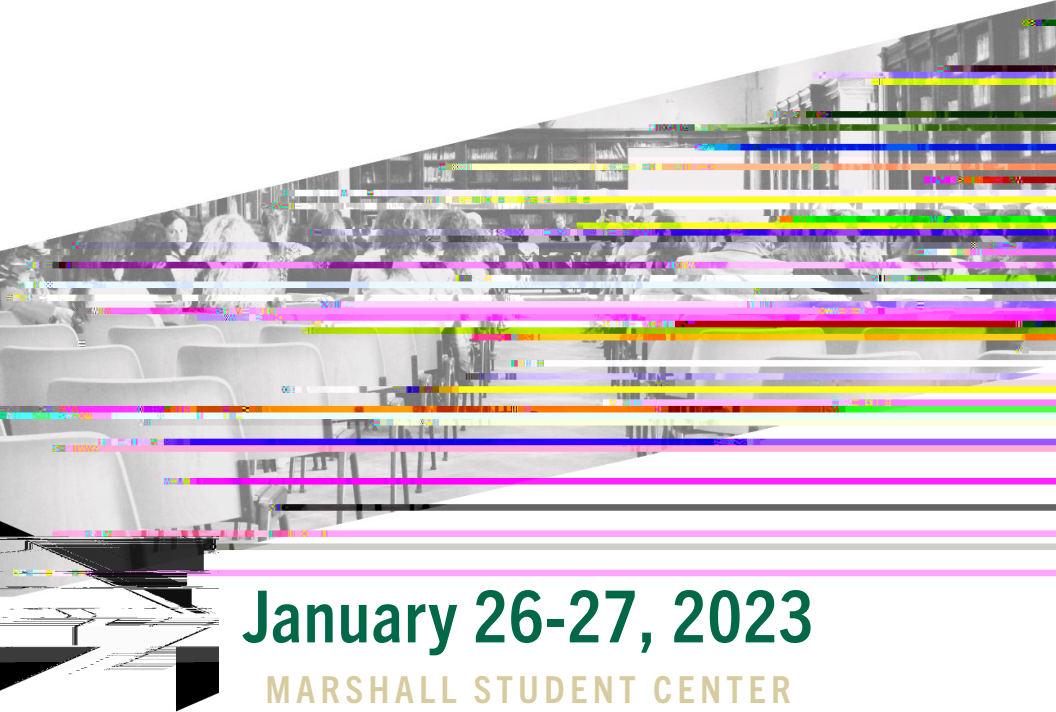


# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual UNDERGRADUATE HUMANITIES CONFERENCE



**January 26-27, 2023**

MARSHALL STUDENT CENTER



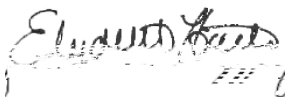
# Welcome from the USF Humanities Institute

Welcome to the 4th Annual Undergraduate Humanities Research Conference, hosted by the University of South Florida Humanities Institute. To our student scholars, I am so proud of the work that you are all doing. This year we have over 100 scholars presenting their humanities-based research over the next two days. In addition to students from USF, we have students from the University of Central Florida, Florida Atlantic University, and Indian River State College. It's amazing to watch this conference grow each year, and I can't wait to see what the next few years have in store.

This is also the first year that we will have a plenary address designed to enhance the conference experience for our student scholars. The inaugural address will be given by Distinguished University Professor, Sara Munson Deats. Dr. Deats will be sharing career insight and advice garnered from her incredible career as a university leader and renowned scholar of Renaissance drama. She was also a dear friend of Clara Cooper, whose generous gift to the Humanities Institute makes this annual conference possible.

My profound thanks to the team of people who come together to make this conference work. Jade von Werder and Vivianne Vincenty are the very best teammates, and our Faculty Advisory Board and 2022 – 23 Faculty Fellows have been wonderful sources of support. Thanks to Eric Eisenberg, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President, for giving this year's opening remarks and for being an early and ardent supporter of the Humanities Institute. And a huge thank you to the graduate students and faculty who volunteered their time to serve as panel moderators.

