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Exploration Through Honors

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On the border of Louisiana but thoroughly Texan, Beaumont is the birthplace of the Texas oil boom, home to the biodiversity of the Big Thicket, and just down the road from NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Our cuisine includes cajun, Tex-Mex, and barbecue, and our music embraces rock, blues, jazz, country, and zydeco. We hope you enjoy our area and explore the unique history, culture, cuisine, and natural environment of Southeast Texas.
Welcome to the Annual Great Plains Honors Council Conference

Dr. Kenneth Evans
Lamar University President

On behalf of the Reaud Honors College, I want to welcome all of you to Lamar University. We are proud to be hosting the 2017 Annual Conference of the Great Plains Honors Council and are excited to see and hear your poster and oral presentations. In keeping with the Conference theme of “Exploration through Honors,” we have prepared a Conference Program that is designed to give you a sense of the richness of the history, culture, and environment of Southeast Texas. Please make yourselves at home and enjoy the hospitality of our corner of Texas.

Thank you so much for joining us here at Lamar University for the 2017 Annual Conference of the Great Plains Honors Council. We are excited to be hosting this event this year as we welcome you to LU and Beaumont. We hope while you are in our community of Southeast Texas that you try out some of the local flavor. Whether it be going to the Gulf just 45 minutes away, eating at one of many outstanding seafood restaurants or enjoying a walk around our campus, we are glad you are here. The Honors students who are representative of our six-state region of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas present at this conference are the best of the best, and I congratulate each of you for being here. Make the most of this experience and again, Welcome to Lamar University and Southeast Texas.

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Friday, March 31st

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Conference Registration (Hotel Lobby)
3:00 - 5:00 PM: Poster Set-Up (Hotel Austin & El Paso Rooms)
4:45 - 5:45 PM: Nuts and Bolts (Hotel Port Arthur Room)
4:45 - 5:45 PM: Transitioning from 2-year to 4-year institutions (Hotel Galveston Room)
5:00 - 5:45 PM: Poster Judging (Hotel Austin Rooms)
5:45 - 6:45 PM: Poster Session (Hotel Austin Rooms)
7:00 - 9:00 PM: Welcome Banquet and Plenary (Hotel Banquet Rooms)
9:00 - 9:30 PM: Moderator Training (Hotel Galveston Room)
9:00 - 10:00 PM: GPHC Executive Board Meeting (Hotel AB I)

Saturday, April 1st

7:30 AM: Transportation from Holiday Inn to Lamar University
8:00 - 9:00 AM: Boe Presentations
9:00 - 12:30 PM: Oral Presentation Sessions (Lamar)

Session Times:
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM
- 10:10 - 11:10 AM
- 11:20 - 12:20 PM

12:30 PM: Lunch at Gladys City/ Boomtown
2:30 - 5:00 PM: Excursions (around Southeast Texas)
   Please refer to your name tag for the excursion you selected.
6:30 - 8:30 PM: Banquet and Plenary (Hotel Banquet Rooms)
8:30 - 11:30 PM: Student Event (Hotel Galveston Room)

   8:30 - 9:30 PM: Blues Guitarist
   9:30 - 11:30 PM: Student Party

Sunday, April 2nd

7:30 AM: GPHC Business Meeting (Hotel Galveston Room)
Jo Ann Stiles, a retired Associate Professor of History Emeritus, taught for thirty-six years at Lamar University. She is one of the foremost experts on the history of Southeast Texas and, along with Judith Linsley and Ellen Rienstra, is a co-author of *Giant Under the Hill*, the definitive history of the Spindletop gusher and origins of the resulting oil boom. She and Rienstra co-authored *The Long Shadow: The Lutcher-Stark Lumber Dynasty*, a three-generation history of a powerful family on the local, state, national and international levels.

Native born Beaumont musician, Zachary Silas Feemster has had an active music career since 1999 whether performing as a solo artist or in various groups, such as The Amorist, Barelands and The Burnpile. In 2014 he recorded his first record for Wrong Side of Texas Records and has independently released albums and singles through out the present. In February 2017 he will start production on his third solo record as a solo artist.

