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HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

JAN. 29-30, 2025

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Welcome from the Humanities Institute

Welcome and Opening Remarks: 8:45am – 9:00am

Poster Session I: 9:00am – 10:00am

Jordyn Bizzell and Thushara Weerasuriya
Japanese Working Culture: A Study of Karoshi and Karo-Jisatsu

Ana Vidal
Partners' Concerns about Service Members' Post-Deployment Reintegration:
Examining Accounts Across Turning Points and Trajectories

Christine Grossman
Comparing Mental Health and Drinking Between Bisexual and Homosexual
Individuals at the Onset of COVID-19

Bhavana Madhu
Eldercare in Japan: History and Analysis

Maha Daas, Brooke Fasano, Victoria Giol, Christiana Hancock, Kiera Mallory,
Rejoy Sabin Thomas
Visual Thinking Strategies in an Online Environment

Poster Session II: 10:00am – 11:15am

Francesco Little
Closing the Language Gap One Work of Art at a Time

Pamela Espinoza
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Eryn Ward
No Rest for the "Wicked"? Stigma and Barriers for Substance Abuse
Sufferers Seeking Help in Japan

Isabella Da Silva Sodre
Understanding Systemic Corruption in Brazil: The Impacts of Operation Lava
Jato on the Oil and Civil Construction Industries

Tomas Sanjuan
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“Othering” the Family Tree: Transgenerational Impacts

4:15 pm – 5:15pm

Angel Schrader

We Are at Goodbyes: An Overview of Italian Immigration

Friday, Jan. 29

Misbehaving: Challenging the Conventions of "Womanhood"

9:00am – 10:45am

Marissa Corelli

Grow and Thrive: Research Benefitting Children and Young Adults

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Bridget Godsil

For the Siblings: Providing Resources for Siblings of Children with Disabilities

Rachael Dominguez

From Foster Alumni to College Alumni: How Higher Education Can Better Serve Former Foster Children

Megana Tirupathi

Religion in Healthcare

Rand Shahrouh

Chronic Illness and the Role of Family: A Case Study of a Child with Autism

Test and Medium: Digital Designs

3:15pm – 4:15pm

Andrea Bustamante

Charting Galaxies: A Form of Exploration

Maxine Haspel and Victoria Mendez

How Literature and Film Inform Race Relations

Danyah Toubeh

Truth vs Mainstream Media

Imprisoned: Cultural and Historical Perspectives

4:15pm – 5:15pm

Jordyn Bizzell (Biomedical Sciences)

Jordyn Bizzell is a senior at USF pursuing a major in biomedical engineering. The goal of her humanities research is to identify the cultural elements responsible for the mental health issues in the stressful working environment of Japan. After graduation she aims to pursue higher education in biomedical engineering.

Abigale Brown (English)

Abigale Brown will graduate in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. A recipient of USF's LGBT Special Collections Research Award in Fall '20, Brown is interested in historical oppression, queer studies, and research in mental illness.

Andrea Bustamante (Global Business Management and English)

Andrea Bustamante is a senior pursuing degrees in Global Business Management and Creative Writing. She serves as the president of The USF Kosove Society and enjoys diverse literature. Her creative work focuses on the intersections between culture, language, family, and identity. Andrea will devote the year after graduation to writing, volunteering, and working before pursuing a master's degree in Marketing.

Allison Cates (Psychology and Biomedical Sciences)

Allison Cates is a National Merit Scholar student at USF majoring in Psychology and Biomedical Sciences. She is involved in the Herd of Thunder marching band and is President of the honorary music fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi. She studies a

Isabella Da Silva Sodre (International Studies)

Isabella Da Silva Sodre was born and raised in Brazil. In 2017, Da Silva Sodre moved to South Florida with her parents to experience studying abroad. She started at USF in Fall '19 as an International Studies and World Languages and Cultures major. She is currently involved in three school organizations: Her Campus, French Club, and Minorities in Pre-Law.

