

James Madison College
2014
Research Showcase



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James Madison Research Showcase, April 25th Program

8:30-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast in Club Spartan,
3rd floor, Case Hall

9:00-9:45 **“The Power of Research: The Professor’s Panel”
(Club Spartan)**

Jennifer Goett, Comparative Cultures and Politics
Constance Hunt, Social Relations and Policy
Dan Kramer, International Relations
Folke Lindahl, Political Theory and Constitutional
Democracy

Session I

10:00-11:15

1. Water Security in the Middle East and Eurasia (Room 334A)

Elizabeth Dunham, “Sharing the Nile: Conflict over the use of the Nile River between Egypt and Ethiopia”

Hannah Poole, “Turkey, Syria and Iraq and the Conflict over the Tigris and Euphrates”

Hannah Champ, “Water Management in Tajikistan”

Moderator: Dan Kramer, International Relations

2. Technologies of War, Protest, and Citizenship (Room 334B)

Kevin Ledbetter, “The Media Spectacle of KONY 2012”

Nicole Strobel, “Representations of a Forgotten War: Media Analysis of U.S. Television News Coverage of the Nicaraguan War”

Maggie Barnard, “The Visual Field’s Influence on the Perception of Citizenship and the Consequent Ramifications for Refugees”

Moderator: Steven Rohs, Comparative Cultures and Politics, James Madison College

3. The Promises and Perils of Education Reform (Room 335A)

Sarah Berman, "The Importance of Online & Collaborative Learning: A Case Study of Detroit Public Schools"

Hannah Jenuwine, "Stop in the Name of Literacy: Third Grade Reading and Retention Policies in Michigan," *First Place Prize Winner, MSUFUCU Best Paper in Public Policy*

Christie Teske, "Reforming Online Learning: Keeping Strengths and Mitigating Weaknesses," *Honorable Mention, MSUFUCU Best Paper in Public Policy*

Moderator: Mindy Emerson, former principal, Red Cedar School, East Lansing

Chair: Jasmine Lee, Director of Diversity Programming, Doctoral Student in the College of Education

4. Senior Honors Thesis Defense (Room-JMC Library)

Cole Lussier, "Weighing an Active Judiciary: The Supreme Court's Control over Morality"

Thesis Advisor: Benjamin Kleinerman, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

Session II

11:30-12:45

1. Sexuality in the Global Arena (Room 336)

France Banda, "Removing Stigma: Examining the Impact of Homosexuality on African Identity Politics"

Jessica Leacher, "Is Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage the Best Route?: An Analysis of the Benefits Provided to Domestic Partnerships, Civil Unions, and Marriage"

Alexandra Michalski, "Education vs. Assimilation: The New LGBT Identity and Middle Class Tolerance"

Emily Cracolici, "Empowered by the Window, Objectified by the State: Sex Workers and Policy in Amsterdam's Red Light District"

Moderator: Emily Dievendorf, Director, Michigan Equality, JMC Alumna

2. Globalization, Migration, and Communities in Transition (Room 331)

Michelle Mackovjak, "Globalization and International Migration: France as a Case Study"

Brittany Weinstein and Alexa Thomas, "Meskhetian Turks and the Modern World"

Elizabeth Witcher, "你好: 'Néih Hóu' or 'Nǐ Hǎo?': How New York City's Chinatown Transitioned from Cantonese to Mandarin"

Cooper Nye and Eric Savoie, "Changes and Continuity: The Traditions of Lansing's Hindu Community"

Moderator: Brendan Mullan, Sociology, MSU

3. Building and Buying the American Middle Class (Room 340)

Emily Moyer, "'Keeping up with the Joneses': How Consumerism and Competition have Dictated the American Dream"

Sruthi Naraharisetti, "The Effects of the Subsidized Middle Class"

Kajal Ravani, "How America's Car Culture Created the Exclusive Middle Class"

Rebecca Barann, "Joneses vs. Kardashians: Reality Television and the American Dream"

Moderator: Gene Burns, Social Relations and Policy

4. Senior Honors Thesis Defense (Room- JMC Library)

Ansel Courant, "Transnational Writing and Performance in 'Public' Digital Spaces: Wikipedia and the 2013 Protests in Brazil"

Thesis Advisor: Steve Rohs, Comparative Cultures and Politics

Lunch and Keynote Address (Club Spartan)

12:45-1:30

MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper Awards Recognition

Speaker:

Lisa Cook, International Relations, Economics, and former economic advisor to President Obama, "What I would tell the President"