Dr. Paul D. Spudis is a Senior Staff Scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas. He received his education at Arizona State University (B.S., 1976; Ph.D., 1982) and at Brown University (Sc.M., 1977). His research focuses on the processes of impact and volcanism on the planets and studies of the requirements for sustainable human presence on the Moon. He was Deputy Leader of the Science Team for the Department of Defense Clementine mission to the Moon in 1994, the Principal Investigator of the Mini-SAR imaging radar experiment on India’s Chandrayaan-1 mission in 2008-2009, and a team member of the Mini-RF imaging radar on NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter mission (2009-present). He was a member of the White House Synthesis Group in 1990-1991, the President’s Commission on the Implementation of U. S. Space Exploration Policy in 2004 and was presented with the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal that same year. He is the recipient of the 2006 Von Karman Lectureship in Astronautics, (awarded by the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics), a 2011 Space Pioneer Award (from the National Space Society) and the 2016 Columbia Medal (from the American Society of Civil Engineers). He is the author or co-author of over 120 scientific papers and seven books, including *The Once and Future Moon* (1994), a book for the general public in the Smithsonian Library of the Solar System series, and (with Ben Bussey) *The Clementine Atlas of the Moon* (2004; Second Edition 2012), published by Cambridge University Press, and *The Value of the Moon* (2016), a history of lunar return efforts published by the Smithsonian Press.
Christian Garcia | Angelo State University
The Effects of Presidential Rhetoric on Stock Market Prices
This paper tests the Efficient Market Hypothesis by analyzing the reaction of stock prices to the President’s positive rhetoric from the State of the Union Addresses from the Carter through Obama administrations to determine the extent that stock prices incorporate and react to presidential signaling.

Claire Ferguson | Oral Roberts University
Adolescents’ Peer Acceptance Ratings Versus Perceived Peer Acceptance: A Replicated Study
This study explores perceived peer acceptance in adolescence, contrasting results with middle childhood data from a separate study. Empathy and loneliness data are included in this study. Findings indicate similarities between male and female adolescents in terms of perceptions of peer acceptance, and in respective empathy and loneliness scores.

Evelyn Burch | Angelo State University
Evaluating the Success on NAFTA as an Instrument of Foreign Policy
This paper examines economist Paul Krugman’s position (1993) that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was a method of fulfilling foreign policy objectives by assessing Mexican economic growth, social stability, and democratization within the context of Mexico-U.S. relations.

Monica Argumedo Rendon | Lone Star College-Kingwood
The Untold Story of Adderall: Focusing on Adderall Abuse Among College Students
The purpose of this study is to analyze Adderall abuse among college students at universities in the United States. Findings indicate that the severity of Adderall abuse is prominent. In order to prevent abuse of this drug, universities need to implement intervention programs on their college campuses.

Emily Blumentritt | Lee College
The Twisted Morals of Fortune and Fame: A Marxist Analysis of Sunset Boulevard
Sunset Boulevard, the classic 1950s film by Billy Wilder, provides insight into the pressure modern American culture can exert upon the human psyche and how this pressure drives people to use each other as tools to achieve egoistic goals. Marx’s Communist Manifesto provides the analytical base.

Anthony D'Souza | Lone Star College - University Park Campus
Dark Matter: NASA, Civil Rights, and Memory Distortion in the Media
This project explores why the media’s perception of NASA’s role in civil rights shifted from an earlier negative view to a more positive contemporary opinion beginning in the 1980s, comparing newspaper and magazine articles from the 1960s and the 2000s in order to observe the agency’s attitude towards its African American personnel during its early history.
We will begin by explaining the history, the similarities and of unity between the poor White and poor Black community. In this presentation we are going to explain the importance Missouri Western State University Bertrand, Ariell / Hendrix, Aliyah the reputation it has in the world.

History of the Oil and Gas Industry in Texas

B. Using Trend Analysis to Predict Stock Price Movement Via Social Media

As social media is a recent phenomenon in academic terms, there is very little previous work addressing whether social media usage can predict stock performance. This study focused on social media trends as a useful predictor of significant stock movements.

APPENZELLER, JOSHUA | Tarrant County College Northwest

The Hydrogen Fuel Cell

For most of human history, religion and science have never been able to completely coexist peacefully. The geneticist Dean Hamer claimed that there is a gene dubbed the “God Gene” that causes the idea of religion and faith to be hardened into every human.

ATKINS, ASHLEY | University of Texas at Tyler

Non-Profit Marketing: The Need for Job Satisfaction and Employee Retention

This study demonstrates how job satisfaction and employee retention affect overall brand perception for non-profit companies. Through a survey distributed to employees of an East Texas Boys & Girls Club, I investigated job satisfaction in multiple dimensions, providing an account of how job satisfaction can affect a company’s success.

C. Boosting Efficiency: Active Flow Control Reducing Fuel Consumption and other Ground-Breaking Improvements in Aerospace Applications

This poster will give a sneak peak at the current status and prospects of different aerospace technologies. It puts special attention on Active Flow Control and its role in reducing fuel consumption while presenting a unique perspective into the richness of different STEM fields that is not to be missed.

CALVO, SARAH | Tarrant County College Northwest

American Serial Killers: Blinded by Bloodlust

Currently, there are over one hundred serial killers in this century alone commonly targeting innocent people, making it imperative to analyze them. This nation has grown accustomed to violence just as much as they have – this is why we study them as if they were another species we don’t fully understand.

