

2019

**HONORS THESIS FORUM**

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# Welcome



*Dear members of the Tulane community,*

*I am pleased to welcome you to the second annual Honors Thesis Forum. Over a four-day period, Senior Thesis writers, after spending years developing, researching, and writing (and rewriting) their Honors Theses, will present their research to the Tulane community. I would like to congratulate all Honors Thesis writers, who have committed so much of their intellectual, academic, and personal energy to these scholarly projects. Also, I would like to acknowledge the dedicated faculty who have devoted their time by serving as Thesis committee members. They have held their students to the highest standards and provided them with the careful and thoughtful guidance that has enabled them to meet, and many times exceed, those expectations.*

*Whether your interests are in the arts, sciences, politics, anthropology, business, or public health, to name a few areas, these presentations will introduce you to new ideas and enable you to explore new ways of thinking. This event is merely one way in which we can celebrate the vibrant scholarly community in Honors that these writers represent. In so doing, we bear witness to many of the most outstanding minds and spirits at Tulane University.*

*All the best,*

*Charlotte Maheu Vail, PhD  
Associate Dean, Newcomb-Tulane College  
Director, Honors Program*

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For Margaret “Meg” Kathleen Nelson Maurer

December 5, 1997 – March 5, 2019

Honors Thesis: “Coastal Communities: Impacts of Oil and Gas Canals  
on Marsh Grass Community Composition in the Pointe-au-Chien  
Indian Tribe Land Area”

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## Individual Presentations

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Rogers Memorial Chapel**

5:00 PM	Dr. Charlotte Maheu Vail	Honors Program	Introduction and Welcome
5:15 PM	Lauren Hitt	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	“Lead Exposure and its Consequences for Reproduction in a Common Urban Songbird”
5:45 PM	Sophia Horowitz	History	“The Development of Soviet and Russian Turkology in St. Petersburg-Leningrad since 1917”
6:15 PM	Tess Martin	Political Science	“Unlocking Reforms: What Makes State Legislatures Pursue Criminal Justice Reform?”
6:45 PM	Mary Ashley Stough	Anthropology	“Burns, Bones, and the Destruction of Hasanlu”

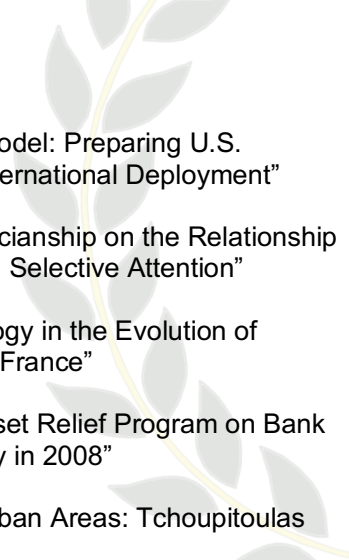
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## Individual Presentations

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Hebert 201**

5:00 PM	Dr. Celeste Lay	Political Science, Newcomb-Tulane College	Introduction and Welcome
5:15 PM	Jake Hurwitz	Public Health	“Banda Aceh and the Mercy Model: Preparing U.S. Disaster Medical Teams for International Deployment”
5:45 PM	Kaitlyn Tholen	Neuroscience	“Examining the Effects of Musicianship on the Relationship Between Working Memory and Selective Attention”
6:15 PM	Addie MacLaughlin	International Relations	“The Role of Republican Ideology in the Evolution of Citizenship and Nationhood in France”
6:45 PM	Elise Briody	Business	“The Effect of the Troubled Asset Relief Program on Bank of America’s Business Strategy in 2008”
7:15 PM	Alisa Nelson	Public Health	“Rodent-Borne Infections in Urban Areas: Tchoupitoulas Virus in New Orleans”

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## Individual Presentations

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinwiddie 108**

5:00 PM	Alexandra Bookis	Psychology	“Children's Gender Stereotypes of Abilities in Science Subjects and Careers”
5:30 PM	Connor Space	Economics	“The Quantitative Effects of Citi Bike Implementation on Subway Use in New York City”
6:00 PM	Alyson Demskie	Architecture	“All Excess, All Spectacle: A Material Obsession”
6:30 PM	Michael Russo	Art History	“‘Europeanized and Precious’: Cy Twombly and History in the Post-War Era”
7:00 PM	Emma Hawkes	Anthropology	“Commercialization and Authenticity in New Orleans Brass Band Tradition”

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## Panel Presentations

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: Morning Session, LBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

9:00 am: Topics in STEM

Room #201, Race

Moderator: Gary Dohanich (Psychology)

