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**James Madison College  
Inaugural Senior  
Research Conference**

**Friday, April 19, 2013  
3rd Floor, Case Hall  
MSU Campus**

**9:30 - Registration, Club Spartan**

**9:45 - Opening Remarks, Sherman Garnett,  
Dean, James Madison College**



# James Madison College 2013 Senior Research Conference

## 10:15-11:45—Session 1

### Environment, Development, & Sustainability Room 339

Callie Bruley "Environmental Justice, Civil Rights, and their Role in the Mainstream Environmental Movement"

Alexander Acton "Problems of Urban Migration, Settlement, and Growth in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia"

Meghan McCullough "The Lesotho Highlands Water Project: A Case Study in Neoliberal Development and the Reproduction on Inequality"

Moderator: Professor Mark Axelrod, IR

### Comparative Education Policy, Room 339 340

Ashley Hofert "Teaching Our Teachers: What the Finnish Got Right"

Alyssa Prussing "Children's Voices Heard: Developing Early Childhood Education in Ireland"

Mara Willemin "Historical Disadvantages, Racial Stratification, and Measures of Policy Implementation within South African Education"

Megan Orth "Comparative Perspectives on ESEA Flexibility Waivers" \*MSU Federal Credit Union Best Public Policy Award Winner

Moderator: Peter Spadafore, Lansing School Board, JMC Alumnus

### MSU Federal Credit Union Award Presentation, Room 319L South Seminar Room

Annelise Huber "Eradicating Polio In India" \*First Place, MSUFUCU Best Public Policy Paper Award

Moderator: Sherman Garnett, Dean

### Senior Honors Thesis Defense, JMC Library

Angelina Mosher "Feminism, Patriarchy and Elitism: The Mobilization of Women in the Palestinian Nationalist Movement"

Thesis Director: Professor Linda Racioppi, HCW/CCP

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## 12:00-1:00 LUNCH, Club Spartan

**Keynote Speaker: Nathan Triplett, Mayor Pro Tem, East Lansing, JMC Alumnus**

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## 1:15-2:45—Session 2

### The Media as a Political Actor, Room 340

Andria Salinas "Alien Nation: The (Re)Presentation of a Post-Cold War Counterfactual Narrative in The X-Files"

Connor Swanson "Breaking Borders: Breaking Bad and the Subversiveness of Crossing Borders"

Jessica Ayoub "A Beautiful Mess: How Visual Media Contributed to the Fall of Detroit"

Moderator: Professor Andaluna Borcila, CCP/HCW

### Comparative Approaches to Understanding Gender Room 331

Natalie Lyon "Domestic Violence in Korean-American Communities: The Role of Culturally Sensitive Feminist Reform" \*MLK, Jr. Advancing Inclusion Through Research award winner

Selina Paupert "Sex Trafficking in the United States"

Rachel Marsden "Patriarchy and Health: Cultural and Societal Contributions to Fistula in Ethiopia" \*Mary Anderson Award for Best Undergraduate paper on Women & Gender in Global Perspective winner.

Leah Steinhauser "Domestic Sex Trafficking of Female Minors in the U.S.: Driving Factors and Implications for Prevention" \*MSU Federal Credit Union Best Public Policy Paper award winner

Moderator: Professor Allison Berg, HCW/SRP

### Electoral Politics and Governance, Room 339

Stephen Wooden "Drawing Our Republic: A Comparative Approach to Preventing Gerrymandering"

Eric Brooks "The Current State of American Elections: Who Bought My President?"

Kathryn Allen "The Establishment of Modern Tribal Sovereignty Understood Through Classical Political Theory"

Moderators: Lance Boldrey, Attorney, Dykema Law, JMC Alumnus, and Professor Ben Kleinerman, PTCD

### Senior Honors Thesis Defense, JMC Library

Emily Snoek "Risky Business: LGBT Youth & Michigan's Sex Education Curriculum"

Thesis Director: Professor Julia Grant, SRP

## 3:00-4:30—Session 3

### Political Economy and the Construction of Markets, Room 331

Keith Lambert "Rural Small Business Adoption of Broadband: The Developed Versus the Developing World"

Bradley Kells "Applied Zymology: The Role of Culture, Institutions, and Luck in Creating the American Microbrew Revolution"

Moderator: Stephen Purchase, Vice-President of H Inc., JMC Alumnus

**International Conflict and National Security,**  
**Room 339**

Dylan Miller "Far Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Drones"

Adreanna Scribner "How Modern Terrorism is Anything But New"

Moderator: **Professor Matt Zierler, IR**

**Human Rights, Social Suffering, and Policy Responses,**  
**Room 340**

Shelby Couch "Destructive Constructs of Haitian Identity in the Dominican Republic: Cultural Effects on Dominican State Interests and Policies in Post-Earthquake Relations with Haiti"

Megan Orth "The Complexities of Haitian Displacement: A Call to Balance Policy with Urgent Anthropology in the Hopes of a Better Future for Haiti Moving Forward" \*MSU Federal Credit Union Best Public Policy Paper award winner

Angela Kengara "Human Rights Networks and Their Accountability Within the International System"

Kathryn Stoecker "African American Women and the War on Drugs"

Moderator: **Professor Carrie Booth Walling,**  
Political Science at Albion College, JMC Alumna

**The Politics of Sexuality,**  
**Room 342**

Josie Bradley "Homosexuality and Immigration"

Mark Doebler "Constructing Consent: Examining the Jurisprudence and psychology of Consent with Concern to BDSM & Kink Communities"

Ana Wolken "Sexual Minorities and Non-Discrimination Policy"

Moderator: **Professor Gene Burns, SRP**

**4:30-5:00—Closing Remarks, Club Spartan,  
Acting Provost Dr. June Youatt**

**Conference Committee**

**Professor Julia Grant, Associate Dean**

**Mr. Jeff Judge, Assistant Dean**

**Professor Galia Benitez, IR**

**Professor Jennifer Goett, CCP**

**Professor Louise Jezierski, SRP**

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