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JANUARY 27 - 28, 2022



Welcome from the Humanities Institute

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Undergraduate Humanities Conference, hosted by the Humanities Institute at the University of South Florida. Over the next two days, students will present original scholarly and creative work that is either based in the humanities or intersects with the humanities in a meaningful way. Participating in Undergraduate Research is a proven method for enhancing a student's educational experience and provides professionalization that is critical for both graduate school and the workplace.

Behind every successful undergraduate researcher is a faculty member who has instructed, mentored, and encouraged that student. Thank you to all the teachers whose effort and energy has inspired the next generation of scholars. This conference is funded through the Clara Cooper Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Cooper's passion for her students' success defined her long career at USF, and her gift to the Humanities Institute ensures that this conference is an annual tradition.

The Humanities Institute is proud to support the research efforts of our students and faculty at the University of South Florida, as well as provide educational opportunities to the greater Tampa Bay area. Please visit our website to learn about all the ways you can get involved with the Humanities Institute. Special thanks to Jade Von Werder, the Humanities Institute program assistant, for the incredible work she does to organize and manage this conference.

Thank you and Go Bulls!

Elizabeth Kicak, M.F.A.

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Director, USF Humanities Institute

We strongly encourage all participants and audience members to wear masks and frequently wash their hands (especially before handling food) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Registration and Breakfast

9:00am - 9:30am (MSC 3707)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30am - 9:45am (MSC 3707)

Poster Session

10:00am - 11:00am (MSC 3707)

Food Sovereignty: An Intersectional Approach

11:00am - 12:00pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Lindy Davidson, M.Div, Ph.D.

Suhas Das (BMS and PBH)

The Growth of Food Growth: The Evolution of Agriculture and What the Future Entails

Aiden Jaskolka-Brown (BMS)

Haitians in the Dominican Republic: Marginalization and its Relationship with Public Health

Vaidehi Persad (CHE)

Neo-Extractivism, Buen Vivir, and Women's Fight for Food Sovereignty in Ecuador

Lunch

12:00pm - 1:00pm (MSC 3707)

Mid-century Mod: Influential Minds from the Mid 20th Century

1:00pm - 2:00pm (MSC 3704)

Moderator: Jessica Cook, Ph.D.

Peyton Bailey (ENG)

A Broken Mind: Psychosis and Repressed Homosexuality in *The Talented Mr. Ripley*

Andres Poblete (ENG)

The Topic of Responsibility in *The Plague* and How it Relates to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Abdul-Malik Zekri (CSE)

On the Epistemological Application of the Mathematical Concepts of Completeness, Consistency, and Decidability to Systems of Natural Law

Focus on Tampa Bay: Critical Local Issues

1:00pm - 2:00pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Matthew Knight, Ph.D.

Rosemarie Campos (ISS), Hannah Gassen (PSY and SOC), Emily Luce (SOC), and Michael Menszycki (ISS)

Florida's West Coast Red Tide Coverage: Newspapers vs. Television

Sarah Phillips (ENV)

An Investigation into Processes that Define Effective Recycling Legislation in the Tampa Bay Area

Sean Schrader (BSM)

Tour of Local Tampa Bay Industries to Learn the Impacts of COVID-19

The Created World

2:15pm – 3:15pm (MSC 3708) Moderator: Liz Kicak, M.F.A.

Angelica Johnson (ENG)

Merging the Worlds of Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower* and Ursula Le Guin's "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" in the Fictional Transcript of "The Parable of the Deserter"

Elizabeth Rau (CMB) 100 Days of Ornaments

Chien Truong (ENG and MAT)

Translating Chí Phèo: A Journey Through the World of Literary Translations

Commodification and Consumerism

3:30pm - 4:30pm (MSC 3704) Moderator: Tangela Serls, Ph.D.

