faculty Mentor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

Counterterrorism Technologies and the Breach of Privacy
Maria Elena Rubino
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bala Veeramacheneni

The Philosophical Underpinnings of Psychological Theory and Application
Pamela M. Ward
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rostyslaw Robak

12:00-1:00 p.m. Luncheon and Poster Session – Rooms 208 and 204
Presiding, Dr. Nira Herrmann
Dean, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences
1:15-2:15 p.m.  **First Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions**

**The Russian Soul Through Film**-Room 306  
Moderator: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

**Pirates, Passages, & Progress: Essays and Digital Stories on Early 20th-Century English Writers**-Room 308  
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Moderator: Prof. Mark Weinstock

**Pharmaceutical Updates**-Room 326  
Moderator: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

**Families in Crisis**-Room 328  
Moderator: Dr. Marie Werner
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*DETAILS REGARDING THE POSTER AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES*
12:00-1:00p.m.  **Luncheon and Posters**–Rooms 208 and 204

*Mode of Action of two meta bis-benzimidazoles towards Trichomonas vaginalis*
Emmanuel Bujans; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nigel Yarlett

*Binding of Proteins with Different Nanomaterial*
David Collins; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

*Monetizing Democracy: The Case for Equality in the American Election Process*
Anthony Del Signore; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*The Effects of Heat Stress on Stigmatic Receptivity in Arabidopsis thaliana*
Abbi Rae Freeman; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Erica Kipp

*Mass Spectrometric Analysis of Eicosapentaenoic Acid, a Fatty Acid Found in Fish Oil*
Kelsey Dianne Jordan; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rita Upmacis

*Cochlear Implants: The effect of age of implantation on language acquisition and speech perception*
Hilary McManus; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Carol Alpern

*Synthesis of Novel Compounds to Treat Neuromuscular Disorders*
Sophia A. Miotto; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jaimelee Iolani Rizzo

*Binding of Different Proteins with Different Nanoparticles Monitored by Spectroscopy*
Claudia Sobolewski; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

*Chiral Analyses of Ephedrines and Pseudoephedrines*
Lyanne Valdez; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Zhaohua Dai

*The Human Connection: An Analysis of the Communicative Abilities of Homo sapiens*
David J. Wallach; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Coppola
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Hope and Fate after War
Weifeng Lu; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

A Tale of Two Cities: Moscow and St. Petersburg in Russian Cinema
Huari Li; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

The Disease of Power in Sokurov’s Tyrant Trilogy
Joseph Cordaro; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

Russian Stereotypes in American Cinema
Michael Boyle; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

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Sex, Death, and the Never Never Land: Conflicting Fantasies in James
Barrie’s Peter Pan, or the Boy Who Wouldn’t Grow Up
Heather Haline Askildsen; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

Workers & Writers: British Socialism and Modernist Literature
Daniel Rubado; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

The Bloomsbury Group
Kathryn Tompkins; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

Nature Foreshadowing Social Change in E.M. Forster's A Passage to
India
Veronica Goin; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein
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**Session 3**  **Urban Ethnography and Popular Culture**-Room 310  
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*Why Young African American Men Don't Go To College: An Ethnographic Approach*  
Tyla Johnson; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judith Pajo

*The Ways in Which Men and Women Assume and Abide by the Rules of Their Gender When Riding The New York City Subway*  
Lindsey Steinert; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judith Pajo

“All I need to know is I'm something you'll be missing:” *Emo as subculture*  
Brian Rentas; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Foerster

**Session 4**  **Reconciliation and Justice in Contemporary Society**-Room 311  
**Moderator: Dr. Matthew Bolton**

*Peacebuilding in Colombia: Sustainable peace strategies in post-conflict Colombia*  
Mariajose Delgado; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

*The Reintegration and Reconciliation Process of Former Detainees at Guantanamo Bay: Is it Possible?*  
Katelyn James; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Emily Welty

*Finding an Identity in Russia*  
Leslie Burak; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Identity*  
Stephanie Zhang; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Culture Shock Abroad and Back at Home*  
John T. Ciccarelli; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton
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Session 5  The Obama Presidency-Room 312
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*The Politicization of Women's Reproductive Rights during President Barack Obama's first term 2008-2012*
Daniella Eras; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

*Is Obama Good For Black America?*
Davina Anderson; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

*2012 Campaign: Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney*
Agatha Mavropoulos; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

Session 6  Issues in Public Policy-Room 320
Moderator: Dr. Joseph Morreale

*Back to the Future in Public Transportation Planning*
Joseph H. I. Bird; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale

*The Ethics of Trade Liberalization and Microfinance in the Global Economy*
Drew Cimino; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Anna Morlan

*The Effect of Cigarette Taxes on Mental Health*
William Helander; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