Session III

1:45-3:00

1. Ethnicity, Religion, and Americanization (Room 334A)

Elaine Cao, "Asian Americans and Attainment of the American Dream"

Nic Houle, "Eastern European Immigration and the American Dream"

David Carlisle, "Tailoring Tibetan Buddhism: The Meeting of Cultures in the Practice of Retreat"

Moderator: Siddharth Chandra, International Relations; Director, Asian Studies Center

2. Authority, Individual Rights, and the Constitution (Room 334B)

Laila Makled, "Shooting for the American Dream: The Second Amendment and Freedom"

Ian Magenta, "James K. Polk, Manifest Destiny, and the Expansion of Presidential Authority"

Michael Siegel, "Non-Citizen Voting in the United States: Historical Perspectives & Contemporary Relevance"

Emily Ribick, "Presidential Campaign Strategy and the American Dream"

Moderator: Steve Kautz, Associate Dean, College of Social Science, Professor, Department of Political Science, JMC Alumna

3. Michigan, MSU, and Community Development (Room 335A)

Michael Malloy, "Rethinking Communities: Assessing MSU as an Anchor Institution"

Andre Iadipaolo and Michelle Perkowski, "New Opportunities: The Intersection between Small Business and Civic Engagement in the Lansing City Market"

Nicole Bates, "Black Eden: How Racism and Discrimination Changed the Black Detroiter's American Dream"

Michael Gendernalik, "'Help the Farmer, Help Yourself. Help the Grocer Clear His Shelf': The Role of Markets in the Distancing of Rural and Urban Interests in the History of Food Stamps"

Chair: Rocky Beckett, JMC

Moderator: Eric Schertzing, Treasurer, Ingham County, JMC Alumna

4. Health Care, Civil Rights, and Community Investment (Room 335B)

Joel Arnold, "Hype or Hope?: The 'Eds and Meds' Strategy in Rust Belt Urban Redevelopment," *Third Place Prize Winner, MSUFCU, Best Public Policy Paper*

Maxwell Olivero, "Save Michigan Money, Save Michigan Lives: Why Medicaid Expansion should be a 'No-Brainer' in Michigan"

Megan Thompson, "Giving Voice to the Silenced: Transgender Healthcare and Employment Discrimination in the United States," *Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper*

Moderator: Ana Wolken, Staff Assistant at U.S. Senate, JMC Alumna

Session IV

3:15-4:30

1. Reshaping Transnational Economic and Resource Policies for the 21st Century (Room 336)

Brian Feeney, "The Birth, Life, and Death of the Celtic Tiger"

Henrik Last, "A Global Comparison of Technology Transfer: Insights for Singapore," *Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper*

Seneca McKinzie, "Ramifications of Fair Trade Modernization: Case Study in Olongapo City Philippines," *Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper*

Kaavya Ramesh, "Beyond the Tragedy of the Commons: Policy Alternatives to Challenge Overfishing," *Second Place Prize Winner, MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper*

Moderator: Yasumasa Komori, International Relations

2. The Intersections between Criminal Justice and Social Policy (Room 331)

Inna Mirzoyan, "Domestic Violence & Welfare: Who's to Blame?"

Jacquelyn Fisher, "The Privatization of the Prison System"

Kristiane Schmidt, "Research v. Reality: Examining the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Detroit Public Schools," *Martin Luther King Jr. Advancing Inclusion through Research Award Winner*

Moderator: John VanDeventer, JD, JMC Alumna

3. The Limits of Empire [USSR, Afghanistan and Ukraine] (Room 340)

Travis Colwell, "In the Graveyard of Empires: The Failures of the USSR and United States in Afghanistan"

Erich Mammen, "Short Term Policy for a Long Term Strategy: Concerns with U.S. Drone Policy"

Erica Zentner, "Independence at Last? An Assessment of Ukraine's Ongoing Struggle for Economic Independence"

Moderator: Dean Sherman Garnett, James Madison College

4. Senior Honors Thesis Defense (Room-JMC Library)

Matthew Needham, "Political Entrepreneurship Efforts in Education Reform,"

Thesis Advisor: Ross Emmett, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

4:45-7:00 – Reception at Dublin Square Pub (for directions) <http://www.dublinsquare.net/>

Conference Program Committee:

Faculty members: Galia Benitez, Louis Hunt, Anna Pegler-Gordon, and Susan Stein-Roggenbuck

Student Senators: Emily Steinert and Demasi Darby-Washington