James Allen Cadavos (NUR)

How to Be Gay According to Ads: The Impact of Business Cultural Commodification

Anna Khoury (ENG)

Commentary on Transaction and Consumerism in "The Woman of Colour"

Processing Through Creativity

3:30pm - 4:30pm (MSC 3708) Moderator: Liz Kicak, M.F.A.

Peyton Bailey (ENG) Liminality

Jennifer Bainbridge (IAB)

A Horse a Day: Reflection and Retrospective Through Artistic Practice

Isha Harshe (CMB and PSY)

Poetic Representations of COVID-19 Narratives

Florida Undergraduate Research Conference

Congratulations to Emilie Garnier, Isha Harshe, Vishal Kunta, Mathew Mattamana, Sarah Whiting, and Abdul-Malik Zekri. These students have been accepted to present their research at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Central Florida, Feb. 18 - 19.

The Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium Johns Hopkins University April 8 - 10 (Online)

Students who have participated in this conference are highly encouraged to apply for the National Undergraduate Research Symposium, hosted online by Johns Hopkins University. If accepted, the USF Humanities Institute will cover the cost of the conference registration.

A gift to the USF Humanities Institute helps us cover related costs like registration fees and travel for students accepted to outside conferences. Email ekicak@usf.edu for more information.

Friday, Jan. 28

Breakfast

9:30am - 10:00am (MSC 3707)

Poster Session

10:00am - 11:00am (MSC 3707)

Changing Life for the Better in the 16th and 17th Centuries

11:00am - 12:00pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Liz Kicak, M.F.A.

Madison Crosby (COM and PHI)

Montaigne on Modern Education: Why Teaching Philosophy Promotes

Better Lives

Ysabella Dace (HTY)

Fashion and Gender in Nun Arcangela Tarabotti's Antisatire

Ashton Hopson (ENG)

Abolitionist or Empath: The Use of Genre in Aphra Behn's Oroonoko

Lunch

12:00pm - 1:00pm (MSC 3707)

The Cutting Edge: Contemporary Art, Theatre, and Music

1:00pm - 2:15pm (MSC 3708) Moderator: Nicole Discenza, Ph.D.

Maria Carrillo (JOU and ENG)

The Boyband Fangirl

Madisyn Mitchell (WLE)

QueerTok: A Multimodal Analysis of LGBTQ+ Discourse on TikTok

Jenna Papadopolos (MMC)

But the Twentieth Century Will Be Happy: How Les Misérables Remains

Relevant

Madalynn Rice (HCS)

A Feminist "Sugar Baby:" Feminist Analysis of Kara Walker's "A Subtlety"

The Humanities and Healthcare

1:00pm - 2:15pm (MSC 3704)

Moderator: Holly Donahue Singh, Ph.D.

Danaika Cherichel (BMS)

Implicit Bias Contribution to Racial Health Disparities

Anoushka Patel (BMS)

The Battle Between Cultural Assimilation and Success of International College Students in the United States of America

Sarah Whiting (HTY) and Emilie Garnier (HTY)

How the Humanities Study Death: Interviews on Death in Scholarship

Exploring Gender Through Literature

2:30pm - 3:45pm (MSC 3708)

Moderator: Lindy Davidson, M.Div, Ph.D.

NM Flores (WGS)

Starting Them Young: Deconstructing the Gender Binary Through Children's Literature and Gender Creative Parenting Techniques

Kayley Hogan (ENG)

A Woman's Work: Redefining Modern Masculinity and Feminity in James Joyce's "The Dead"

Kiersten Spanos (ENG)

"A London's Summer Morning" as a Reflection of the True Romantic Era

Victoria Vadell (ENG)

A Sinner Buried a Saint: A Character Study of Isabella in Aphra Behn's *The History of the Nun*; or, *The Fair Vow-Breaker*

Dangerous Criticism: Critiquing the Powerful

2:30pm - 3:45pm (MSC 3704) Moderator: Liz Kicak, M.F.A.