Rachael Dominguez (Sociology)

Rachael Dominguez is a Sociology major with a concentration in Inequalities and Social Justice. After her graduation in Fall '20, Rachael plans to go to graduate school to study both children and the inequalities that exist within the institution of foster care, she wishes to specialize in the Sociology of Education.

Pamela Espinoza (Cell and Molecular Biology and World Languages and Cultures)

Pamela Espinoza is a junior majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology and World Languages and Cultures. Growing up in El Salvador has shown Espinoza the direction this, Espinoza thinks it is important to have an interdisciplinary approach. Espinoza's goal is to be a doctor focusing on global health while integrating medical humanities.

Ayesha Faisal (History)

Ayesha Faisal is a third-year History major with a specialization in Global and Cultural Studies.

Bridget Godsil (Nursing)

Bridget Godsil is a fourth-year Nursing major with a Deaf Studies minor. She is a current Judy Genshaft Honors College student who, after graduation in Spring '21, plans to specialize in oncology or critical care. Bridget plans to eventually pursue a PhD in Nursing Science with a research focus on the health disparities that exist within intersectional populations.

Christine Grossman (Psychology)

Christine Grossman is an undergraduate transfer student and serves as a research assistant in both the HEART and PAR Labs on the USFSP campus. Her major is Psychology and she is pursuing an Entrepreneurship minor. Her research interests include LGBTQ mental health, substance use, and discrimination. She is currently looking at data collected at the onset of COVID-19 comparing mental health in heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual individuals

Christiana Hancock (Psychology)

Christiana Hancock is a senior at USF studying Psychology and pursuing a Gen-YFU '6i g]bYgg 7Yfi]UWH" <Yf]bnyYgh]b \c]ghMk Y`bYggzUbX`k \Uh]bXj]]Xi Ug` can do to promote wellness in themselves and in others, guides her academic studies. Most recently, she studied Visual Thinking Strategies and facilitation techniques as a means of reducing anxiety.

Heather Hare (Biomedical Sciences)

Heather Hare is an Honors student at USF majoring in Biomedical Sciences. Heather developed an interest in medical humanities through her current role as a research associate at Tampa General Hospital where she works closely with doctors and social workers in clinical research and pathway management. After graduation, Heather plans to attend medical school.

Maxine Haspel (Environmental Science)

A U]bY <UgdY`]g`U`UfghYUfVt`Y[Y`gri XYbhk]h` U`dUgg]cb Zcf`gcV]U` UbX`Ybj]ronmental justice. She plans to graduate in 2024 with a B.S in Environmental Science and Policy and a minor in Spanish. After graduating, Maxine hopes to pursue a career with the National Park or Forest Service while continuing to uphold her commitment to social justice movements in her personal time.

Nadaa Hussein (Political Science and International Studies)

Nadaa Hussein is a senior at USF studying Political Science with a minor in Creative Writing.

Anna Jablonska (Biomedical Sciences)

Anna is a freshman international honors student at the University of South Florida majoring in biomedical sciences and minoring in Spanish. Her research inter-

ests include diversity in healthcare and production of melanin in racially diverse patients. In fall 2023 she plans on applying to osteopathic medical schools to continue her medical journey in pursuit of becoming a pediatrician.

Madison Janning (English)

Madison Janning is a senior at USF majoring in English with a concentration in Literary Studies and minor in Education. This past semester, Janning has enjoyed learning about gender and its role in literary texts. Janning plans to enter the MA in English program at USF and teach English at the collegiate or secondary education level in the future.

Angelica Johnson (English)

Angelica Johnson is a third-year English major with a concentration in Literary Studies and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She is fascinated by the structures of oppression. This is her second presentation in the Undergraduate Humanities Conference.

Mariana Kellis (History)

Mariana Kellis is a senior History major at the University of Central Florida with minors in Political Science and Russian Studies. Mariana's research interests include Russian serfdom and social class relations during the Russian Imperial era. Mariana intends to earn a PhD in History and teach Russian and Eastern European history at the university level.