CANTRELL, ALICIA | Northeast Texas Community College

The Politics of Sassiness: Texans Barbara Jordan and Ann Richards vs. the Male Establishment

The United States Presidential election dramatized the defeat of a powerful woman from New York. The defeat of a woman from Texas experienced different outcomes. My poster portrays the lives of Barbara Jordan and Ann Richards.

CHALON, KATHERINE | Texas Woman’s University

Virtual Me and Self-Esteem

While online outlets can be positive tools used to explore the self, they can also be toxic, and relationships online can lead to decreased levels of self-esteem in users. The purpose of this study was to explore links between social media usage, blogging, and self-esteem.

CRAFT, KILLIOPE | Emporia State University

Harry Potter and Social Diversity

JK Rowling’s Harry Potter has so deeply impacted its fans that it has changed the way they view the world. Harry Potter themed organizations drive to make the world a bit brighter, a bit safer, and a bit more magical. These fans embody the values permeating throughout Rowling’s story.

CRAIN, LAUREN | Lone Star College-Kingwood

Effects of Hormonal Propagation Using Indole-3 Butyric Acid on Root Growth in Asclepias perennis

Since both the monarch butterfly and the Asclepias perennis plant populations are in decline, a technique to ensure the survival of the two populations is to reproduce the Asclepias perennis through propagation of stem cuttings.

CROWSON, TRISTAN | McLennan Community College

Utilizing Linear Regression in Ethereum Markets

In two years, Ethereums reached a market capital of one billion dollars, which raised the question: How much growth will continue (Extance, 2015)? In this study, a multivariate linear regression algorithm was trained with four months of transaction data to predict future prices of Ethereums.

CUCURELLA, VENITA | Johnson County Community College

Chemical Analysis of Lavender

Lavender was analyzed in different forms. Gas Chromatography was used to isolate the individual compounds. These isolated compounds were identified through Mass Spectrometry and Gas Chromatography of lavender oil and buds. The difference in the chromatograms of the commercial grade oil extraction and the raw bulbs solvent extraction was significant.

CULVER, KACEE | Tarrant County College Northwest

Refugees: Here and Abroad

The refugee crisis, here and abroad, is misunderstood. This thesis will shed light on the issue that affects 65.3 million in the world today.
A Global Empathy Review on Effective Elementary Teacher Procedures and Communications

In the United States, elementary educators are still disproportionately white females. Due to this demographic, it is imperative for teachers to develop cultural empathy. In this project, I will compare and contrast psychological and educational research from both the United States and international countries.

Floyd, Rebecca | University of Texas at Tyler
Improving Special Olympics with Swoop

Special Olympics is a popular event that blends the academics of physical therapy with the field of special needs. However, organizing a Special Olympics event is often full of challenges, such as low attendance. This study examines how we addressed these issues from year to year at UT Tyler.

Fowlers, Marisa | Tarrant County College South Campus
Antisocial Personality Disorder: Medias Incorrect and Influential Portrayal

Mainstream media often uses characters or the topic of those labeled with antisocial personality disorders to enhance the intrigue of their products (music, television shows, etc.). As most people have only seen the media’s portrayal of those affected with these disorders are in turn often treated unfairly and often times don’t receive the adequate treatment.

Frederick, Megan | Tarrant County College Northwest
Collegiate Quidditch

The poster research covers the types of balls in Quidditch, the different types of players, some equipment used, as well as some gameplay/points. It also covers the effect on the different types of players, some equipment used, as well as legal tactics to combat said bias.

Fuentes, Andrea | Texas A&M International University
Audiology Around the World

Audiologists are the rare professionals who may provide services and resources by specializing in disorders of the ear. Audiologists typically require extensive education, unavailable in many places throughout the world. The purpose of this study is to identify the ratio of audiologists to hearing-impaired individuals in various countries.
out open-ended zebrafish experiments in a class setting. and also that Honors undergraduate students can carry Zn and ethanol impaired zebrafish embryo development ethanol. We were able to collect data showing that both Students collected zebrafish embryos and tracked their affects zebrafish embryogenesis Exposure to zinc chloride and ethanol Lin, Jinlong.

The regionalist and modernist eras in the United States were expressed both very vividly. Though Texas artists have embraced both of these styles of art, the outlooks that they carried into the conception of the two forms went against the grain of the national trend.

Kelley, Brandon | Tarrant County College Northeast Campus The Violence of Abnormal Space in Documentary Poetry The introduction of violence in documentary poetry by manipulation of the aesthetic element of space is analyzed. There is a possible parallel between the disruption created by the manipulation of violent space, and the desired for an organized and structured text- space relationship, as to prevent anxiety or confusion.