Mika Hadi (CMB)

The Abuse of Religion

Finn Kirk (ENG)

Ovid's Critique in Disguise Through the Metamorphoses

Nidhi Patel (BMS)

The Role of Leader Narcissism and Leader Humility in Leadership Effectiveness

Vivianne Vincenty (ENG)

Understanding the Political Criticism in Yesenia Montilla's "Maps"

Scholar Biographies

Sana Baban

Sana is a senior in the Honors College studying Communication Sciences and Disorders with a concentration in Speech, Language, and Hearing. She currently works at Moffitt Cancer Center as a Research Coordinator. Sana plans to continue her education by completing a Masters in Bioethics next year and hopes to attend Medical School in the future.

Peyton Bailey

Peyton is a senior who is majoring in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. He is on track to graduate in Spring 2022 and plans on obtaining a master's in Creative Writing in the future.

Jennifer Bainbridge

Jennifer is a 3rd year Honors student majoring in Integrative Animal Biology and minoring in Studio Art. She is a member of the Pre-Vet Society and is an officer of the Biology Club at USF. Jennifer plans to attend vet school after graduation and will likely pursue large animal medicine.

Katie Bell

Katie is a freshman in the Judy Genshaft Honors College majoring in History with a minor in Environmental Science and Policy. During her time at USF, Katie plans to participate in further research before attending graduate school.

James Allen Cadavos

James is a current undergraduate who is working towards a nursing degree. James is passionate about understanding different communities to bridge gaps and to provide the best quality care to his future patients. He plans on going to graduate school in Florida to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner.

Rosemarie Campos

Rosemarie is a student of the social sciences and is currently majoring in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences with concentrations in Criminology and Political Science. She enjoys participating in running clubs and learning foreign languages in addition to her studies. She graduates from the University of South Florida this December and plans to attend the University of Maryland Global Campus to receive her Master's of Business Administration degree in the Spring of 2022.

María Lucía Carrillo

María is majoring in Journalism and English in the Literary Studies track. She is an international student from Colombia, and this is her fourth and final year at USF. She has developed an interest in feminist studies while in college and is considering attending graduate school for a program in Women & Gender Studies.

Danaika Cherichel

Danaika is a first-year student and part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College. She is majoring in Nursing and has developed an interest in health disparities. She intends to explore different areas of healthcare while also improving her skills through various activities, such as this one.

Madison Crosby

Madison is a senior double majoring in Communication and Philosophy. Her academic interests include Nietzsche's existentialism, normative ethics, formal logic, rhetoric, and online communication. She plans on attending grad school for Philosophy in hopes of becoming a philosophical counselor and writer/illustrator of philosophy children's books.

Ysabella Dace

Ysabella is a National Society of Leadership and Success student studying history. She will be graduating in the spring of 2022. She is planning to attend graduate school in the fall of 2023. Her interests include Public history, Early Modern European history, and Early American history.

Neha Dantuluri

Neha is a sophomore in the Judy Genshaft Honors College studying Healthcare Informatics. She is involved with public health advocacy at USF's BRIDGE Clinic and serves as a Violence Prevention Trainer with the USF Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. She is also the recipient of the Genshaft-Greenbaum Global Explorer Award. Neha is passionate about violence prevention, women's empowerment, and equity in global healthcare. Neha plans to attend medical school after graduation. All in all, she seeks to continue pursuing meaningful research in improving health outcomes with the help of innovative technology and medical humanities.

Suhas Das

Suhas is a second-year Biomedical Sciences and Public Health major at USF. He wants to go into medical humanitarianism in the global health sector to one day work for a non-governmental organization as a public health administrator. Suhas is currently on the executive board of the Doctors Without Borders Student Chapter and also interns for the Feeding Tampa Bay food pantry as part of the cultivate program with over 150 service hours to his name this year. In high school, Suhas used to run a food pantry out of his nearby church and he also spent a great deal of time working on an aquaponic farm that fed this where the inspiration for this project came from. He dreams of one day starting a non-profit that can tackle hunger within the collegiate community.

