



**JAMES MADISON COLLEGE**

**RESEARCH  
SHOWCASE**

April 26, 2019

8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Case Hall

Michigan State University

<b>8:30–9:00</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>	<b>Case Hall</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b> Dean Sherman Garnett & Associate Dean Linda Racioppi	<b>Club Spartan</b>
<b>9:15–10:30</b>	<b>Panels and Thesis Presentations #1</b>	<b>Case Hall</b>
<b>10:45–12:00</b>	<b>Panels and Thesis Presentations #2</b>	<b>Case Hall</b>
<b>12:15–1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Keynote by Dr. Nwando Achebe	<b>Club Spartan</b>
<b>1:30–2:45</b>	<b>Panel and Thesis Presentations #3</b>	<b>Case Hall</b>
<b>3:00–4:15</b>	<b>Panel and Thesis Presentations #4</b>	<b>Case Hall</b>
<b>4:30–7:00</b>	<b>Reception for Participants, Award Winners, and Invitees</b>	<b>Fieldhouse</b>

## **Panel and Thesis Presentations #1 - 9:15-10:30**

### **Nation, State, and Economy in Eastern Europe - 334A Case Hall**

- Mateusz Leszczynski Polish Nation Building and the Role of Polish-Jews
- Marlie Pratt The Unraveling of Yugoslavia: The Introduction of Neoliberal Policies 1980 - 1991
- Olivia Kreft Securitization of Migration in Hungary - The 2015 Crisis Year

**Moderator** Norman Graham, IR, JMC

### **Identity, Recognition, and Rights - 334B Case Hall**

- Hannah Collins Brackeen v. Zinke: Recolonizing Native Americans
- Caroline Burdick The Impact of American Communism on the Advancement of Civil Rights for African Americans
- Allie Weis The Necropolitics of the Mexican 'Drug War': Neoliberal Hegemony & Indigenous Experiences

**Moderator** Sejuti Das Gupta, CCP, JMC

### **Madison Diversity Leadership Fellows - JMC Library**

Rachel Cleveland, Tylor Collier, Jarod Facundo, Ragine Head, Katarina Huss, Elvira Kovachevich, Talyce Murray, Natalie Rogers, Aminatou Seydou

**Moderators** Associate Dean Linda Racioppi, JMC & Julia Grant, SRP, JMC

### **Postcolonialism and Political Development in Sub-Saharan Africa - 340 Case Hall**

- Gretchen Moretti Somalia's Sovereignty Struggle
- Jiahao Li Conflicts of Kenya's 2017 Election
- Courtney Rybiski Thinking Through Postcolonial Thought; Africa's Current State: The Postcolony; and an Approach to a New Enlightenment

**Moderator** Tacuma Peters, PTCD, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 331 Case Hall**

Ian Shumway                      The Methods of Asymmetric Warfare: A  
Theoretical Analysis of the Vietnam War  
Advisor: Kirstin Brathwaite, IR, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 335B Case Hall**

Sumaya Malas                      Patterns of Authoritarian Rule and Political  
Legitimacy in the Middle East: The Case of Syria,  
Egypt, and Iran  
Advisor: Martha Olcott, IR/CCP, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 336 Case Hall**

Kaila Waione                      Slavery in the Front Yard: How Israel Successfully  
Fought Women’s Trafficking for Prostitution  
Advisor: Yael Aronoff, IR, JMC



## **Panel and Thesis Presentations #2 - 10:45-12:00**

### **Collapse and Rebirth: A Living Archive – 339 Case Hall**

Sofia Cupal, Michael Downs, Ryan Lumsden, Bridie McBride

**Introduction**                      Martha Olcott, IR/CCP, JMC

**Moderator**                      Matt Zierler, IR, JMC

### **Issues in Urban Policy and Politics – 340 Case Hall**

Grace Michienzi                      Making Healthy Food Accessible: Factors  
Associated with Farmers Market Engagement  
with Low-Income Populations in Grand Rapids, MI

Conner Gibbons                      Practice to a Better City: Civic Success and Failure

Jack Kellett                      “Detroit,” “**Detroit**,” and **Detroit**: The Narratives of  
a Once Dead Comeback City

**Moderator**                      Louise Jezierski, SRP, JMC

### **Chinese Foreign Policy – 334A Case Hall**

Annie Beaubien                      Neo-colonizer or Partner? A Marxian Analysis  
of Chinese Investments in Kenya’s Construction  
Sector

Landon Fortenberry                      The Mutually Disadvantageous Trade War

Jack Spike Dearing                      Chinese-US Grand Strategies

**Moderator**                      Simei Qing, IR, JMC

## **Managing Health and Social Services in Contemporary Africa - 334B Case Hall**

Georgia Artzberger      Ebola in the Congo: A Scholarly Analysis of the Intersection of Conflict and Health

Saira Milroy              Homelessness: Solutions Within Earshot

Chloe Grigsby            Neglected Sanitation Infrastructure in South Africa's Rural Public Schools: An Intersection of Empty Promises, Elite Corruption, State Weakness, and Public Distrust

**Moderator**              Linda Sayed, JMC

## **PTCD Evaluates Music - JMC Library**

Max Jones, Alyssa Ratcliffe, Madison Ruffin, Niko Spilson

**Moderator**              Eric Petrie, PTCD, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation - 331 Case Hall**

David Warshay            Comparing Genocides: Mapping Out the Beginnings of Horror  
Advisor: Yael Aronoff, IR, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation - 335B Case Hall**