Kelley-Little, Lishit | Tarrant County College Northeast Path to Becoming a MD Every year, Medicare and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board help fund the education of many up-and-coming physicians in Texas. Medicare is able to help fund these students through issuing teaching hospitals DGME and IME payments. In addition, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board help fund the education of many women lower than men in society. on girls during development, and the treatment positions enforced on women is harmful because of the effect it has and institutional norms. This expectation of modesty Modesty standards have a history in all cultures, often rooted to religious ideology, which have become social and institutional norms. This expectation of modesty enforced on women is harmful because of the effect it has on girls during development, and the treatment positions women lower than men in society.

Exposure to zinc chloride and ethanol affects zebrafish embryogenesis Students collected zebrafish embryos and tracked their development when exposed to either zinc chloride or ethanol. We were able to collect data showing that both Zn and ethanol impaired zebrafish embryo development and also that Honors undergraduate students can carry out open-ended zebrafish experiments in a class setting.
## Boe Award Winner Presentations

### Boe Award Winners - Below 60 Credit Hours

**John Gray Center - Herman Iles Building - Price Auditorium**

**8:00 - 8:45 AM**

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**Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship (CICE) - Training Rooms A and B**

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Panel A  Reaud Honors College 120
CAMILLE BRIELE-DIOWID / CONRAD COLE - Community Engagement: Starting a Traditions Program
JESSE KERSH - Ethics in the Real World: Integrating Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Competition into the Brazosport College Honors Program
TAYLOR GILLUM - Visual Recognition Analysis: Communicating Honors Effectively
GAVIN DOWNING - Liberating the Classroom: Advocating for a Shift Towards Critical Pedagogy in the United States
Panel B  Reaud Honors College 102
CHYNA LEWIS - A Capitalist Identity: The Commodification of Individuals in Imitation of Life
ROSEMARY CLIVER - The Vanishing of True Self in Modern Culture and No Face from Miyazaki’s Spirited Away
ELISE SEDDENRUST - False Narrators and the Altered Truth of Postmodernism
JONATHAN PERRIER - Nihilism and Sci-Fi: Adapting to Mechanism
Panel C  Reaud Honors College 104
CEM BARI- The Legend of Benjamin Rush
LEE WAGNER - Gaybraham Lincoln: Memes and History
KISSANDRA MARTINEZ - American Condescension and the Fate of the Ultimate Populist
BLAKE BUSCEM - Watcher of the Waves: The United States Navy’s Mission since Pearl Harbor
Panel D  CICE Training Center A
JEN WAR - Meaning and Implications of “The Perfect” in 1 Corinthians 13:10
JOSHUA WINTER - Justice in Ancient Greece
JHANE NUNEZ - The “Ideal City”: Jamestown in the Philosophical Imagination
Panel E  CICE Training Center B
AARON KENDRICK - The Use of Calculus in Computer Programming Language Functions
DYLAN MCNINIS - Artificial Intelligence and Gaming
LIBRETTE RODRIGUEZ - Mirror Neurons
SINDEY DRYING - Brain Training Games: Testing its Efficacy on Rewiring the Brain
Panel F  CICE Computer Training Room
Discussion: Dear women: We don’t know what to do with you – Society
GARRETT LEONARD
REBECCA NORTON
BENJAMIN SCHIPP
Panel G  Maes 102
MARY-ELIZABETH SMITH - The Transatlantic Use of the Press in Early Modern Europe
EMILY NICKLES - A 100 Year Legacy of Pioneering Women Journalists
DIARRA RAYMOND - Students’ Rights to Free Speech
DHVYI SINGH - Spotlight: Shedding Light on the Church’s Cave of Religious Sanctimony
SESSION II
10:10 - 11:10

Panel A  Reaud Honors College 120
CORAINE BOCONVIL - Mental Health: A Growing Concern Among College Students
MADALINE NORTZ - Suicide Awareness in Teenagers and Young Adults
ABIGAIL DINKLEY - Deep Hunger Pangs: Eating Disorders Portrayed in Young Adult Literature
RHEANNON MINSTER - Mental Illness Examined Through Game of Thrones, and Evaluating its Popularity

Panel B  Reaud Honors College 102
WHITNEY MARKOS - Gravitational Effects of Dark Matter and Possible Implications on Mass Extinction
SANTIAGO GUTIERREZ - The Origin of Mass: Discovering the Higgs Boson Particle
ADRIEN CALLEGER - Comparing the Stellator and Tokamak: Two fusion alternatives
CLINTON BELL - Information Retrieval: How It Works, and Why You Should Know

