

Showcasing the work of students who are completing one of the tracks of the University Honors College

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

12:30—5:00
UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Music, Independent, Biopsychology, and Cognitive Science Tracks.
Lunch/Refreshments served.

7:00 — 10:00 P.M.
Library Auditorium

Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts Track.
Reception follows.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:30 — 5:15 P.M.
UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Music, Life Science & Env. Ethics, Performing & Literary Arts, Marketing, Independent, and Humanities Tracks.
Lunch will be served.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

12:30 — 3:15 P.M.
UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Social Sciences and Nursing Tracks.

Please see the following pages for the full schedule and more information about the presenters

HONORS WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 — UC 168/AB

Please join us for lunch beginning at 12:15 p.m.
Student Presentations begin at 12:40 p.m.



Brian Messenger in London

Two Honors seniors, Brian Messenger and Nalani DeMarco-Clisset, have been selected to present their thesis projects during this year's Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 17 in UC 168.

Brian, a native of Prescott, Arizona is a Jazz Performance major and is completing the Honors Music Track under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Kresky. Brian's thesis, "Performance Adaptations for Solo Jazz Guitar Looping," was

supervised by Dr. Tim Newman and Dr. David Weisberg.

In addition to receiving the Honors College scholarship, Brian is a recipient of the William Paterson Trustee scholarship, the Music Talent scholarship, and the 2012 Music Faculty scholarship. Brian has made the Dean's List each semester throughout his college career. During his junior year, Brian participated in the Study Abroad program and studied at University of Leeds in England.

Nalani DeMarco-Clisset, a native of Niwot, Colorado, is a Jazz Studies Vocal Performance major and completed the Honors Independent Track under the direction of Dr. Susan Dinan. Her thesis, "Exploring the Creative Process," was supervised by Dr. David Weisberg.

She is a recipient of the Honors College scholarship, William Paterson Trustee scholarship, and the Music Talent Trustee Scholarship. In addition to being on the Dean's List, Nalani serves as a student representative on the William Paterson Board of Trustees. She is also a Resident Assistant, a Peer Health Advocate, and is the recipient of the Campus Activities and Student Leadership Award.

Thesis presentations continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons in UC 168 A/B. Please see the following pages for more information.



Nalani DeMarco-Clisset performs an original song she wrote for her Honors Thesis.

Tuesday, April 17

University Commons, 168 A/B

- 12:30** Honors Week Kick-off
Opening Remarks by Dr. Susan
Director, Honors College
- 12:40** **Brian Messenger**
Music Track
- 1:05** **Nalani DeMarco-Clisset**
Independent Track
- 1:30** **Heidi Rogers**
Biopsychology Track
- 1:45** **Tomiko Rendon**
Biopsychology Track
- 2:00** **Jordan Storms**
Independent Track
- 2:15** **Intermission**
- 2:30** **Stephanie DeLaOsa**
Cognitive Science Track
- 2:45** **Vincent D'Antonio**
Cognitive Science Track
- 3:00** **Laura Foreman**
Cognitive Science Track
- 3:15** **Poonam Gandhi**
Cognitive Science Track
- 3:30** **Carla Rainey**
Cognitive Science Track
- 3:45** **Melissa Zolla**
Cognitive Science Track
- 4:00** **Aura-Maria Garcia**
Cognitive Science Track
- 4:15** **Kelly Nuzzo**
Cognitive Science Track
- 4:30** **Amanda Ruppel**
Cognitive Science Track
- 4:45** **Kristal Langford**
Cognitive Science Track

Wednesday, April 18

University Commons, 168 A/B

- 12:40** **David Iacoviello**
Music Track
- 1:00** **Jessica Sikora**
Life Science & Env. Ethics Track
- 1:25** **Melissa Mayer**
Performing & Literary Arts Track
- 1:45** **Thomas Alger**
Marketing Track
- 2:00** **Janelle Downes**
Marketing Track
- 2:15** **Michael Dykhouse**
Marketing Track
- 2:30** **Jennetta George**
Independent Track
- 2:45** **Isabel Anreus**
Humanities Track
- 3:00** **Gregory Schmidt**
Humanities Track
- 3:15** **Michela Clovis**
Humanities Track
- 3:30** **Shannon Tarolli**
Humanities Track
- 3:45** **Carla Valledor**
Humanities Track
- 4:00** **Michael Starrett**
Independent Track
- 4:15** **Kimberly DenHeyer**
Humanities Track
- 4:30** **Jennifer Van Wyck**
Humanities Track
- 4:45** **Helaine Terhune**
Humanities Track
- 5:00** **Krista Averill**
Humanities Track

