



# Honors Senior Thesis Presentations

## Sunday, April 19, 2026

Reception in Centro Atrium 12:30 PM  
Presentations Begin at 1:00 PM

### 1:00-2:15 PM Panels

#### **Panel 1 –Biology, Chemistry, & Innovation in Science (CNMH-103)**

##### **Andrew Spalding**

*Using the Flexon Approach to RNAi for Analysis of Gene Function in Gonadal Development in C. elegans*

Advisor: Dr. Mary Kroetz | Reader: Dr. Josef Jareczek

##### **Joyce Lefevers**

*Using the Flexon approach to RNAi to identify essential genes that affect gonadal development in C. elegans*

Advisor: Dr. Mary Kroetz | Reader: Dr. Josef Jareczek

##### **Po'iu Burgo**

*Organic Synthesis of Ammonium Compounds for Carbonyl Biomarker Capture from Exhaled Breath*

Advisor: Dr. Saurin Sutaria | Reader: Dr. Amanda Krzysiak

#### **Panel 2 – Gender, Identity, and Representation (CNMH-104)**

##### **Audrey Gilbert**

*Are You There Judy?: A Critical Content Analysis of Judy Blume's Representation of Female Puberty*

Advisor: Dr. Jess Smith | Reader: Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins

##### **Savannah Victoria Parrish**

*Harriet Hosmer: Femininity and Stone*

Advisor: Dr. Kathryn West | Reader: Dr. Laura Ping

##### **Camille Ogden**

*Breaking the Stigma: The Law and Supreme Court Cases Behind Gender Discrimination Legislation*

Advisor: Dr. Laura Ping | Reader: Dr. David Scott

#### **Panel 3 – Place, Environment, and Community (CNMH-075)**

##### **Maggie Ruth Gladding**

*Breaking Bread, Building Community: The Role of Shared Food in Fostering Social Connection*

Advisor: Dr. Francis Hutchins | Reader: Dr. Andrew Stone Porter

##### **Clare Marie Kramer**

*"Call Someplace Paradise:" An Ethnographic Exploration of the Relationship Between Place-Based Music, Emotion, and Environmental Care*

Advisor: Dr. Frank Hutchins | Reader: Dr. Kyle Barnett

##### **Eva Grace Kramer**

*"My Heart Lives Here": Exploring Multigenerational Connections to Place Through Ethnographic Fiction*

Advisor: Dr. Frank Hutchins | Reader: Prof. Brian Weinberg

#### **Panel 4 – Psychology, Performance, and Human Behavior 1 (CNMH-081)**

##### **Lydia Reichley**

*Examining Moderators in the Relationship Between Injury/Injury Anxiety and Eating Disturbances*

Advisor: Dr. Jean Lamont | Reader: Dr. Thomas Wojcicki

##### **Abby Noelle Caudill**

*Effects of Social Sport Settings and Belonging on Female Athlete Mental Health Stress*

Advisor: Dr. Felicia Smith | Reader: Dr. Jean Lamont

##### **Magdala Fenelus**

*The Effect of Body Position and Task Type on Cognitive Performance and Heart Rate*

Advisor: Dr. Christy Wolfe | Reader: Dr. Joy Jacobs-Lawson

## **Panel 5 – Media, Culture, and Narrative Power (CNMH-170)**

**Lindsay Elizabeth Smith**

*The Sensationalizing of Presidential Assassinations in Mass Media Throughout American History*

Advisor: Dr. Kyle Barnett | Reader: Dr. Fedja Buric

**Olivia Schmer**

*Alternative Theologies of Provocateur Filmmakers, John Waters and Gregg Araki*

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Barker | Reader: Dr. Connor Picken

**Olivia Marie Sharpe**

*From the Glory Days to Paradise Falls to the Land of the Dead: Color as a Universal Language in Pixar's The Incredibles, Up, and Coco*

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Barker | Reader: Prof. Laura Hartford

## **2:25-3:40 PM Panels**

### **Panel 6 – Global Systems, Power, and Inequality (CNMH-103)**

**Lauren Pappalardo**

*Rethinking Sustainable Development: Postcolonial Perspectives and Alternative Pathways to Progress*

Advisor: Dr. Frank Hutchins | Reader: Dr. Andrew Stone-Porter

**Brody Young**

*U.S. Foreign Aid and Voting Habits in the UN*

Advisor: Dr. Aaron Hoffman | Reader: Dr. Fedja Buric

**Isabella "Leila" Thomas**

*"Everybody belongs": how worker cooperative members of color perceive dignity at work*