Enjoy this year's conference and go Bulls!



Elizabeth Kicak, M.F.A.  
*Director, USF Humanities Institute*

# Thursday, January 26

## **Registration and Breakfast**

8:45am – 9:15am (MSC 3707)

## **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:15am – 9:30am (MSC 3707)

*Eric Eisenberg, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President*

## **Poster Session**

9:30am – 10:30am (MSC 3707)

## **Feminism Means Business: Enterprise and Advertising**

10:30am – 11:30am (MSC 3704)



Jenna Gatley (ENG)  
McDonagh: Speaking Over the Silence

Elixia Otero (ENG)  
E/Em/Eir: Unearthing the Coming-of-Age Narrative of Maia Kobabe's *Gender Queer Memoir*

Moxa Patel (CHM)  
Gender-Based Intergenerational Impact on Identity Development in Graphic Narratives

### **Close to Home: Studies About University Life**

2:45pm – 3:45pm (MSC 3704)

*Moderator: Tangel Serls, Associate Professor of Instruction (WGS)*

Natalie AmRhein (BIO and ENV)  
Navigating the Anthropocene

An Ngoc Thien Pham (CSE)  
Assignment Due Time and its Effect on the Students' Habit of Doing Assignments and Sleep Schedule

Isabel Poulitas (POL)  
Racism in Education

### **Damsels, Distress and Reimagining Women's Stories**

4:00pm – 5:00pm (MSC 3708)

*Moderator: Morgan Hunter, Ph.D. Candidate (ENG)*

Rachel Hudson (ENG)  
Danger and Safety Through *Dracula's* Mina and Lucy

Phoenix Macaranas (ENG and HCS)  
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Megan Wood (EDU)  
A Vulnerable Heroine: How Silvia Moreno-Garcia's *Mexican Gothic* Modifies the Damsel in Distress Trope

## **Apply to the 2023 USF Undergraduate Research Conference**

You can use the materials from this conference to apply to the general USF UG Research Conference. Applications open Feb. 17.  
Visit: [usf.edu/undergrad/hipur/](https://usf.edu/undergrad/hipur/)

# Friday, January 27

## **Breakfast**

9:00am – 9:30am (MSC 3707)

## **Poster Session**

9:30am – 10:30am (MSC 3707)

## **Applied Humanities: Music, Male Privilege, and the Healing Powers of Humanities**

10:45am – 12:00pm (MSC 3707)

*Moderator: Jessica Cook, Associate Professor of Instruction (ENG)*

Abrianna Lalle (University of Central Florida: BIO)  
Taylor Swift's "Midnight" and Human Existence

Hector E. Noriega (Florida Atlantic University: EDU)  
The Costs of Male Privilege

Isabella Ramunno (University of Central Florida: BUS)  
Lauryn Hill and The Miseducation of Necessity

Maddie Tatro (Indian River State College)  
Taking the Humanities to Work: Humanities and Nursing

## **Improving Safety and Health for All Communities**

10:45am – 12:00pm (MSC 3704)

*Moderator: Elizabeth Gaines, Adjunct Instructor (WGS)*

Aliyah Clarke (POL)  
Abortion and the Culture Wars

Sophia Degroat (ENG)  
The Health Effects of Sexism Within the US Health Care System

Christy-Lynne Lapine (HTY)  
We Stand for Ourselves: How the Stonewall Uprising Launched  
Non-Cisnormative Community and Protest in New York City

Peyton McManus (ENG)  
Feminism, Marxism, and Mahsa Amini

## **Social Issues in Contemporary Film and Television**

10:45am – 12:00pm (MSC 3708)

*Moderator: Hannah Galloway, M.A. Student (ENG)*

Dane Clarke (ENG)

Elephants and Apparitions: A Look into Reaganomics' Influence on *Ghostbusters*

Francisco Ewing (COM), Oscar Rebolledo (COM), Amanda Souza (COM)