Matthew Rappe            Kurdish Opportunities in Retrospect  
Advisor: Martha Olcott, IR/CCP, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation - 336 Case Hall**

Maggie DeHart            Gender and Sexuality in Political Theory: Its Evolution and Importance  
Advisor: Tacuma Peters, PTCD, JMC



## **Lunch - Club Spartan - 12:15-1:15**

### **MSUFCU Best Public Policy Paper Competition Award Recognition**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Nwando Achebe, Jack and Margaret Sweet Endowed Chair Professor of History, MSU

**Introduction**              Olufunmbi Elemo, CCP, JMC

## **Panel and Thesis Presentations #3 - 1:30-2:45**

### **Perspectives on Education - 334A Case Hall**

China Gross	Reconstructing the Miseducation of Sex for Black Girls
Virginia Jacobs	Utopian Politics of Emotion in Literature
Alexa Stechschulte	An Epistemicide: Cognitive Injustice in Refugee Education
<b>Moderator</b>	Julia Grant, SRP, JMC

### **Modern Authoritarianisms - 334B Case Hall**

Leah Walker	L'Etat, C'est Moi: The French Tendency Towards Authoritarianism
Sumaya Malas	Loyalty to the Authoritarian: Mechanisms of Coup-Proofing and Regime Maintenance in Egyptian Civil-Military Relations
Allie Weis	Egypt: Persistent Authoritarianism and the Mounting Debt Crisis
<b>Moderator</b>	Russell Lucas, IR, JMC

### **Black Social Movements - JMC Library**

Denise Patterson, Briah Spencer, Charlaine Stevenson	
<b>Moderator</b>	Rashida Harrison, SRP, JMC

### **The Holocaust in American Memory: Social Influence on and of Holocaust Survivors - 339 Case Hall**

Megan Friebe, Cortni Hauck, Alexis Sargent	
<b>Moderator</b>	Amy Simon, SRP, JMC

### **Beyond Metal Straws and Teslas: The Disservices of Free Market Thinking to Climate Justice - 340 Case Hall**

Rachel Alexander, Eric Jutila, Jack Kellett	
<b>Moderator</b>	Amanda Flaim, JMC

### **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation - 331 Case Hall**

Kelly Eusebi	Who Knows Whom?: An Examination of Terror Group Relationships Through Social Network Analysis Advisor: Bobby Brathwaite, IR, JMC
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## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 335B Case Hall**

Walter Hanley                      What Do We Owe the Poor?: Jeffries Homes and Detroit's Public Neighbors  
Advisor: Susan Stein-Roggenbuck, SRP, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 336 Case Hall**

Rory Womack                      Xenophon's Cyrus: Virtue and its Rewards  
Advisor: Ben Lorch, PTCD, JMC

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## **Panel and Thesis Presentations #4 - 3:00-4:15**

### **What if? Testing the Hypothetical Through Simulation – 339 Case Hall**

Madison Ackley, Annie Beaubien, Bob Brown, Michael Downs, Steven Else, Gloria Kobler, Sumaya Malas, Bianca Mercado, Tyler Perl, Brian Riordan

**Moderator**                      Kirstin Brathwaite, IR, JMC

### **Social Construction, Progress, and Accelerationism in Utopian Thought – 340 Case Hall**

Walter Hanley, Maggie DeHart, Marlie Pratt

**Moderator**                      Tobin Craig, PTCD, JMC

### **Public Health – 334A Case Hall**

Jonathan Walkotten              Expanding Access to PrEP to Mitigate HIV Health Disparities

Megan Friebe                      Rates of Opioid Prescription, Abuse, and Overdose by State

Emily Jenkins                      Decades of Displacement

**Moderator**                      Susan Stein-Roggenbuck, SRP, JMC

### **The Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Crisis at MSU – 331 Case Hall**

Alexis Sargent                      Beyond Philanthropy and Community:  
A Social Examination of Sexual Assault and Community Connection in Michigan State University's Greek System

Rebecca McDonald                Ripples of Trauma: A Look into the Community Response to the Nassar Trial

**Moderator**                      Sharlissa Moore, IR, JMC

## **Explaining Causes and Consequences of Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa – 334B Case**

Malahni Ngalle            Civil War and Economic Decline in Paul Biya’s Post-Colonial Cameroon: Is Cameroon Weak or Failing and Who’s Fault Is It?

Claudia Allou            Understanding Civil Conflict in Chad: A Barrier to Development and an Invitation for French Intervention

Chelsea Wein            Conflict in the CAR: Legacies of Colonialism

**Moderator**            Bobby Brathwaite, IR, JMC

## **Poster Presentations – JMC Library**

James Lunga            Governmenance Efficacy of Decentralized Resource-Dependent Self Governance

Owen Purdue            The Political Acumen of Abraham Lincoln

## **Seniors Honors Thesis Presentation – 335B Case Hall**

Manon Steel            Ameritocracy: How Michigan’s Education Policies have Challenged the American Dream  
Advisor: Louise Jezierski, SRP, JMC

## **Senior Honors Thesis Presentation – 336 Case Hall**

Jake Wier            How Aquarium Fish Could Save the Rainforest: Global Pressures and the Viability of Brazilian Ornamental Fisheries  
Advisor: Daniel Kramer, IR, JMC



## **Reception for Participants, Award Winners, and Invitees – 4:30-7:00**

### **Fieldhouse**

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