Panel C  Reaud Honors College 104
NAHM VU - A Revisionist Look at the U.S. Electoral College
MUHAMMAD SHEIKH - Ross Perot’s Quixotic 1992 Presidential Campaign
SANTIAGO RIVERA - Where’s the Party At?
MURAD JILAYEE - Reevaluating US-Russia relations

Panel D  CICE Training Center A
BHRIH MIRINDHI - Another Border to Cross
MUHAMMAD MABHAT - Human Trafficking
AYRSECAL ATES - The Yazidi Women Captured by ISIS
OLIVIADPHO WEMIDHI - Modern Subjugation

Panel E  CICE Training Center B
ALEYSON GREGORY - Medusa as the Victim: An Analysis of Eudora Welty’s The Golden Apples
MANG DIY - Breaking Free: Celie’s Struggle in The Color Purple
MARY KOUNS - What’s Worse, Lookin’ Jealous or Crazy?: A Content Analysis on the Portrayal of Women in Pop Music Videos About Adultery
CASSANDRA HEMBREE - Frankenstein: A Shockingly Feminist Tale

Panel F  CICE Computer Training Room
MARGARET GREENHAUGH and KATELYN BOWLES - Honors Music Appreciation
KENDRY DURANTON - The Musical Mystery: An Exploration in Playwriting
CASSIDI WILKINS - Niche Cinema as an Initiative for Honors
GARETT VAN ASHADE - Clarinet Reflections: A Pedagogical Work

Panel G  Maes 101
NICHOLAS REGER - Reddit Engaged: Civic Engagement through Social Media
BERNADETTE HOLE - The Rhetoric of Age-Old Racism
TAYLOR DORSEY SEMIDORI - Saving Relationships
ANGELI GONZALES - A Quantitative Study: The Correlation Between Social Media Usage and Face-To-Face Communication

Panel H  Maes 102
MIRIAM DIKIOTE - Between the Heart and the Reason
SARAH MARTIN - Marie de France and Dante’s Differing Perspectives on the Discrepancy Between Loyalty and Fidelity
SAMAEL BARNES - Ethical Egoism: An Incomplete and Flawed Recipe to Life
MEGAN BUTLER - There is Beauty and Much to Gain from Conversing with Strangers.

Panel I  Maes 103
TRENT CURRY - An Examination of Health-Related Issues for Percussionists in Marching Band
JOSE OSNERS - Sports, Power, and Education
GRANT VICTORIOUS - Dentistry in the Civil War
JOCELYN RUIZ - Diversifying America

Panel J  Maes 108
KELLEY MCGEE - Deriving Antibiotics from the Bacteria in Soil: A Small World Initiative
EMILEE PETERSON - Cattle Trade Flows in Texas and Food-and-Mouth Disease Vaccine Stores in the U.S.
CASSANDRA CIESCOS and EMILIE HERRING - Does Old Makeup Mean Bad Makeup?
TRAVIS WHITMORE - The Impact of Zika Virus on Florida’s Economy

Panel K  Maes 112
SINNA KHALID - Validity of BMI in Pediatrics
CHIRALI FERNANDES - An Investigation into Root Causes of Obesity: How dysbiotic gut microbiota can be rebalanced into symbiosis to achieve optimal health and optimum weight.
LANCE BENSON - Isolation and Identification of a Fat-Mobilizing Substance [FMS] in Humans as the Result of Fasting
BRENNIE HUDSON - The Physiological Development of the Young Female Dancer

Panel L  Maes 114
LAUREN MILLER - Making a Decision: A Study on Socioeconomics and its Role in Shaping Perceptions of Community Colleges
MELISSA REINSCH - Deliberate Teaching: Invoking Intellectual Curiosity Among Low Socioeconomic Students
AELISHA KUYKENDALL - International development through educational scholarships: A phenomenological study on the perceived impact of a full-ride scholarship for low-income Latin American recipients
KATERIN VARELA - Welfare Public Policy and Perception

Panel M  Maes 115
BEANSHI SHELLE - The Wasteful Life of the Bourgeoisie: A Marxist Viewpoint on The Ice Storm
KICHELLE HALEN - Weddings of the Early 1800s: When the Traditions Started
MIRANDA STEWART - Individualistic Symbolic Imagery on Gravestones Reflects a Change in Societal Values
WILLIAM CAN - Gone from Texas: Varieties of Racism on the Texas Trail of Tears

Panel N  Speech and Hearing 170
TAMER KHALED - An Exploration into Police Recruitment and its Effect on Policing
MICHAEL VONK - A Sociological View of the Harris County Jail Tour
MIRINDHI SIMMONS - Memory and the War on Drugs
WILLIAM ZENOR - Gun Restrictions in Texas

