

Madison Research Showcase Program

May 1st – Club Spartan

8:30-4:30 (with Reception at Dublin Square Pub from 4:45-7:00)

8:30-9:00: Arrival and Registration, Club Spartan

9:00-9:15: Welcome, Dean Sherman Garnett and Associate Dean Julia Grant

9:15-9:30: Student Senate Presentation of Slide Show of “Madison Moments”

Session I: 9:45-11:00

1. Global Environmental Policy Making (334B Case)

Chair: Matthew Zierler, faculty, International Relations, JMC

Moderator: Robert Richardson, faculty, Department of Community Sustainability, MSU

Aniela Butler, “A House of Cards: U.S.-China Relations in the Context of Rare Earth Elements Disputes”

Austin Flowers, “Deterrence in Illicit Electronic Waste Disposal”

Emily Hanyu Zhu, “Develop National Gas to Combat Air Pollution in China”

2. The Politics of Higher Education (342 Case)

Moderator: Peter Spadafore, Vice President, Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities

Paige Harness, “Student Parents and Higher Education: The Institutional Challenges to Academic Success for Three Women Attending Michigan State University”

Hannah Jenuwine, “The Flint Promise Scholarship and College Readiness”

Michaela Palmer, “Sustainability in Higher Education”

Katelyn Prine, “College Access: Bridging the Gap of Inadequacy through College Access Programs”

Senior Honors Thesis Defense (JMC Library)

Brittany Zwierzchowski, “Tocqueville’s America and Pierre Manet’s Christianity: The Compatibility of Democracy and Religion”

Advisor: Folke Lindahl, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

Senior Honors Thesis Defense (334A Case)

Paul Rose, International Relations/Russian/Comparative Cultures and Politics, "Transnational Network Influence on Great Powers: The Case of German and Russia"

Advisor: Mark Axelrod, faculty, International Relations, JMC

Session II: 11:15-12:30

3. Representations of Humanitarianism, Disease, and Criminal Justice (334B Case)

Moderator: Andaluna Borcila, faculty, Comparative Cultures and Politics, JMC

France Elvie Banda: "Balancing the Field: Twitter and Humanitarianism"

Salem Joseph: "Fictional Television: The Rising Platform to Bear Witness"

Kyra Stephenson: "Obscenity and Beauty: Media Representations and Mobility in the 2014 West African Ebola Outbreak"

4. Equity and Access in Health Care Policy (340 Case)

Moderator: Susan Stein-Roggenbuck, faculty, Social Relations and Policy, JMC

Kaitlyn Beyer, "The Conundrum of Optional Health Care: An Examination of the Michigan Abortion Insurance Rider Policy," Third Place Winner, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Best Public Policy Paper

Maya Griefer, "Breast Cancer: A Disparity Defined"

Katherine Groesbeck, "Closing the Gap: How the ACA and the IHCA Aim to Improve the Health Status of the American Indian/Alaska Native Population," Second Place, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Best Public Policy Paper

Christen Richardson, "Giving Families the Best Shot: the Influence on Religious Beliefs on Vaccination Rates"

5. Political Leaders, Parties, and Ideology (335A Case)

Moderator: Benjamin Kleinerman, faculty, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, JMC

Samantha Drasnin, "Tony Blair: Manichean Moralist"

Katherine Fuller, "The Impact of Tea Party Ideology and Funding on Republican Primary Elections"

Hersh Merenstein, "President George W. Bush's Immigration Agenda: a Political Analysis"

Evan Park, "Banning the Cold War Manuscript: Examining Soviet-American Relations Under Reagan and Gorbachev"

Senior Honors Thesis Defense (JMC Library)

Brianna Starosciak, International Relations/Russian, "The Future of Warfare in Eurasia"

Advisors: Dean Sherman Garnett and Matthew Zierler, International Relations

12:30-1:30 – Buffet Luncheon in Club Spartan

Keynote Address: Jeff Williams, CEO, Public Sector Consultants

Session III: 1:45-3:00

6. Drug Policy in International Context (334A Case)

Moderator: Galia Benitez, faculty, International Relations, JMC

John Joba, "Assessing the Linkage between Licit Opium Production and Seizures"