High Stakes: How Luxury and Class are Represented in Media

Gabrielle Whyte (HCS)

Popular Media as a Tool for Anti-Racist Social Justice

## **Lunch**

12:00pm – 1:00pm (MSC 3707)

## **Otherworldly Creatures and Their Monstrous Powers**

1:00pm – 2:15pm (MSC 3704)

*Moderator: Mark-Elliot Finley, M.A. Student (ENG)*

Elliot Francolla (HTY and ECN)

Daemonologie: Occultism and King James I's *Absolutist Prerogative*

Cadence Howard (HTY)

The Fear of Vampires, Powerful Women, and Queerness in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*

Charles Suor (ISS)

Smash the Cis-Tem: Trans, Punks, and Monsters

Susan Trischka (ENG)

*Mexican Gothic*: Relevance and Evolution

## **Anxiety, Loss, and Empathy: Interdisciplinary Approaches**

1:00pm – 2:15pm (MSC 3708)

*Moderator: Heather Brant, Ph.D. Candidate (PHI)*

Abigail Emerson (NUR)

The Initiate of Impactful Change: Active Goodness

Tucker Griner (POL and PHI)

Should we Empathize with Moral Monsters? A Case for Radical Empathy





## **Political Maneuvering: Past and Present**

2:30pm – 3:45pm (MSC 3704)

*Moderator: Nicole C. Ruiz, Ph.D. Candidate (ISS)*

Ashley Kent (ISS and WLE)

Basques, Identity, and Nationalism in France

Elizaveta Kuzmina (ISS and ECN)

The Efficacy of Sanctions and Adverse Effects on Targeted Populations

Cameron Lemery (HTY)

"Time of the Patriots" The Dutch Patriot Revolution and the Development of a Community of Revolutionary Thought in the Atlantic World

## **POSTER SESSION TITLES**

Valessa Agoris (HTY) Representations of Interreligious Interaction in *Libro del Caballero Zifar*

Kathryn Bell (HTY) A Hero of Our Time: The Relationship Between Imperialism, the Russian Identity, and Literature in the Caucasus

Bressia Borja (CCJ) Connections Through a Different Lens: A Preliminary Analysis of Art-Therapy Informed Interventions & Prison Populations

Rughved Brahman (HSB) A Global Interdisciplinary Analysis of Promoting Peaceful Societies in the Presence of Gun Culture

Anna Carter (BMS) and Addie Pitts (BMS) Birth Control & STI Testing at USF Pamphlet Templates

Torilyn Cole (ASL) Ghost Tourism

Caitlyn Deam (CMB and CCJ) The Analysis and Creation of Meaningful Interaction between the Deaf Community and Art Museums

Rocio Flanagan (HSB) Behind the Waist Pendant of Queen-Mother Idia



Vaishnavi Ravikanti (BMS) Philanthropy Accurately Construing Experience

Kaitlyn Roulet (WLE) We Ignore the Past at Our Peril

Sanikaa Thakurdesai (PSY) Hearing Loss Stigma and Emotional Identities: A Relational Analysis of Hearing Loss Experiences

Phong Tran (CSE) Gay Online Dating: The Rise of Hook-up Culture & The Consequences On The LGBT+ Community

Dinh Trieu (BMS) Factfulness - Environmental Change is Not as Scary as You Think

Nafsa Uddin (BMS and ISS) Understanding Diet and Disease: Why People are Prone to Diet-Related Preventable Disease and How to Help

Neha Vemuri (BMS) Vaccine Conflicts in War-Torn Nations

## **Apply to the 2023 National Undergraduate Humanities Research Conference at Johns Hopkins University**

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# SCHOLAR BIOGRAPHIES

current president of the USF Criminology Club and is involved as a research assistant at the Traffcking in Persons(TiP) Lab. Bressia is a current senior with plans to attend graduate school to get her Master's in Criminology.