Tin Dinh

Tin is a National Merit Scholar student majoring in Biomedical Sciences. Though having moved around previously, he is a Tampa native and returned to USF for his undergraduate studies. While not entirely sure of the specifics, Tin intends on applying for MD and DO graduate schools after finishing his undergraduate degree.

NM Flores

NM graduated with their BA in Women and Gender Studies in December 2021. Their research interests include queer theory, gender and sexuality studies, and synthesizing art with academia.

Emilie Garnier

Emilie is majoring in History at the University of South Florida and anticipates graduating in Spring 2022. Emilie is the current Vice-President of USF's undergraduate philosophy club, Phi Org, and is Treasurer of the Botanical Gardens Club.

Hannah Gassen

Hannah is a double major in psychology and sociology graduating in December from the University of South Florida. In the fall, she plans to pursue a Master's degree in Coun-

seling psychology. Currently, she teaches preschool children at a Tampa childcare facility and hopes to one day be a child psychologist.

Josephine George

Josephine is a National Merit Scholar studying Biomedical Sciences. She is involved in the USF Panhellenic Community and is currently serving as the Panhellenic VP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and is Vice President of Friends of MSF at USF. Josephine plans to attend medical school wherever she can get in.

Mika Hadi

Mika is a first year student and a Genshaft Greenbaum Global Explorer Awardee studying Cell and Molecular Biology. She is part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College and the Provost Scholars Program, as well as the Palestinian Student Union.

Abdullah Hamid

Abdullah is an Honors college student pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Psychology. He is involved as an active member of USF's Psi Chi organization, serving as Secretary. He enjoys heavy metal, motoring, medicine, and people. After graduation, he intends to apply to medical school with the ultimate goal of becoming a psychiatrist.

Isha Harshe

Isha Isha is a third-year student at USF pursuing concurrent degrees in Cell and Molecular Biology and Psychology, with a minor in Public Health. She serves as Editor-in-Chief at Sparks Magazine at USF and Vice President for HOSA: Future Health Professionals at USF. Isha is also a USF Ambassador and has served as a peer mentor for the Judy Genshaft Honors College for two years. Upon graduating, Isha hopes to attend medical school and become a physician. She hopes to apply the field of medical humanities to help educate, empower, and build relationships with those in her community.

Kayley Hogan

Kayley is majoring in English Literary Studies with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. She is currently a senior at USF and is a member of both the Phi Sigma Theta and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. After graduation, she plans to begin working in an editorial position within the publishing industry.

Ashton Hopson

Ashton (she/her) is a senior student studying English with a concentration in Literature and minoring in Political Science. She is involved with Zeta Tau Alpha, Operation Smile, English Honors, and is vice president of the Omega Mu chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. Her creative nonfiction work "It Was Never Blue" is published in Thread Magazine's 15th edition. Ashton plans to continue to publish creative short stories and attend law school to pursue a career in family law.

Lauren Hughes

Lauren is in her second year of studying biomedical sciences with hopes to become a health professional. She is involved with USF's Pre-Med American Medical Student Association (PAMSA), HOSA Future Health Professionals, and Bulls for Moffitt; she is also onboarding with Moffitt's leukemia oncology department as a research trainee.

Aiden Jaskolka-Brown

Aiden (he/him) is a 1st-year National Merit Scholar and a Genshaft Global Presidential

Scholar studying Biomedical Sciences on the 7-year BS/MD track. He volunteers with Feeding Tampa Bay, donates Platelets regularly, and is helping develop a Medical Humanities organization in the Honors College, while also competing on USF's Club Table Tennis team. In the future, he aspires to become a Surgeon for Doctors Without Borders in Latin America in order to help alleviate health disparities in impoverished corners of the world.

Angelica Johnson

Angelica is a literary studies English major finishing up her final semester at USF. She is an editor at Thread, USF's undergraduate magazine, and is looking forward to studying at the University of Exeter in Spring 2022. This is her third presentation at the Undergraduate Humanities Conference, and she cannot wait to continue her research as she pursues graduate programs in the future.