Henrik Last, "The Heroin Trafficking Network in the Southeast Asian Region"

Alex McClung, "A State of Tolerance: the Dutch Approach to Marijuana Policy"

7. Race and Class in U.S. Institutions (342 Case)

Moderator: Jermaine Ruffin, JMC Alumnus, Policy Specialist at Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Joel Arnold, "Restoring the Choice to Housing Choice Vouchers," First Place, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Award for Best Public Policy Paper

Ephraim Clark, "Movin on Up from the Eastside: Education and its Effect on Mobilizing the African-American Middle Class"

Megan Collier, "Spatial Mismatch and Transportation: The Effect of School Choice on the Middle Class in America"

Kristianne Schmidt, "Better Together?: The Status of Integration in the Military"

8. Contemporary Issues in Latin American Politics (335A Case)

Commentator: Juan Javier Pescador, Professor, Department of History

Tyler Berg, "The Nicaraguan Interoceanic Grand Canal: Structural Violence in post-Revolutionary Nicaragua"

Lauren McEachran, "The Criminalization of Abortion in El Salvador: The Causes and Effects of Legitimized Violence Against Women"

Emily Steinert, "Mexico's Missing 43: A Manifestation of Violence in Mexico's War on Drugs"

Senior Honors Thesis Defense (JMC Library)

Arian Koochesfahani, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, "The Drama of Republic I and Why a Philosopher Would Want to Rule"

Advisor, Eric Petrie, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

Session IV: 3:15-4:30

9. Nationalism, Citizenship, State Building, and Conflict (335A Case)

Moderator: Bobby Brathwaite, faculty, International Relations, JMC

Kelly Bedard, "Comparing and Contrasting Basque and Catalan Nationalism"

Florence Otaigbe, "African Emigration Policies: Combatting Brain Drain in South to North Movements in Kenya"

Mikayla Robinson, "Becoming Philip Jaisohn: 19th Century Korean Immigration and Soh Jae-pil"

Marlee Sherrod, "Ethnic Conflicts with a Focus on Religion: Comparing the Different Methods Rape as a Tool of Genocide was Utilized in the Rwandan and Bosnian Genocide"

10. Gender, Sexuality, Violence, and Public Policy (334B Case)

Moderator: Jennifer Goett, faculty, Comparative Cultures and Politics, JMC

Jolisa Brooks, "Color Blindness in the Age of Cultural Appropriation"

Sona Movsisyan, "There is Such a Thing as Bad Publicity: Misconceptions about Human Trafficking in Michigan," Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Award for Best Public Policy Paper

Kensington Schuman, "Implications of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws in the United States," Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Award for Best Public Policy Paper

Marilyn Yousif, "The Impact of Domestic Violence on the Mental Health of Women in India"

11. Arms Control: National Interests, Global Strategies (340 Case)

Moderator: Yael Aronoff, faculty, International Relations, JMC

Marcus Bradley, "The Race to Arms: The Mexican Registration Issue"

Matthew Crabtree, "A Fail-Safe for the Unthinkable: The Origins, Methodology, and Legacy of American Nuclear Weapons Strategy in the Cold War"

Dolores Sinistaj, "An Increase in Nuclear Weapons is an Increase in Peace"

Tyler Dean Thur, "Ensuring a Nuclear Arsenal for the 21st Century: Mechanisms for Strengthening and Reinvigorating the Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship Program on its 20th Anniversary," Honorable Mention, MSUFCU Dean's Choice Award for Best Public Policy Award

Senior Honors Thesis Defense: (JMC Library)

Adam Cusick, "Government of the People, or For the People?: The Crisis of Democracy in the European Union"

Advisor: Folke Lindahl, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

4:45-7:00: Reception at Dublin Square Pub, 327 Abbott Road, East Lansing