## **Rughved Brahman**



## **Abigail Emerson**

Abigail Emerson is a Polk State College student pursuing a career in

**Emma Frank**

Emma Frank is in her final year at USF and is studying English Literature and History, with minors in Classics and Queer and Sexuality



**Kaylee Hernandez**

Kaylee is a fourth-year Judy Genshaft Honors College and Anthropology Honors Program student pursuing degrees in Anthropology and Psychology. She is a Team Coordinator of Partners in Health Engage at USF, a global health equity club, and is involved in the JGHC Choir. Kaylee has plans to study music therapy and ethnomusicology in grad school and hopes to use her education for a career in applied anthropology.

**Ariadne Herrera**

Ariadne is a USF Holcombe Scholar & artist studying Psychology & English with a Creative Writing Concentration. She has worked on chatbot scriptwriting projects and currently works in video production for the Judy Genshaft Honors College. They are also an editor for Thread, the undergraduate literary magazine at USF.

**Darrin Holmes**

Darrin is a junior majoring in chemistry with a minor in biology. Darrin's



### **Abrianna Lalle**

Abrianna is majoring in biology in the department of science at the University of Central Florida. Their research interests include music therapy and mental health, and they hope to pursue a pre-health professional track after completing their undergraduate degree.

### **Christy-Lynne Lapine**

Christy-Lynne Lapine is a fourth-year student in the Judy Genshaft Honors College, majoring in history. She plans on attending grad school to earn her PhD. in U.S. history, focusing on legal and cultural history of transgender people in 20th century New York, and hopes to both teach and publish.

### **Khang Le**

Khang is a freshman studying Computer Science at the University of South Florida. Coming from Vietnam with an English specialization and many coding projects online, Khang is currently looking toward the research path to broaden his horizons. Concerned with the rise of social media and self-interest in both Eastern and Western cultures, he is eager to pursue this topic and get it published.

### **Sasha Legagneur**

Sasha is a second year Economics and Political Science major, particularly interested in the economics of racial inequality and the economics of development. She is the program coordinator for the Student Government Agency Bulls Media, and is the treasurer of a high school mentorship club called Bulls for Brighter Futures. Sasha is also part of the Judy Genshaft Honors College and intends to go graduate school in either Applied Economics or Public Policy, in hopes of being a Policy Analyst.

### **Cameron Lemery**

Cameron is a Florida Bright Futures Scholar studying History. His work typically encompasses Dutch Colonial and Indonesian History. He is a senior and plans to graduate in Spring 2023.

### **Samantha Linko**

Samantha is a Florida Academic Scholar studying History. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Omicron Delta Kappa. She graduated with her Bachelor's in History in December 2022 and plans to return to the University of South Florida for graduate school. She plans to concentrate on Public History while researching the history of skydiving in the Tampa Bay.



### **Hector Noriega**

Hector is pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership at Florida Atlantic University in the College of Education's Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology. His research interests include academic integrity, leadership, technology, and the concept of power. He hopes to attain an executive leadership position within a four-year research university and expand upon his dissertation research after completing his degree.

### **Cadence Ortiz**

Cadence is a previous STEM major who transitioned into literature and language studies. She is planning on creating an LGBT+ book club at USF to partake in her passion for discussing important themes in books. Her plans for the future entail either becoming a librarian or a literature professor.

### **Elixia Otero**

Elixia is a senior majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing. She is currently enrolled in the USF English Honors Program and was accepted into Sigma Tau Delta. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2023 and follow her ambitions to work in journalism and publishing.

### **Emily Parmeshwar**

Emily is a senior at USF graduating with her bachelor's degree in Health science with a health care administration concentration. Emily is very passionate about helping others and making a difference in people's lives. After graduating in spring of '23, Emily hopes to continue her education with attaining her master's degree in health administration.

### **Sapna Patel**



**Teresa Pham**

Teresa is a Provost Scholar Program student and an honors student in the Judy Genshaft Honors College. She is studying psychology and hopes to pursue research on child and adolescent development, with plans on attending graduate school in the future.