Thursday, April 19

University Commons, 168 A/B

- 12:30** **Michelle Palmieri**
Social Sciences Track
- 12:45** **Joseph Whitaker**
Social Sciences Track
- 1:00** **Rebecca Couper**
Nursing Track
- 1:15** **Elisa DiBianco**
Nursing Track
- 1:30** **Amanda Gaetano**
Nursing Track
- 1:45** **Tenzin K. Nelung**
Nursing Track
- 2:00** **Christina Niotis**
Nursing Track
- 2:15** **Amanda Paul**
Nursing Track
- 2:30** **Catherine Paul**
Nursing Track
- 2:45** **Caressa Valdueza**
Nursing Track
- 3:00** **Rebecca Van Vugt**
Nursing Track

Tuesday, April 17 — 7:00 p.m. — Cheng Library Auditorium***Presentations of students completing the Honors Performing & Literary Arts Track***

Julie Minicozzi
Jenna Semeraro
Corrine Carr
Erin Sterbinsky
Jacqueline Segal

Morgan Lawson
Nathan Giroux
Alaina Blekicki
Jessica Pizarro

Dania Moheisen
Anthony Gobeille
Lauren Cucci
Kristen Pettet

— Reception follows in the Friends Lounge —



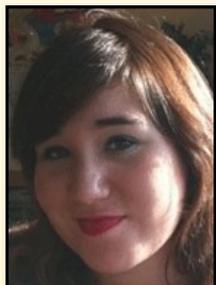
THOMAS J. ALGER

Honors Track: Marketing
Majors: Marketing and Professional Sales
Thesis Title: *From Links to Leads: Exploring Social Media As a Sales Tool*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Raj Agnihotri



REBECCA COUPER

Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: *Pet Therapy and Stress in College Students*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



ISABEL ANREUS

Honors Track: Humanities
Major: English
Thesis Title: *Every Man Drowns Differently*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Martha Witt



LAUREN CUCCI

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Communication (Theater & Comedy)
Minor: Anthropology
Thesis Title: *Group*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



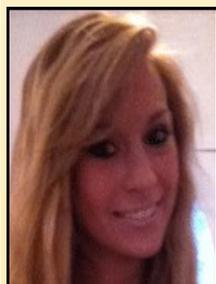
KRISTA AVERILL

Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Mathematics and Elementary Education, Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Thesis Title: *Fragmented*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



VINCENT D'ANTONIO, JR.

Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: *What Factors and Influences Affect the Decision a Person Makes in Vehicle Purchasing*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth



ALAINA BLEKICKI

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Communication (Public Relations)
Minor: English (Writing)
Thesis Title: *Take Me Along*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



STEPHANIE DELAOSA

Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Minor: Philosophy
Thesis Title: *Is Morality Universal? A cross cultural examination of moral attitudes*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth



CORRINE CARR

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Art (BFA)
Thesis Title: *Dune*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



NALANI DEMARCO-CLISSET

Honors Track: Independent Track
Major: Jazz Studies (Vocal Performance)
Thesis Title: *Exploring the Creative Process*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg



MICHELA CLOVIS

Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Political Science and Communication
Minors: French and Legal Studies
Thesis Title: *Reconciled Identity: living with a multicultural background in America*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



KIMBERLY DEN HEYER

Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Elementary Education (K-5,5-8) and History
Thesis Title: *Coming to the United States*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