Kyu Min Huh	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	"Hummingbird Diversity Responds Most to the Canopy Cover and Forest Maturity in the Fragmented Landscape of Northwest Ecuador"
Owen Parra	Neuroscience	"Effects of Trauma-Induced PTSD on Thymic Atrophy and Output in Mice"
Marissa Heffler	Biomedical Engineering	"The Future of the Organ-On-A-Chip Industry as Understood Through Joint Producer and Consumer Analysis"
Annie Thai	Sociology	"Does Socioeconomic Status and Sex Affect the Relationship Between Cardiovascular Disease Risk and Cognition? A Moderation Analysis From the Bogalusa Heart Study"

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## Panel Presentations

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10:00 am: Migration and Refugees

Moderator: Elizabeth Gross (Honors)

Room #202, Rechler

Peri Levine	International Relations	“The German Response to the 2015 Refugee Crisis: the Intersection of Policy, Memory, and Morality”
Beatrice Manias	Political Science	“Immigration as Foreign Policy: Refugees and Security During Times of War”
Daniel Gottlieb	Sociology	“The Changing Landscape of Anti-Semitism in France”
Sophia Angeletti	International Relations	“The Jordanian Government’s Response to Refugee Settlement: A Comparative Case Study of Palestinian, Iraqi, and Syrian Refugee Influxes, 1948-2018”
Camilla Kapustina	International Relations	“Economic Factors of Success in Far-Right Germany”



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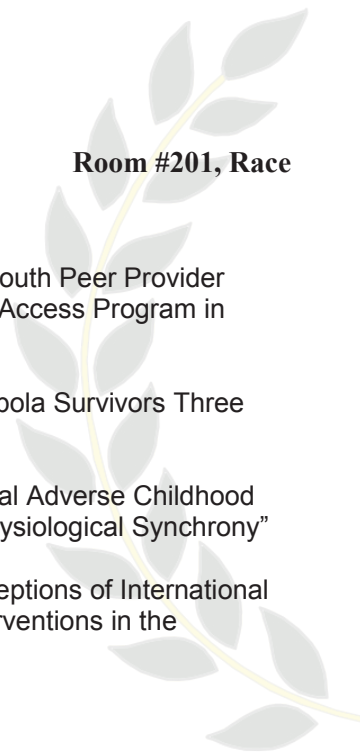
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**11:00 am: Health Interventions**

**Moderator: Mollye Demosthenidy (Public Health)**

**Room #201, Race**

Kelsey Williams	Public Health	“Evaluation & Suggestions for a Youth Peer Provider Sexual Health and Contraceptive Access Program in Nairobi, Kenya”
Jenna Bates	Neuroscience	“Mental Health and Disability of Ebola Survivors Three Years After the Epidemic”
Samantha Perry	Psychology, Neuroscience	“The Association between Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences and Mother-Child Physiological Synchrony”
Olivia Evans	Public Health	“Doing Good Better: Ethical Conceptions of International Volunteer Tourism for Health Interventions in the Northern Dominican Republic”



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**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: Afternoon Session, LBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**12:30 pm: Creative Arts (Concurrent Session)**

**Moderator: Norah Lovell (Honors)**

**Room #201, Race**

Harleigh Shaw	Studio Art	“Fleshy Resonance: Sound & The Body in Art”
Tessa O’Connell	Music Composition	“A Compositional Approach to the ‘Children’s Universe:’ Teaching through Original Music””
Sue Choi	Studio Art, French	“The Rise and Philosophies of Late 19th Century French Symbolism and its Applications in Contemporary Art Practice”
Jordan Phillips	Theatre, Economics	“Earning the Applause: A New Orleans Case Study of ‘Success’ in the American Theatre”

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**12:30 pm: Place and Space (Concurrent Session)**

**Moderator: Marline Otte (History)**

**Room #201, Rechler**

Emma Weisner	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	“Farming the City: Urban Agriculture in Detroit and New Orleans”
Kat Cook	History	“Bread, Salt and Blood: Memory and Representation of the Second World War in Soviet Ukraine”
Jenna Fischer	International Relations	“Political Islam in Morocco”
Rebecca Kelly	International Relations	“Foreign Interventions and Terrorist Group Strength in Civil Wars: A Comparative Study of al-Shabaab, al-Qaeda, and ISIS”

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**1:30 pm: Stereotypes, Stigma, and Consequences (Concurrent Session)**