Advisor: Dr. Ainsley Lambert-Swain | Reader: Dr. Courtney Keim

### **Panel 7 – Literature and the Arts (CNMH-104)**

**Paris Evans**

*Canines: A Verse Novel on Shifting Sexuality in the Age of the Internet*

Advisor: Dr. Kathryn West | Reader: Dr. Conor Picken

**Samantha Kelley**

*Resurrection in Gold*

Advisor: Prof. Douglass Miller | Reader: Dr. Hoon Choi

**Jonas Hammond**

*Odysseus: From Homer to Sophocles*

Advisor: Dr. Evanthis Speliotis | Reader: Dr. Robert Luginbill

### **Panel 8 – Communication, Education, and Inclusion (CNMH-075)**

**Stephanie Czajka**

*Suena Como Nosotros: A Spanish-English Storybook for Growing Voices*

Advisor: Dr. Miguel Rincon-Perez | Reader: Ms. Evelyn Muñoz

**Alyssa LeAnn Napier**

*Perceptions of Parents and Guardians Surrounding the Inclusion of their Autistic Child in the General Education Setting*

Advisor: Dr. Ali Taylor | Reader: Dr. Sarah Hawkins-Lear

**Brando T. Medina**

*Design and Implementation of a Customer Retention & Voice AI System for El Nopal*

Advisor: Dr. Haleh S. Karimi | Reader: Dr. Alisha M. Harper

### **Panel 9 – Health, Mental Health, and Well-Being (CNMH-081)**

**Anthony Nasrallah**

*A Proposal to Examine Naturally Occurring Mindfulness and Correctional Officer Stress and Burnout*

Advisor: Dr. Jean Lamont | Reader: Dr. Hayley Phillips

**Kevin Garuccio**

*Implications of Leisure Activities on Veterinarian Mental Health Outcomes*

Advisor: Dr. Courtney Keim | Reader: Dr. Carrie Doyle

**Lilli Meyer**

*Can the Implementation of "The Pause" Decrease Death Anxiety and Poor Mental Health in Practicing Nurses?*

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Cook | Reader: Dr. Gabri Warren

## **Panel 10 – Medical and Applied Biological Research (CNMH-170)**

**Josephine Caroline Banks**

*Investigating Synergy Patterns Between Essential Oils and Antibiotic Classes to Identify Optimal Combination Strategies*

Advisor: Dr. Karen Golemboski | Reader: Dr. Daniel Golemboski

**Adrien Askin**

*Evaluation of Eriodictyon californicum as an Inhibitor of Alpha Amylase and Alpha Glucosidase*

Advisor: Dr. Savita Chaurasia | Reader: Dr. Saurin Sutaria

**Abby Ernst**

*Exploration of a Relationship Between the Activities of TRAIL and 4'-trifluoromethoxychalcone*

Advisor: Dr. Amanda Krzysiak | Reader: Dr. Mary Huff

## **3:50-5:05 PM Panels**

### **Panel 11 – Social Media, Relationships, and Modern Life (CNMH-103)**

**Kimberly Susan Schofield**

*Sincerity, Strategy, and Survival: An Analysis of How College Students Deconstruct Social Media's Script for Success and Digital Dating Culture*

Advisor: Dr. Ainsley Lambert-Swain | Reader: Dr. Jean Lamont

**Brandon Boyle**

*The Effects of Political Framing on Perceived Flight Safety: Research on Motivated Reasoning and Risk Perception*

Advisor: Dr. Hank Rothgerber | Reader: Dr. Maxwell Carter

**Shaela O'Keefe**

*Americana Marketing Campaign*

Advisor: Dr. Lara Needham | Reader: Dr. Michele Abee Biskis

### **Panel 12 – Law, Justice, and Decision-Making (CNMH-104)**

**Jolie Elizabeth Parker**

*How Gender Impacts Mock Jurors' Receptiveness to Aggravating and Mitigating Evidence in Capital Trials*

Advisor: Dr. Heather Pruss | Reader: Dr. Kathryn West

**Emma Cole Cantrell**

*Gender and Emotional Expression in the Courtroom: Mock Juror Perceptions of Attorney Effectiveness*

Advisor: Dr. Heather Pruss | Reader: Dr. Courtney Keim

**Dallas Marie Bonnet**

*Bodies at Risk When Choice is a Privilege: Women's Reproductive Healthcare Accessibility and Health Outcomes since the Dobbs (2022) Ruling*

Advisor: Dr. Heather Pruss | Reader: Dr. Laura Ping

### **Panel 13 – Identity, Ideology, and Power (CNMH-075)**

**Ethan Ballard**

*A Cross-National Study of Stereotype Threat in Female Chess Players*

Advisor: Dr. Hank Rothgerber | Reader: Dr. Aaron Hoffman

**Layla Thomas**

*One Nation Under God: The Rise of American Fascism – Christian Nationalism in American Politics*

Advisor: Dr. Ainsley Lambert-Swain | Reader: Dr. Frank Hutchins

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