Anna Khoury

Anna is a second-year student at USF, majoring in English with a concentration in Literary Studies. She is pursuing a minor in Classics and is also a member of the Judy Genshaft Honors College, USF's English Honors Program, and Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society. She is a second-year editor for USF's Thread Magazine and currently works at USF's Writing Studio as a writing consultant.

Finn Kirk

Finn is beginning their fourth year of college education, with a major in Creative Writing and a minor in Classics. They are involved in the Fencing Club and the TTRPG club here at USF, and hopes to publish their fiction in novels and television someday.

Vishaal Kunta

Vishaal is a third year Biomedical Science student who is aspiring to become a physician. He's involved in a research lab at Moffitt Cancer Center where he studies Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and is involved in clubs on campus like Students Helping Honduras and SASE. He plans on attending medical school upon graduation and in his free time he enjoys skateboarding, photography, and listening to music.

Emily Luce

Emily is majoring in Sociology and graduating December 2021. She is involved with intramural softball and part of the Sociology/ISS club. Emily is a member Alpha Kappa Delta Epsilon of Florida Chapter, the International Sociology Honor Society.

Kathy Mai

Kathy is a junior honors college student studying biomedical sciences and psychology. She is involved in Dr. Wilkin's Connections class and is involved in Medlife and CCLC. Kathy plans to attend medical school after graduation and plans to contribute to furthering art facilitation therapy techniques at the Tampa museum of Art.

Mathew Mattamana

Mathew is a 3rd year student studying biomedical sciences. He is an executive board member for the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) and Chemistry Society. Mat is currently working as a resident assistant at USF Tampa campus and volunteers at a nonprofit bicycle shop. Mat plans on graduating in Spring of 2022 and start a Master's in Public Health.

Michael Menszycki

Michael majors in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences with concentrations in History and Economics. He graduates from the University of South Florida in December or 2021. He will continue in his current healthcare profession. Future plans include advocating for social and environmental causes through research and fundraising. Additional plans include pursuing further education in U.S. and European History.

Madisyn Mitchell

Madisyn was a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying World Languages and Cultures, with a concentration in linguistics, prior to their graduation in December 2021. They also had a minor in communications. They were involved with the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Leadership Society and the Honors Peer Mentoring program. Madisyn plans to attend graduate school in the Fall 2022 semester to pursue a Ph.D. in linguistics.

Alexandra Moniz

Alexandra is an Honors Student studying Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Nutrition at the University of South Florida. She is involved in the social sorority of Sigma Delta Tau, where she has been Health and Wellness Chair, a member of the Standards Board, and PR Chair. Alexandra plans to attend medical school after her undergraduate years and hopes to have a career in dermatology or cosmetic surgery.

Molly Orlick

Molly is a Judy Genshaft Honors Student majoring in biomedical sciences. She has done research since her freshman year at the USF College of Molecular Medicine and frequently volunteers. She plans to attend medical school after graduating.

Jenna Papadopoulos

Jenna graduated in December 2021 with a degree in Mass Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and a minor in Humanities. Jenna loves to write and hopes to someday publish her original fiction.

Anoushka Patel

Anoushka is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student majoring in Biomedical Sciences. She is involved in the Alpha Sigma Kappa Women in STEM sorority, hall council, and a 2022-2023 orientation leader. Anoushka plans to continue her studies in hopes of attending pharmacy school in the future.

Nidhi Patel

Nidhi is a current undergraduate student at the University of South Florida pursuing a degree in Biomedical Sciences. Nidhi is currently a member of the USF 7-Year BS/MD Program and the Judy Genshaft Honors Program and plans to get her research published in the Journal of Undergraduate Research and The Honors Review Journals. Upon completion of her Medical Degree from the University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine, Nidhi aims to complete her residency in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Chicago and her fellowship in Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery at Johns Hopkins University. She wants to create an NGO with the purpose of providing high-quality medical care to those in countries in which healthcare corruption is at its height, specifically in India. Through her NGO, she expects to reorganize the medical system in the countries she works in and eradicate the inner roots of the corruption that has caused mental, emotional, and physical distress to many individuals and families.

