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Welcome from the Humanities Institute

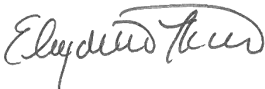
Welcome to the first Undergraduate Humanities Conference at the University of South Florida. A big congratulations to the 25 scholars presenting their research over the next two days. Each of you proposed a unique research project addressing fundamentally humanistic questions about the symbiotic relationship between human beings and their culture. The broad range of majors represented this week (from Integrative Biology to Religious Studies) is a testament to the broad appeal and universal significance of the humanities. We both shape, and are shaped by, every cultural artifact we encounter: from where we live, to what we read, to what we eat, and the scholarship of these USF undergraduates reflects this dynamic.

Thank you to the Humanities Institute staff, Dr. Stephanie Lance and Jade Von Werder, for their incredible hard work making this week a success. Thank you to the faculty who promoted this conference to their students and are volunteering their time to attend and moderate panels. And a special thank you to the USF Office of Sponsored Research for supporting this conference with a 2019 Conference Support Grant.

The Humanities Institute is committed to further research and education in the humanities at all levels. To learn more about our work, please talk to a staff member and visit our website:

www.humanities-institute.usf.edu.

Thank you and Go Bulls!



Elizabeth Kicak, M.F.A.

Director, USF Humanities Institute

The Mission of the Humanities Institute at the University of South Florida is to generate critical dialogue about what connects us to each other and our world, facilitating those conversations through research, education, and community programs.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Registration and Breakfast

9:00am – 9:30am (MSC 3707)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30am – 9:45am (MSC 3708)

Poster Session

10:00am – 11:00am (MSC 3707)

Authority and Voice

11:15am – 12:15pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Lance, USF Humanities Institute

Mary I. Fraraccio (English)

The Search for Postcolonial Identity in Tayeb Salih's Seasons of Migration to the North

Maria Medina Ramirez (Anthropology and Women's & Gender Studies)

From Black to Latina and a Bunch of Other Intersectionalities

Bianca Siegenthaler (Communication)

Resilience and Illness: One Family's Journey

Lunch

12:30pm – 1:30pm (MSC 3707)

New Media and Identity

1:30pm – 2:30pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Liz Kicak, USF Humanities Institute

Francesco Elias Little (Integrative Animal Biology)

Visualizing Stress: A Photo Series

Caleb Smith (Communication)

Cultural Implications of Graphic Violence in *Terminator*

Megana Tirupathi (Psychology)

The Narrative of Depression

Undergraduate Research Information Session

2:45pm – 3:30pm (MSC 3708)

Barbara Lewis, USF Libraries Digital Learning Librarian

Liz Kicak, USF Humanities Institute Director

Friday, Nov. 22

Breakfast

9:30am – 10:00am (MSC 3707)

Poster Session

10:00am – 11:00am (MSC 3707)

British Literature

11:15am – 12:15pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Dr. Nicole Guenther Discenza, Professor of English

Natalia Fernandez (English)

Social Hierarchies in Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*

Courtney Holzwarth (English)

Narrative Perspective in Sherlock Holmes Short Stories and Television

Victoria Vadell (English)

Literature Consumption and Character Development in Shelley's *Frankenstein*

Lunch

12:30pm – 1:30pm (MSC 3707)

Gender and Sexuality

1:30pm – 2:30pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Dr. Ylce Irizarry, Assoc. Professor of English

Pip Brown (Humanities & Cultural Studies)

At A Loss for Words: The Narratives of Anne Lister

Angelica Johnson (English)

The Plight of the Madonna: Patriarchal Expectations in Jamaica Kincaid's "Girl"

Ashley Paytas (Architecture)

Digital Analysis of Gender in English Literature

Identity, Space, and Lifestyle

2:45pm – 4:00pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Liz Kicak, USF Humanities Institute

Kristin Houdyshell (Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences)

The Wellcome Collection: Curating the History of Environmental and Human Health

Carolina Ledford (Pre-Social Work)

The Role of Neighborhoods in Foster Care Placement Outcomes

Marissa McPhail (Biomedical Sciences)

The Architectural Environment and its Impacts on Weight Gain in College Students

Avalon Jade Theisen (Religious Studies)

Religious Motivations in Consumption Patterns and Agriculture

Poster Titles

Kristofer Elverd (Sociology)

Rent-burdened Undergraduate Students: Experiences, Challenges, and Sacrifices in a Quest for Shelter

Kenneth Garcia (Psychology)

The Effects of Racial and Ethnic Differences on Foster Care and Adoption Outcomes

Megan Kogan (Business Management)

The Economic Power in Changing Corporations

Francesco Elias Little (Integrative Biology)

Visualizing Stress: A Photo Series

Teresa Manipadam (English)

The Social Classes in *And Then There Were None*

Sabeedah Ravat (Integrative Biology and Women's and Gender Studies)

Muslims Under the Rainbow: An Exploration of the Struggles and Experiences of Muslims Who Identify as Sexual Minorities

Ryan Shargo (Biomedical Sciences)

Creating a Unified Code of Ethics Surrounding the Use of Genetic Engineering Technologies

Malika Shahzad (Biomedical Sciences)

Nurses' Perspectives on End-of-Life Care Practices and Decision Making

Moriah D. Waiters (English)

History and Impacts of Code-Switching: How Code-switching from Black English to Standard American English has positive and negative outcomes in the lives of African Americans

Scholar Biographies

Pip Brown (Humanities & Cultural Studies)

Pip Brown is a senior at USF, and she is a Humanities and Cultural Studies major. Pip's research has primarily been focused on intertwining ideas of language and community with the topics of gender, sexuality, and sex.