*The Housing Price Mechanism and Tobin's Q: Forecasting Bubbles*
Spyridon Papakonstantinou; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale
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Session 7 Federal Reserve Policy and Adventures in Central Banking-
Room 322
Moderator: Prof. Mark Weinstock

The Tone of FOMC Policy Statements
Sofya Sternik; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

One Barrel at a Time: Federal Reserve Policy and the Oil Price Nexus
Ammar Ahmed; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale

Brazilian Central Banking: An Investigation of Inflation Targeting and Central Bank Independence
Joao Jatene; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

The Effects of Quantitative Easing on Consumption
Nashrah Ahmed; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

Session 8 Pharmaceutical Updates-Room 326
Moderator: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

Detecting Expired Medications the Hard Way
Orkhan Mammadov; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

Interactions of Bovine Serum Albumin with Tetracycline and its Degradates
Eric Nguyen; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

Session 9 Families in Crisis-Room 328
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Child Abuse
Alyssa M. Gorton; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner

Incest and the Family Life Cycle
Mofoluwaso Soniregun; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner
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Run Nigger Run (Perdition)
Yahdon Israel; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Poe

Redefining Queer Identity and Gender Performance through and Essay by Judith Butler and Poem by Bruce Snider
Bridget A. Kiley; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Poe

Why Are Gay Men So Feared?
Kiefer Kofman; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Maxam

Session 11  Global Perspectives Portrayed in Film - Room 308
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Red Lanterns & Balzac: The Lives of Women in Post-Maoist Cinema
Kristina Hodelin; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

City of God: The Labyrinth of Violence in Rio de Janeiro
Matthew Ceurvels; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Antonia Garcia-Rodríguez

The Point of No Return: The Development of Revenge in V for Vendetta
Gillian Ashdown; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

The Globalization of Cinema: A Case Study of Yash Raj Films
Escarlen Baque; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton
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The Impact of Hatshepsut on Ancient Egyptian Art and History
Sarah Batchelor; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lisa Farber

Irony in Kander and Ebb Musicals
Lisa Klages; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Robert Meffe

The Social Conscience of Depression Era Literature
Clay Silver Katsky; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Barbara Blumberg

Session 13  Peace and Justice Studies: The Dilemma of Poverty and Remedies for Remediation-Room 311
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The Cycle of Poverty
Kyla Korvne; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

What We Do Now, Matters Forever: Impact Repertory Theatre and the Political Economy of Nonprofit Organizations
Emilia A. Ottoo; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

Can Altruistic Motives Be Condemning?
Jason R. Gonzalez; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

Celebrity Philanthropy: Opportunities for Global Awareness
Michele Carpenito; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Paul Ziek
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Session 14  The Middle East - Room 312
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*Political Islam and Religion: Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood*
Angelica Marie Razack; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

*The Case of Lebanon: The Struggle of a Sovereign State*
Andrea Bogojevich; Faculty Mentors: Prof. Joan Katen and Dr. Gregory Julian

Session 15  Uses and Abuses of Technology - Room 320
Moderator: Dr. Rosario Girasa

*PSA: Take Control of Your Personal Data*
Marc Kowtko; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rosario Girasa

*Mobile Application Development*
John Robb; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Coppola

*The US - China Rivalries over the Taiwan Strait: Evidence from the Wikileaks*
Christopher Huang; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

*The Dangers of Drone Strikes: Nonviolent Policy Recommendations and Strategy Changes for Anti-Drone Activism*
Garret Higgins; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty
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An Analysis of Marijuana Demand across Different Age Groups in the United States
Daniel Boutarel; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

Beauty and Wages: The Effect of Physical Attractiveness on Income Using Longitudinal Data
Vesna Gvozdenovic; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

VWAP Strategies in Short Term Technical Analysis
Justin Friedman; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale

Corporate Consolidation in Sodexo's Food Services and The Hollow Chef
Dylan M. Napolitano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

Session 17  Environmental Issues-Room 326
Moderator: Prof. Ghassan Karam

Clean Coal: Myth, or Energy of the Future?
Briana Finelli; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Maxam

White Plains Energy and Climate Center Cost Report
Georgina Goulding; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Ghassan Karam

How Effective Are Name Plaques used by the Office of Student Assistance Solution Center
Breanna Romaine-Guiliano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ida Dupont

Veganism: The Answer to Our Environmental Dilemma?
Craig Mayle; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Ghassan Karam
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Session 18  Explorations in Psychology-Room 328
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World of Therapycraft: The Use of Therapeutic Video Games in Counseling
Heather Eisenberg; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Paul Griffin

The Connection between Interpretive Processing and Bigfoot Sightings
Adam Ranellone; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Terence Hines

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