Kyden Payne

Kyden is a current 4th year English Major and Psychology Minor on the pre-med track. Kyden has been president of three organizations on campus throughout his undergraduate career so far including the university literary magazine, Thread, USF's Chapter of Phi Delta Epsilon, and a club he started on his own dedicated to the field of orthopedics and athletic medicine (OAM). Kyden is also involved on campus as The Oracle paper delivery driver, a member of the 2021 Homecoming Court, and the sole Undergraduate Representative for the English Major across all three campuses. Kyden is a published fiction, poetry and comic book author through various magazines and mediums and hopes to start a nonprofit to help injured athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds who have had their athletic-based scholarships taken away continue their education at a university-level. After graduating in the Spring of 2022, Kyden plans to become certified as an EMT and work within the Tampa area while pursuing a place within medical school to become a surgical physician.

Vaidehi Persad

Vaidehi is a second-year undergraduate student at the University of South Florida pursuing a major in Chemistry and double minor in Public Health and Women & Gender Studies. Vaidehi is currently working as a Safe & Healthy Schools intern at Equality Florida while serving USF Student Government's judicial branch as a Supreme Court Senior Justice. Vaidehi is recognized as a 2021 CUPS Scholar and 2021 HKS PPLC Alumni. In the past year, Vaidehi has worked with the Detroit-based NGO, the Green Door Initiative, and has served as an undergraduate research assistant for USF Department of Anthropology's EcoFem Lab. Vaidehi's professional aspirations and interests lie in the intersections of gender and health equity.

Sarah Phillips

Sarah is a Judy Genshaft Honors College student studying Marine Biology and Environmental Science and Policy. She is currently employed at the Florida Conservation and Technology Center in Apollo Beach, working on coral reef restoration projects and educating guests on sea turtle rehabilitation and coral greenhouse work. She plans to continue her education at a research-based master's degree program after her graduation in May.

Andrés Poblete

Andrés is a 3rd year student at USF who is studying English and Philosophy. He is involved with the USF Honors choir, USF music community program, and the USF Male Empowerment Network. He also enjoys interviewing people for his podcast, the "FOOLON-COOL podcast", in order to learn from the experiences of others. He is deeply committed to working to empower people to realize their full potential, as he struggled with this in the past.

Genevieve Popola

Genevieve is studying History and Anthropology with the intent of eventually attending graduate school. She is a member of the USF Fencing club and Anthropology club.

Megan Proctor

Megan is a 2nd year Junior who is double majoring in History and Psychology. She plans to attend graduate school for Social Studies Education at the University of South Florida and hopes to become a published academic author before graduating from USF. Megan

is passionate about advocating for individuals with disabilities and draws on her own personal experiences as a part of the chronic illness community to spread awareness to others.

Daelyn Quinn

Daelyn is a National Merit and U.S. Presidential Scholar studying Cell and Molecular Biology with a minor in Spanish. She is a leader in the USF Navigators ministry and a volunteer on the research team at Shriners Children's Hospital Genomics Institute Laboratory. She also volunteers at Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine. She plans to attend medical school upon graduation.

Elizabeth Rau

Elizabeth is a member of the Judy Genshaft Honors College studying Cell and Molecular Biology. She works at Moffitt Cancer Center and is involved in volunteer work with the Feeding Tampa Bay Organization. She plans to obtain her Masters in Business Administration in Healthcare Administration before applying for Medical School to pursue a career in oncology.

Madalynn Rice

Madalynn is a Judy Genshaft Honors student majoring in Humanities and Cultural Studies and minoring in History and Literary Studies. She is involved in the JGHC Community Garden, CAM club, and is co-chair of the Honors LLC Book Club. Madalynn plans to attend graduate school and potentially get her research published.