Natalia Fernandez (English)

Natalia Fernandez is a junior studying English at USF. Her greatest passions lie in creative writing and analyzing British literature. She hopes to one day publish her own writing and teach.

Mary I. Fraraccio (English)

Mary Isabella Fraraccio is a third year English Major with a concentration in Literary Studies. Mary currently works as an English tutor, as well as a robotics instructor, for children of all ages. In her spare time, she enjoys acting, playing viola, and volunteering with Circle K International. After graduating, Mary plans on being a high school teacher and pursuing a Master's in Literary Studies.

Kenneth Garcia (Psychology)

Kenneth Garcia is a junior majoring in Psychology, who is passionate about a variety of activities, most importantly his job, which allows him to not only help people but also gives him the ambition to strive for better in his field.

Courtney Holzwarth (English)

Courtney Holzwarth is a senior at USF. She is majoring in English with a concentration in Literary Studies.

Kristin Houdyshell (Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences)

Kristin Houdyshell is a senior within the USF Honors College, majoring in Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences, with a focus on Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. Kristin has been working on her Honors Thesis since studying in the U.K. this past summer (summer 2019), under the supervision of Drs. Catherine Wilkins and Benjamin Young. Kristin is now working on the development of a day trip to the Wellcome Collection museum, in London, for USF in Exeter students— in an effort to expose Medical Humanities Honors students to alternative ways of thinking about health and well-being.

Angelica Johnson (English)

Angelica Johnson is a second-year English major concentrating in Literary Studies. She is fascinated by the ways in which literature reflects and shapes gender roles throughout the ages. Angelica has a passion for education, and hopes to use her degree to teach literature.

Megan Kogan (Business Management)

Megan Kogan is a 20 year old senior at the University of South Florida majoring in

Business Management. She is passionate about the extent to which people can control their surroundings based on their purchasing power, whether it be changing politics or the environment.

Carolina Ledford (Pre-Social Work)

Carolina Ledford is a junior in the social work program here at the University of South Florida. She is a child of the Air Force and her family is currently stationed at Eglin, AFB in the panhandle of Florida. She has grown up going to her parents' conferences, and is excited to participate in one of her own at USF for the first time.

Francesco Elias Little (Integrative Biology)

Little is a multiethnic binational third year student at USF pursuing the Integrative Animal Biology [Human Track] major with a minor in studio art and an up incoming concentration in photography. He hopes to mix the fields of art and medicine so that he can better tell the stories of the patients he treats in the future and improve patient/physician relations.

Teresa Manipadam (English)

Teresa Manipadam is a senior at the University of South Florida. She is pursuing a degree in English with a concentration in literary studies.

Ashley Paytas (Architecture)

Ashley Paytas is a second-year junior studying architecture at the University of South Florida. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with her International baccalaureate diploma from Riverdale High School. Her current research is in defining girls literature in the digital humanities under Dr. Ashley Reese. Her interests are in exploring the differences within how gender is portrayed, and how this can alter the atmosphere and inner workings of a space.

Maria Medina Ramirez (Anthropology and Women's & Gender Studies)

Maria Medina Ramirez is an undergraduate senior double majoring in Anthropology and Women's & Gender Studies. She is interested in health disparities amongst black women, sexual education and Afro-Latinx studies. She wishes to continue her education towards a master's degree in medical & cultural anthropology and public health.

Sabeedah Ravat (Integrative Biology)

Ravat is a senior, from South Africa, studying Integrative Biology with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Her goals are to pursue a doctorate in Women and Gender Studies, in order to become an educator and researcher. The research for this poster was done independently, initially as part of a class assignment, and grew into larger project.

Malika Shahzad (Biomedical Sciences)

Shahzad is a senior studying Biomedical Sciences and Psychology and is taking a class called "Ethics at the End-of-Life" as a part of the Honors College and realized the extent of the lack of knowledge surrounding that topic and wanted to bring more awareness to it with the goal of getting more comfortable with having these conversations and normalize the reality of morality.

Bianca Siegenthaler (Communication)

Bianca Siegenthaler is a Communication major with a minor in Leadership Studies at USF. She is the Outreach and Development Assistant at Mary Lee's House, a non-profit organization who helps children who have been severely abused and neglected and she is passionate about children's advocacy and protection. She is graduating in December and is motivated to continue her academic career by pursuing graduate school in the Fall.

Avalon Jade Theisen (Religious Studies)

Avalon Jade Theisen is a senior studying Religious Studies, especially its cultural relationship to nature and food. Her research interests include religious diversity, environmentalism, and food ethics. Avalon Jade loves being a USF Bull, including being Miss USF, President of the Religious Studies Club, and Vice President of Programming for Sigma Kappa sorority. She will complete her master's program at USF and then plans to get her Ph.D. at the University of Florida, continuing her studies of religions, nature, and food.

Megana Tirupathi (Psychology)

Megan Tirupathi is a sophomore double majoring in chemistry and psychology on the pre-med track. She shadowed many physicians over the summer and found that there was a gap between the person with depression and the physician, and that the physicians had trouble understanding what the people were going through. With this video, she wants to bridge that gap and allow people to gain an insight into what it is like to have depression and the struggles that they face.

Victoria Vadell (English)

Victoria Vadell is a first-year student at the University of South Florida with a passion for English Literature. She works as a bookseller at Barnes & Noble and as a legal secretary in a law firm, and wishes to work in publishing as a career after her schooling

Moriah D. Waiters (English)

Moriah Waiters is a recent graduate of the University of South Florida's College of Arts and Sciences who majored in English with a concentration in Professional Writing, Rhetoric, and Technology. Her research interests include the English language, African-American history, and female authors. In her spare time, she enjoys inline skating, playing video games, and spending time with friends. Now that she has graduated, she is working towards earning a career in her respective field within the Tampa Bay Area.