**ELISA DI BIANCO****Honors Track:** Nursing**Major:** Nursing**Thesis Title:** *HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Perceived Risk and its Impact on HIV/AIDS Testing***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Christina McSherry**AURA-MARIA GARCIA****Honors Track:** Cognitive Science**Major:** Psychology**Minor:** Women's and Gender Studies**Thesis Title:** *Effects of television on children's food preferences***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Amy Learmonth**JANELLE V. DOWNES****Honors Track:** Marketing**Major:** Business Administration Marketing**Minor:** French**Thesis Title:** *The Impact of Foreign Language Skills on Marketing Expatriates***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Susan Godar**JENNETTA GEORGE****Honors Track:** Independent Track**Majors:** Mathematics and Music**Thesis Title:** *Knot Theory and its application***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. David Miller**MICHAEL DYKHOUSE****Honors Track:** Marketing**Major:** Marketing (Business Administration)**Thesis Title:** *Social Media in Management***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Bela Florenthal**NATHAN GIROUX****Honors Track:** Performing & Literary Arts**Major:** Jazz Studies**Thesis Title:** *Relationship between musical and literary composition***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Philip Cioffari**LAURA FOREMAN****Honors Track:** Cognitive Science**Major:** Communication Disorders**Thesis Title:** *A Multi-factorial View of How Hearing Impaired Children Acquire and Develop Literacy Skills with an Emphasis on Sign Language***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Amy Learmonth**ANTHONY GOBEILLE****Honors Track:** Performing & Literary Arts**Major:** Art BFA**Thesis Title:** *Snoah***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Philip Cioffari**AMANDA GAETANO****Honors Track:** Nursing**Major:** Nursing**Thesis Title:** *In college students, what is the relationship between alcohol use and religiosity?***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Christina McSherry**DAVID AARON IACOVIELLO****Honors Track:** Music**Major:** Music Education**Minor:** Philosophy**Thesis Title:** [...]**Thesis Advisors:** Dr. Jeffrey Kresky and Dr. John Link**POONAM GANDHI****Honors Track:** Cognitive Science**Major:** Exercise Science**Thesis Title:** *The Exercise Effects on Self-Esteem***Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Amy Learmonth**KRISTAL CANDACE LANGFORD****Honors Track:** Cognitive Science**Major:** Psychology**Minors:** Communication Disorders and Sociology**Thesis Title:** *First Language Awareness: Word Associations in Second Language Acquisition***Thesis Advisors:** Dr. Amy Learmonth and Dr. Justina Ekeocha



MORGAN LAWSON

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Major: Art BFA

Thesis Title: *Hellbent*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



CHRISTINA NIOTIS

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Among college students, what is the relationship among sleep quality and the factors GPA, age, and gender*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



MELISSA MARIE MAYER

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Major: Communication

Thesis Title: *Pieces of Me*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



KELLY NUZZO

Honors Track: Cognitive Science

Majors: Elementary Education/Special Education (K-5) and Psychology

Thesis Title: *Recall Tests at Elementary School Level: Implications for Teaching Methods*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth



BRIAN MESSENGER

Honors Track: Music

Major: Jazz Performance

Thesis Title: *Performance Adaptations for Solo Jazz Guitar Looping*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Tim Newman and Dr. David Weisberg



MICHELLE ANNE PALMIERI

Honors Track: Social Sciences

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *An appeal to have a revised scale to test teachers attitudes towards ASD*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Thomas E. Heinzen and Dr. Neil Kressel



JULIE MINICOZZI

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Major: English (Writing)

Thesis Title: *The Benefit for Closure*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



AMANDA PAUL

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Academic major affect on stress and coping*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



DANIA MOHEISEN

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Majors: English (Literature) and Secondary, Education, History

Thesis Title: *A Life*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



CATHERINE PAUL

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Diabetes perception and lifestyle*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



TENZIN K. NELUNG

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Nutritional Knowledge and Healthy Diets*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



KRISTEN PETTET

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Major: Communication (Broadcast Journalism)

Minor: Political Science

Thesis Title: *The Missing Piece*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JESSICA PIZARRO

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Major: Art BFA

Minor: Art Studio

Thesis Title: *Things from Strings*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



CARLA RAINEY

Honors Track: Cognitive Science

Major: Philosophy

Minor: Psychology

Thesis Title: *In support of determinism*

Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth



TOMIKO RENDON

Honors Track: Biopsychology

Major: Biology

Thesis Title: *Stress levels in the BTBR T+tf/J and C57BL/6J mouse and the Role of Vasopressin in Mediating Stress Responses*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno



HEIDI ROGERS

Honors Track: Biopsychology

Major: Biology

Thesis Title: *CD38 Levels in the Hypothalamus and Cortex of BTBR and C57 BL/6J Mice*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Eileen Gardner



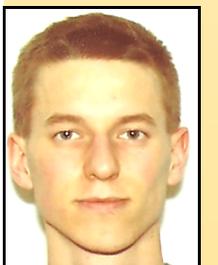
AMANDA RUPPEL

Honors Track: Cognitive Science

Majors: Mathematics and Secondary Education

Thesis Title: *Math Anxiety*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth



GREGORY JOSEPH SCHMIDT

Honors Track: Humanities

Major: History

Thesis Title: *Emerging Cryptozoology and Social Necessity*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



JACQUELINE SEGAL

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Majors: Elementary Education (K-5, 5-8), Teacher of Students with Disabilities and English (Writing)

Thesis Title: *Annie and Cara Take on the Camp*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JENNA SEMERARO