### **Vaishnavi Ravikanti**

Vaishnavi Ravikanti is a sophomore who is currently studying Biomedical Sciences. Her future plans include attending medical school and becoming a surgeon.

### **Oscar Rebolledo**

Oscar is a current communication major in his senior year of college working towards a bachelor's degree. He plans to seek a job in the sports communication field after graduation.

### **Kaitlyn Roulet**

Kaitlyn is a third-year student at USF studying World Languages and Cultures, with a dual concentration in French and Francophone Studies, and Spanish and Latin American Studies. She plans to work abroad and pursue a career in language coaching after earning her bachelor's degree.

### **Amanda Souza**

Amanda is a current communication major with a passion for marketing and social media managing. She is a senior planning to graduate from USF with hopes of becoming a tour manager.

### **Shalini Subramanian**

Shalini is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Nutrition. She has been an active member of The Judy Genshaft Honors College Student, serving as a volunteer co-chair and President. She enjoys service and has been involved in nutrition and public health research. She plans to attend medical school.

### **Charles Suor**

Charles "Charlie" Suor is a senior studying Interdisciplinary Social Sciences with concentrations in History and Women's & Gender Studies along with a minor in Queer & Sexuality Studies. He is the president of the Disney Club and Trans+ Student Union as well as a member of Triota Honor Society. He plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

### **Maddie Tatro**

Maddie is a senior in high school and a sophomore in college at Indian River State College who will graduate with an associate degree after completing dual enrollment. She will continue her education at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Her passion for fitness drives her interest in the field of physical therapy.



### **Sanikaa Thakurdesai**

Sanikaa is a third-year International Student studying Psychology and Public Health. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Sparks Magazine at USF. She is very involved with the Centre for Leadership and Civic Engagement, the Centre for Student Wellbeing, and the Honors College. Sanikaa plans to attend graduate school in Psychology and hopes to contribute to the Mental Health field through research and clinical practice.

### **Kaitlin Thompson**

Kaitlin Thompson is a Fall 2022 graduate from the College of Arts & Sciences. She completed her degree in Statistics. She plans to find a job in data analytics, finance, or another related field.

### **Kiara Tiozzo**

Kiara is a student of the English Honors Program concentrating her studies in literature. She hopes to be able to write during after the continuation of her education and become a published author.

### **Phong Tran**

Phong is a Judy Genshaft Honors College freshman in Computer Science. He comes from Vietnam, where he has been a casting judge for the national television debate show and was actively involved in national and international debate competitions. Passionate about gender and sexuality studies, he is eager to demonstrate his research into this topic and get it published.

### **Dinh Trieu**

Dinh Trieu is a first-year international student majoring in Biomedical Sciences. She is a part of the Judy Genshaft Honor College and actively involved with the JGHC Student Council. She plans to attend graduate school after college graduation and goes into medical research track.

### **Susan Trischka**

Susan is a senior working on her Bachelor's in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, likes to write and crochet, and plans to graduate in Spring of 2023.



**Gabrielle Whyte**

Gabrielle Whyte is a second-year student currently majoring in Humanities and Cultural Studies with a concentration in Film and New Media and a minor in Political Science. The primary focus of her research is the intersection between artistry and academia/research and how the two fuel one another. As a music artist, author, and filmmaker, she plans to use her research findings to inform and enhance her artistic projects. Next semester, she will be engaging in research surrounding the relationship between the depictions of mental disabilities through artistic mediums, the creator, and the consumer.

**Malik Williams**

Malik Williams is a college student studying Communications at the University of South Florida.

**Megan Wood**

Megan is a junior studying English Education. She is a Dean's List Scholar involved with the Tutor-a-Bull program and plans to pursue graduate school in Secondary Education with an English focus immediately following graduation. She hopes to one day publish her own books and positively influence students' views on reading and writing.