Sean Schrader

Sean is a Senior at the University of South Florida Studying Business Management. Sean is a Senator in the USF Student Government, and Student Member on the Faculty Council on Student Admissions.

Cassidy Schuck

Cassidy is a Community Scholar majoring in Forensic Studies and Justices and minoring in Sociology. She was involved with the schools' newspaper and now plays intramural basketball at the St. Petersburg campus. Cassidy wants to study to relationship between Forensics/crime and Sociology and is thinking about graduate school if the opportunity presents itself. She would like to see her researched published in a journal, and see other sociologist use it as a resource in their future research studies.

Kiersten Spanos

Kiersten is a Junior at USF majoring in English with a concentration in Literary Studies. She is currently working as a Veterinary Assistant at Pet First Animal Hospital and plans to move into education once she graduates. Kiersten is projected to finish her degree in 2023.

Danyah Toubeh

Danyeh is an Honors student studying a Biomedical Sciences major and a Biomedical Physics minor. She was involved in Social-Emotional Learning curriculum translation for Resilience Inc., volunteered with USF Health Service Corps, and was a fundraising officer for MSF at USF (Doctors without Borders). Danyah plans on attending LECOM medical school in Florida next year, with a dream to help take care of female patients' medical needs and also contributing to their personal, religious growth.

Chien Truong

Chien is an international student from Vietnam, studying pure mathematics and creative writing. He is a huge fan of literary realism, specifically socialist realism, as he is surrounded by them growing up. Many of his creative works draw inspiration from authors like Nam Cao, Sholokhov, and Tolstoy. Now, he seeks to bring lesser-known Vietnamese literature to the world through translations.

Maha Uppal

Maha is a junior studying Biomedical Sciences in hopes of becoming neonatologist. Maha plans on working towards pediatric palliative care as well. Maha hopes to inspire people to make discussing the end of life less of a taboo in society.

Victoria Grace Vadell

Victoria is a passionate scholar who loves developing her knowledge of literature and exploring under-researched texts. She graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in December 2021 from USF and is taking a gap year before attending graduate school. She was the former president of the English Honors Society, Sigma Tau Delta Omega Mu, a Provost Scholar, and named Outstanding English Honors Student for 2021.

Vivianne Vicenty

Vivianne is currently a junior English major with a minor in History. She is on track to graduate in 2023 and is hoping to get a Master's Degree after finishing her Bachelor's.

Olivia Wendzel

Olivia is a first year student majoring in Biology. She is a member of the Judy Genshaft Honors College, and plans to add an Animal Concentration to her degree. Olivia is passionate about animals and their welfare, with over 7 years of experience in equestrian activities. She plans to work in either a zoological or equine field after graduation.

Sarah Whiting

Sarah is a History major at the University of South Florida and anticipates graduating in Spring 2022. Sarah is a published author under Art Axis Florida and also anticipates being published by the University of South Florida's WSMR.

Lindsay Wilson

Lindsay is a second year biomedical sciences and psychology student in USF's Judy Genshaft Honors College. She was an Undergraduate Research Ambassador in the Fall 2021 semester, and she enjoys volunteering with Feeding Tampa Bay in her free time. Her research interests are in the fields of cognitive neuroscience and psychology as well as medical humanities, and after graduation she intends on continuing her research career in graduate school.

Abdul-Malik Zekri

Abdul-Malik is a first-year student pursuing dual degrees in Computer Engineering and Cell & Molecular Biology with a minor in Mathematics. He is currently involved with the Auditory Development and Connectomics Laboratory at USF where he contributes to the development of image processing techniques to automate the recognition and segmentation of cellular structures in 2D images for 3D reconstruction. Abdul-Malik also has Humanities related aspirations, particularly regarding the philosophies of epistemology and moral theory along with their potential to offer insight into social and economic crises of the modern day.