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Majors: Elementary Education (K-5) and English (Literature)

Thesis Title: *Kiera's Big Move*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JESSICA LEE SIKORA

Honors Track: Life Science & Env. Ethics

Major: Environmental Science

Thesis Title: *An analysis of mammal recognition and perception of abundance: implications for an indigenous management program with a Waorani community in the Amazon of Ecuador*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Karen Swanson



MICHAEL STARRETT

Honors Track: Independent Track

Major: Philosophy

Thesis Title: *The Necessity of a system of formal logic in the American legal system*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Ben Vilhauer and Dr. Stephen Thompson



ERIN STERBINSKY

Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts

Majors: English (Literature) and Secondary Education

Thesis Title: *Broadcasting Fables: A Poetry Collection*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JORDAN C. STORMS

Honors Track: Independent Track

Major: Biology

Minor: Math

Thesis Title: *Identifying and Determining Patterns Within Populations and Communities of Fungi*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kendall Martin



SHANNON TAROLLI

Honors Track: Humanities

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *Diagnosing Psychological Disorders: Cultural Considerations and the Effects of Globalization*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. John Peterman and Dr. Kathleen Torsney



REBECCA VAN VUGT

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Does the amount of exercise a college student gets affect their level of fatigue?*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



HELAIN TERHUNE

Honors Track: Humanities

Majors: English and Secondary Education

Thesis Title: *Religious Pluralism*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



JENNIFER A. VAN WYCK

Honors Track: Humanities

Majors: History and Elementary Education

Thesis Title: *The Puritan Family: Religion Lived*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Bowles



CARESSA VALDUEZA

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Risk for Depression and Migratory Grief among Recent Immigrant College Students*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry



JOSEPH G. WHITAKER

Honors Track: Social Sciences

Major: Philosophy

Minors: Political Science and Legal Studies

Thesis Title: *Are relationships using new modes of technology as satisfying as face to face interactions?*

Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel



CARLA J. VALLEDOR

Honors Track: Humanities

Majors: English (Literature) and Secondary Education

Thesis Title: *My Puerto Rico*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



MELISSA ZOLLA

Honors Track: Cognitive Science

Majors: Biology and Secondary Education

Thesis Title: *Teaching Using Learning Style Methods: Will Students Learn More if They Learn About Themselves?*

Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Ronald Verdicchio

A special welcome to the students who are participating in the Pioneer Overnight Program!

It is our pleasure to welcome twenty high school seniors who are visiting us this week as part of the Pioneer Overnight Program hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. While on campus, the prospective William Paterson students will have the opportunity to interact with current Honors students, spend the night in High Mountain East, attend Honors classes and Honors thesis presentations, and participate in Honors Week festivities.

The Honors faculty, staff and current students welcome you and hope that you have a great experience during your visit at William Paterson University!

HONORS WEEK AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Each spring, the Honors College showcases the work of students who are completing one of the Honors College tracks, and recognizes the faculty and staff members who have contributed to their success. For the 2012 Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 17, Brian Messenger and Nalani DeMarco-Clisset have been chosen to represent the outstanding work of Honors College students.

Presentations by all the Honors students who are completing their thesis projects continue throughout the week, which culminates in a banquet on Wednesday evening, April 18, recognizing the graduating Honors students and their parents, as well as all the Honors students, and faculty and staff who are involved in the Honors College. Congratulations to all of the outstanding individuals who are being recognized during Honors Week 2012!

About the Honors College at William Paterson University...

The University Honors College is a place where academically gifted students explore new ideas and engage in intellectual and creative collaborations with experienced and dedicated members of the faculty. Honors students are offered a comprehensive educational experience that brings together academic, residential, social and cultural experiences. Approximately 350 students are actively participating in the Honors College in Honors sections of General Education courses and/or one of the eleven Honors Tracks. Each fall, about 100 new students enter the Honors College, and about half of those live in the Honors Learning Community in High Mountain East, one of the newest residence halls on campus.

Students in the Honors College pursue a disciplinary major and an Honors track. The track may parallel the major, relate to the major, or be very different from the major. Although the various tracks have different requirements, each track culminates in a thesis or significant research or creative project that the student presents to the University community. The two oldest tracks, Biopsychology and Humanities, were established in 1976. The Honors Program was established in 2000, and was expanded into the University Honors College in 2005. There are currently eleven Honors tracks: Biopsychology, Cognitive Science, Humanities, Independent, Life Science and Environmental Ethics, Management, Marketing, Music, Nursing, Performing and Literary Arts, and Social Sciences.

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