Panel O  Speech and Hearing 180
DENISE ZIELPER - Going Viral: Witchcraft Accusations in Colonial New England
MADALINE MEYER - Traitors and Tyranny: Secret Agents of the American Revolution
JEWEL ALEXHIRE - Women Spies in the Civil War
MADDISON SHINGLETON - Cemetery Analysis: Social Data Limitations
SESSION III

11:20 - 12:20

Panel A  Reaud Honors College 120

KIMBERLY BUSTIN - Compassion Based Meditation as a Stress Management Technique for Nursing
MARIAH GLOVER - An Analysis of Nursing Student Exams: Creating a Progression of Higher-Level Thinking
SAMUEL WHITE - Bacterial Growth on Identification Badges
MARGALI DE LA ROSA AND BRITTANI HOWARD - Best Nursing Standards of Care for Sexual Assault Victims

Panel B  Reaud Honors College 102

PAUL REICHENBERGER - Financial Literacy: A problem that affects us all
CHARLES MCCLELLAN - Business Incentives: Examining Healthy Lifestyles in the Workplace
KRYSLA RICH - Students’ Perception of Accounting Ph.D. Prep Programs in the Texas A&M University System
ERIN HALEY - Brace for Impact: A Guide to Revenue Recognition Change in 2018

Panel C  Reaud Honors College 104

HANNAH JACULBE - Women Talk too Much: Myth or Fact?
ZIEZIE GREENWOOD - How Qualified is She, or Does It Matter?
CRAIG RAITZLIF - Cracking the Chrysalis of Institutionalized Sexism
ANABRANIE PEREZ CHIMI - Gender Wars: The Women’s Fight for Equality in the Film Industry

Panel D  CICE Training Center A

CONNOR THOMPSON - Torture in the War on Terror: A Moral Dilemma
THEODORE WALTER - Torture: Should the American Psychological Association be involved in torture?
THIRG TRAIN - Listen to Their Voice
AKASHYA GRAMIOLEA - Polish Exceptionalism: Property Restitution in Poland and the Judeo-Communist Myth

Panel E  CICE Training Center B

JACOB FILES - Feminism or Sexism?: A Rhetorical Criticism of Sharknado
JESUS PINTO - The Cultural Shift of the Apocalypse: From Religion to Comic Book Canon
CHEYENNE STOKES - Angel of the Mourning: A Rhetorical Criticism of Deadpool (2016)
COURTNEY MOORE - The Following: A Leader’s Impression

Panel F  CICE Computer Training Room

ANDREW JOHNSON - When Worlds Align: Calculating the Period of Planetary Alignment
LEI GONZALEZ - Fly-By: The Theoretical Dates That Pluto Comes the Closest to Neptune and Uranus
TAYLOR MILLOTT - Thomas the Tank Engine, Calculus, and the Real World
NATHAN CLEAVENG - What Can We Improve? A Study of Math Pedagogy at the Collegiate Level

Panel G  Maes 101

LYNDEY BEESLEY - Who Tells Your Story: Seeing the Harlem Renaissance Through Hamilton
JOSUHESPINALLES - “You Kant Do That”: White Apotheosis and Historical Truth
SARAH SPENCER - A Forgotten Genre Used to Mock on African Princess and Former Slave
ALEX JOHNSTON - Denton Cooley: Trailblazer in Cardiac Surgery

Panel H  Maes 102

ANDREA SCHILL - The Impact of ADHD Medication on College Students with Disabilities
RHEMM STEWART - Obstacles and Options to Employment Barriers for Adults with Disabilities: A Mixed-Methods Study
ANNA BONG - Therapy Methods for Autistic Children
EMILY ELSEP - Lost in a Sea of Language: Living with Right Hemisphere Disorder

Panel I  Maes 103

THOMAS SWEENEY - Cast Away: An Existential Survival Story
JACK TYLER - The Ironic-Prophetic Self in the Underground Man and in Jonah
STEPHEN STEIN - Logical Analysis and the Implications of Moral Luck
BRANDON SCHRIEDER - An Increasing Need for Empathy: Where It Comes from and Why It Matters

Panel J  Maes 108

MORGAN GUREL - The Sanctity of Death: An Argument for Physician-Assisted Suicide
BRANDON HUDSON - Dallas Buyers Club: An Exploration of Capitalism and the AIDS Epidemic
AIDA PADILLA - Kendra’s Law
PAULA CARLEEN HEITLAND - The Light of Truth

Panel K  Maes 112

JCSUE SANCHEZ - Economic Gap: The South Texas Region
HENRY WEINER - Trickle-Down Economics and Kansas’ Struggles
CINDY GASKIL - Government Regulation on an Innovating Economy: Uber
LAURI SHIEL - Reconsidering Economic Sanctions: An Institutional Analysis