**Room #201, Race**

**Moderator: Laurie O'Brien (Psychology)**

Samantha Woods	English	"Imperfect Victims: #MeToo for Shakespeare's Characters in <i>Measure for Measure</i> "
Ellyn Frohberg	Psychology, Public Health	"Weight Stigma: Experiences for Women on a College Campus"
Chloe Cristian	Psychology	"Maternal Arrest: Implications for Maternal and Child Mental Health"
Angelika Robertson	Sociology	"Thinking Outside the Cell: Public Opinion Towards Alternative Sentencing of Violent Crimes"

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**1:30 pm: Explorations in Latin America (Concurrent Session)**

**Room #202, Rechler**

**Moderator: Antonio Gómez (Spanish and Portuguese)**

Cameron Crain	Spanish	“The Birth of a Surrealism in Latin America of its Own”
Rachel Berwald	International Relations	“Human Rights, International Pressure, and Domestic Change: A Comparison of the Argentine and Chilean Dictatorships”
Alana Garvey	Anthropology	“An Analysis of Rock Art in Eastern Ancash, Peru”
Allison Woolverton	Political Economy	“The United Fruit Co. and Economic Development: Banana Cultivation, Railroad Lines, and Monopoly Power”

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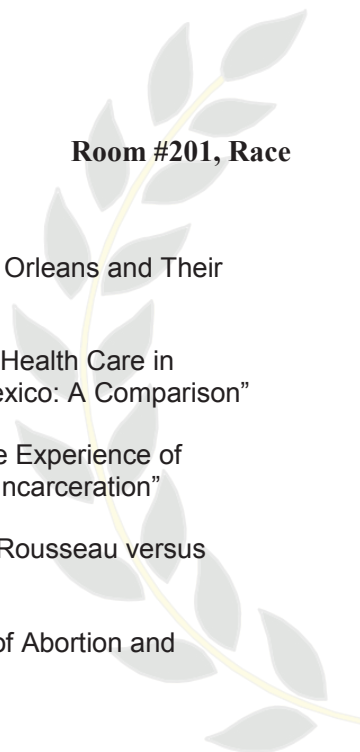
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**2:30 pm: Rights In Society (Concurrent Session)**  
**Moderator: Carl Bankston (Sociology)**

**Room #201, Race**

Veronica Lloyd	Sociology, Social Policy and Practice	“Education Vouchers in New Orleans and Their Effects on School Choice”
Kennis Htet	International Relations	“Journey Towards Universal Health Care in Thailand, Costa Rica and Mexico: A Comparison”
Lauren Nguyen	Sociology	“Redefining Motherhood: The Experience of Caregivers During Maternal Incarceration”
William Beatty	Political Science	“Perspectives on Inequality: Rousseau versus Contemporary Science”
Dana Goldenberg	Jewish Studies	“The Jewish Medical Ethics of Abortion and Euthanasia”

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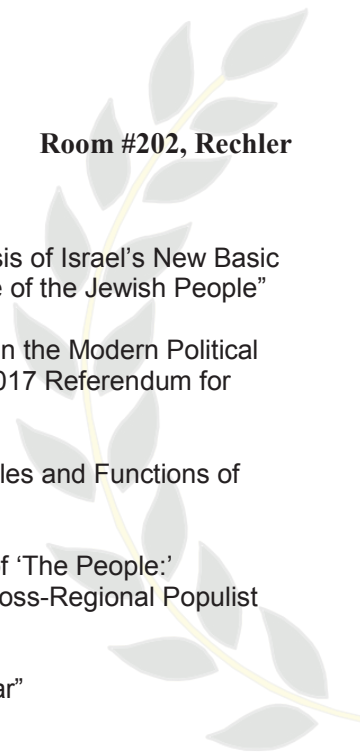
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**2:30 pm: Citizenship, Identity, and Nations (Concurrent Session)**

**Room #202, Rechler**

**Moderator: Mark Vail (Political Science)**

Ellissa Goldberg	International Relations	“Defining a Nation: An Analysis of Israel’s New Basic Law, “Israel-The Nation State of the Jewish People”
Michelle Martin	Spanish	“The Impact of Social Media in the Modern Political Sphere: An Analysis of the 2017 Referendum for Catalanian Independence”
Carlo Vescovi	History	“‘Reverse Discrimination:’ Roles and Functions of Modern White Extremists”
Lipaz Avigal	Political Economy	“Redefining the Boundaries of ‘The People:’ Exclusion and Inclusion in Cross-Regional Populist Movements”
Alexis Smith	Political Science, Economics	“All the Fairs, in Love and War”



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