Francesco Little (Integrative Animal Biology)

Francesco Little is a Venezuelan-American artist and student who works to address social issues of importance to better understand and connect people of different backgrounds. The research Little is presenting at this conference is meant

Bhavana Madhu (Biomedical Sciences)

Bhavana Madhu is a third-year student at USF and part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College. Madhu is majoring in Biomedical Sciences and has an interest in global healthcare studies.

Victoria Mendez (English and Political Science)

J of South Florida. In her free time, she enjoys writing for the USF Odyssey. She hopes to graduate in 2023 and eventually be involved in campaign management,

Tiffany Nessler (Integrative Animal Biology)

Tiffany Nessler is a junior at USF and a member of the Judy Genshaft Honors College. She is majoring in Integrative Animal Biology while also pursuing a minor in Psychology with intentions to attend veterinary school after she graduates.

Aditi Parashar (Biomedical Sciences)

Aditi Parashar is a second-year student majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Psychology. On the Pre-Med track, Parashar hopes to go to medical

Elena Samardjieva (English)

Elena Samardjieva is a third-year student at USF majoring in English and Literature. Samardjieva's poetry explores work inspired by real life situations and people that had an effect on Samardjieva in some way. Samardjieva enjoys cooking, hiking, and practicing yoga.

Tomas Sanjuan (Sociology and Public Health)

Tomas Sanjuan is a third-year student at USF majoring in Sociology and Public Health. His research interests include social theory, gender & sexuality, qualitative methods, and community-based participatory research. After graduation, he plans to enroll in graduate school to continue his education in Sociology with the hope of pursuing an academic career in the future.

Angel Schrader (English)

Angel Schrader graduated from USFSP in December '20 with a major in English Language and Cultural Studies and minor in Psychology. Angel is fascinated by

Avalon Jade Theisen (Religious Studies)

Avalon Jade Theisen graduated from USF with her Religious Studies BA and minors in Philosophy, History, and Spanish. She has a strong interest in world religions, ecology, food, and related ethics. After graduate school, she plans to be a Religious Studies and Honors College professor, helping students gain greater interfaith understanding to more effectively work together to solve global issues.

Megana Tirupathi (Biomedical Sciences and Psychology)

Megana Tirupathi is a junior studying Biomedical Sciences and Psychology at USF. She is fascinated with issues that she and her peers face in the healthcare setting. She believes there is need for more spiritual and religious care in healthcare and is trying to bring awareness to this issue.

Danya Toubeh (Biomedical Sciences)

Danya Toubeh is a Pre-Med Honors student with a passion for STEM that is punctuated by an interest in the humanities and social sciences. Among other things, she is interested in how science and technology can help solve public health problems. Toubeh values the saying, God loves if one of you does something to do it with utmost quality (Prophet Muhammad).

Victoria Vadell (English)

Victoria Grace Vadell is a passionate scholar who loves developing her knowledge in English, History, and Spanish. She is currently a junior at USF and plans to continue her education at a graduate level. She would like to pursue graduate school elsewhere after her time at USF but will always remember her home. GO BULLS!

Ana Vidal (Communication)

Ana Vidal is from Miami, Florida, where she graduated with an AA in 2014. She served in the Marine Corps before returning to pursue a double major in Communication and Physics. She is working as an undergraduate RA on a project interviewing military spouses and their service member's post-deployment adjustment. Ana also works as a mentor and tutor for the Warrior-Scholar Project.

Shelby Wagers (English)

Shelby Wagers is a senior undergraduate student at USF studying Creative Writing and Studio Art. They focus on the relationship between the arts, literature, and empathy and aspire to create projects that people can empathize with and that are represented in media and how this compares to their reality.

Eryn Ward (Integrative Animal Biology)

Eryn Ward is a junior pursuing a degree in Integrative Biology [Animal Track], with hopes of becoming a wildlife and exotics veterinarian. She is also interested in psychology and how stigmas surrounding certain disorders effect the treatment and social view on those who may have them.

Thushara Weerasuriya (Biomedical Engineering)