Panel L  Maes 114

HEESTAN PRZENZ - Cybercrime
MELGON HAMAMIL - Shameful Neglect
PATRICK DEPULA - Improving Policy: Analysis on the Prostitution and Sex Industry with Implications for Country Decision Making
BRENDA BENNETT - Comparing consequences of Abusing Children and Dealing Drugs

Panel M  Maes 115

MOHAMMAD MOHAMAD - On the Necessity of Language in the Process of Recognition
KRYSTEN CUCULIELLA - Memory: Culture, Deception and Effects
BRITAN HUBBARD - Theory Ladenness of Observation and How It Applies to Criminal Negligence
LEAH BURT - “We Count”: Representations of Innocence in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities in Con temporaty Young Adult Literature

Panel N  Speech and Hearing 170

CARLEIGH STEIN AND KATHERINE HAYS - Microbiological Techniques: The Process of Creating a New Agar-Based Media Specifically for Soil Microbes
DONNA CRUTZ - The Effect of Various Phosphate Sources During Gene Expression and Mineralization
LEERR SELSER - The Causative Agent of Lyme Disease; A Historical and Scientific Perspective
SIAM REHMAN - Biological Identity: The Distinctive Immune System
Saussure's linguistic model, to argue that recognition is
Paul Ricoeur's analysis of recognition, and Ferdinand De
This research paper will take a philosophical stand

Mental Illness Examined Through Game of Thrones, and Evaluating its Popularity Type
Throughout the Game of Thrones television series there are
characters whose mental health comes in to question. This paper focuses on the characters Joffrey Baratheon and Tyrion Lannister who are examined for signs of mental illness and given possible diagnoses, while also psychologically explaining why the show is so popular.

Another Border to Cross
This presentation goes over human trafficking between the Texas-Mexico Border, how terrible the crime of human trafficking is, and what both Texas and Mexico is doing about it.

Leading the Civil Rights Movement
This research evaluates the historiography of leadership in the American 1960's Civil Rights Movement as exposed throughout three key periods in time: the 1960s to the 1970s, the 1980s to the early 1990s, and the late 1990s to the 2000s.

A 100 Year Legacy of Pioneering Women Journalists
This presentation will share the results of an exploration into the evolution of a student newspaper over the past 100 years and highlight different facets of the newspaper's history, from its predominately female leadership, utilizing elements of dramaturgy presented within impression management as a framework for analysis of key characters and scenes within the television series, The Following.

The Following: A Leader's Impression
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The Effect of Various Phosphate Sources During Gene Expression and Mineralization
Multiple phosphate sources were used on donor samples of bone fragments to trigger mineralization. Their effects on the condition of the cellular matrix and gene expression were then studied.

Gender Wars: The Women's Fight for Equality in the Film Industry
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The "Ideal City": Jamestown in the Philosophical Imagination
By applying a philosophical lens to historical events, this presentation will attempt to dig deeply into English understandings and motivations that led to conflict between settlers and Native Americans in the construction of this "ideal city."

Making a Decision: A Study on Socioeconomics and its Role in Shaping Perceptions of Community Colleges
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This research seeks to explore the contemporary relevance of nihilistic literature and film through Philip K. Dick’s novel Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep and Michael Crichton’s 1973 film Westworld. Through formal analysis of each work’s usage of technology, simulated realities, and catastrophic situations, contemporary culture adapts with reckless abandon.

Cattle Trade Flows in Texas and Food-and-Mouth Disease Vaccine Stores in the U.S.
Researchers created a model based on actual cattle trade flows in Texas to compare to the model currently used to determine vaccine stores in the U.S. with the purpose of determining adequacy of vaccine in the event of a potentially economically disastrous outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Different Water Locations and Their Differing pH Levels
Using field research techniques, I test the hypothesis that pond water and faucet water have high acidic pH levels than filtered water. This hypothesis is rejected. Finally, water does not neutralize over time after being exposed to air. The implications are discussed.

Cybercrime
Cybercrime is any illegal activity that takes place online. A few examples of cybercrime include stalking, identity theft and even acts of terrorism. There are protections but as technology advances so does cybercrime.

Biological Identity: The Distinctive Immune System
This research was conducted in order to seek a rather different approach regarding the immune system and the concept of identity. Using several immunological and philosophical arguments from John Locke, Thomas Pradeau, Edgardo Carossella, and Nobel Prize winner Frank Burnet, a conclusive argument is made to define an identity unique to the immune system itself.

Financial Literacy: A Problem that affects us all
Between growing student loans and rising credit card debt, students face tough financial decisions from the beginning. Right now, our nation doesn’t provide its students with an adequate financial education. Therefore, today’s students deserve a revamped financial literacy education that prepares them to make informed financial decisions.

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Art Museum of Southeast & Texas Energy Museum

The Art Museum of Southeast Texas mission is to provide education, inspiration and creative vision throughout Southeast Texas through unique collections, exhibitions, public programs and outreach in the visual arts.

The Texas Energy Museum houses a collection of historical photographs, maps, and other materials related to Beaumont and Southeast Texas oil fields.

Enjoy these two hometown treasures at your own speed. Participants may also explore the surrounding downtown area.

Chambers & McFaddin Ward House Museums

The Chambers House was built in 1906 by a local lumberman, and sold to the Chambers family in 1914. C. Homer and Edith Fuller Chambers moved into the home with their two young daughters, Ruth, 11, and Florence, 16 months old. The family cherished this home for the rest of their lives. While the Chambers daughters did go off to college, a fairly unusual occurrence in those days, both returned home and never married. Few changes occurred to the house or its furnishings in nearly 90 years of Chambers family occupancy.

The McFaddin-Ward House was built in 1905-06 in the striking and distinctive Beaux-Arts Colonial style. When W. P. H. and Ida Caldwell McFaddin moved their young family, two sons and one daughter, into their house in 1907, Beaumont was still enjoying the economic effects of the discovery of oil at nearby Spindletop in 1901. Having already accumulated considerable wealth from the cattle business, rice farming and milling, commercial real estate, and trapping, the family prospered even more after Spindletop, since Mr. McFaddin owned part interest in the land where oil was discovered.

Downtown Beaumont

Enjoy a walking tour of the historic Downtown Beaumont. Tour participants will start at the Jefferson County Courthouse with a short tour and then be provided with a map for a self-guided walking tour of the downtown area.

The Jefferson County Courthouse in Beaumont, Texas is one of the tallest courthouses in the state and an excellent example of Art Deco architecture. Built in 1931 by architects Fred Stone and Augustin Babin. Plaster friezes depicting traditional symbols of justice, as well as local images such as steer heads, pine cones and rice shocks, adorn the outside of this historic property.

Museum of the Gulf Coast

The Museum of the Gulf Coast tells the exciting story of the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast region, beginning with paleontology and biology. Permanent exhibits include a section on Native Americans, European contact, the Civil War, economic and cultural growth, the petroleum industry, and the maritime history of the region. The Museum’s second floor is dedicated to the many internationally-recognized musicians and athletes who call the Gulf Coast home.
Neches River Cruise

The Neches River flows for 416 miles (669 km) from B.A. Steinhagen Lake through east Texas to its mouth on Sabine Lake near the Rainbow Bridge. Often referred to as “The Last Wild River in east Texas,” the Neches flows through the Big Thicket National Preserve and is home to more than 200 tree species, 47 mammals, 300 birds and many reptiles and amphibians. In Beaumont, the river can be accessed by way of Collier’s Ferry and Riverfront Park. A guided educational tour will be provided through Neches River Adventures.

Shangri La Gardens

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is the perfect setting to get a taste of Southeast Texas natural environment. The diverse array of gardens and natural areas on Shangri La’s 252 acres offer a remarkable set of experiences that will surely make any visit a truly memorable one. Explore the gardens and nature center at your own pace for a relaxing afternoon.

Tyrrell Park & Cattail Marsh

Cattail Marsh includes 900-acres of wetlands and offers a variety of recreational activities with a new boardwalk and more than eight miles of gravel levee roads for jogging, hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching and wildlife photography along the banks of Hildebrandt Bayou and Willow Marsh Bayou. Cattail Marsh is a wildlife refuge for a variety of aquatic mammals and more than 250 species of birds annually, including: pelicans, egrets, roseate spoonbills, ducks, ibis, doves and red-winged blackbirds. In the summer of 2016, a new boardwalk and viewing platforms were opened to provide new access and incredible views of one of the most active birding areas of the wetlands. Originally constructed in 1993 by the Beaumont Public Utilities Department as the final phase of Beaumont’s wastewater treatment system, this natural and innovative process has attracted the interest of environmentalists and wildlife professionals from across the state.

Stark Art Museum & Stark House Museum

The Stark Museum of Art houses one of the finest collections of nineteenth and twentieth century Western American art in the country. The collection focuses on the stunning land, dramatic people, and diverse wildlife of the American West. The Museum also holds a significant collection of American Indian art as well as collections of rare books and manuscripts, and of decorative arts.

The W.H. Stark House was the home of Miriam Lutcher and W.H. Stark. They were active and influential members of their community who left a lasting impact on Southeast Texas. The Stark House was also the childhood home of their son, H.J. Lutcher Stark. He was seven years old when the Stark House was completed, and he lived in the home until he went to the University of Texas.
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