

## HONORS THESIS PRESENTATIONS APRIL 13-14

### SCHEDULE

### ABOUT THE PRESENTERS...

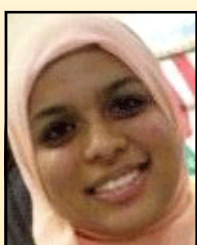
**TUESDAY, 4/13**  
**UC 168 B**

- 12:30 Pamela Imhof
- 1:00 Mariam Ashraf
- 1:20 Lauren Lewandoski
- 1:40 Elysa Vreeland
- 2:00 Michelle Cilibrasi
- 2:20 Kristina Kosztzyo
- 2:40 John Urban
- 3:00 Campbell Charshree
- 3:20 Jessica Pepe
- 3:40 Daniel Rufolo
- 4:00 Alex Chilowicz



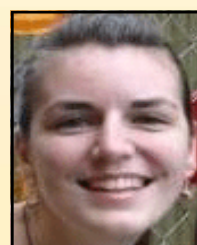
#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER — PAMELA A. IMHOF

Pamela Imhof is an art major, who is pursuing certification in secondary education, and is completing the Honors Performing and Literary Arts Track. Her thesis project, "The Mysteries of Human Behavior —Paintings that Represent Literature," incorporates two of her great interests: art and literature. For the project, Pam examined several plays and books: *A Doll's House* by Henrik Isben, *True West* by Sam Shepard, *Happy Days* by Samuel Beckett, *World War Z* by Max Brooks, *Already Dead* by Charlie Huston, and *Heart Shaped Box* by Joe Hill. She analyzed each one in the context of mysterious and unusual human behavior, and then employed the medium of paint to illustrate her conclusions. Pam will also share excerpts from her own work of fiction that delves into the mysteries of human behavior, as well as an original painting based on her story. Her thesis project was supervised by Dr. Philip Cioffari.



#### MARIAM ASHRAF

Major: Biology  
Minor: English  
Honors Track: Humanities  
Thesis Title: "Marriage and Education in Islam: The Real Story"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



#### LAUREN LEWANDOSKI

Major: History  
2nd Major: Latin American Studies  
Minor: Spanish  
Honors Track: Humanities  
Thesis Title: "100 Years of Solitude"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



#### ELYSA VREELAND

Major: English (Literature)  
Honors Track: Humanities  
Thesis Title: "Discovering Faith"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

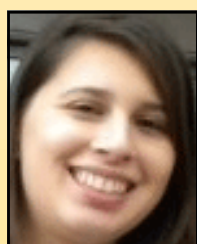


#### MICHELLE CILIBRASI

Major: Biology  
Certification: General Elementary Education /Teacher of Students with Disabilities  
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Thesis Title: "Developmental study in BTBR mouse strain and their autistic phenotype"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno

**WEDNESDAY, 4/14**  
**UC 168 A**

- 1:00 Nicholas Mattera
- 1:20 Jesenia Ponce
- 1:40 Leah Riza Viray
- 2:00 Jennifer Bauer
- 2:20 Tatiana Guerrero
- 2:40 Kevin McKernan
- 3:00 Kevin Weston
- 3:20 Christopher Bobbins
- 3:40 Marina Jovanovska
- 4:00 Robert Langslet



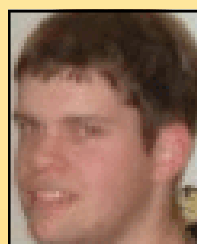
#### KRISTINA KOSZTYO

Major: Psychology  
Minor: Biology  
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Thesis Title: "The effects of Poly I:C on adult, inbred BTBR and C57/6J mice"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno



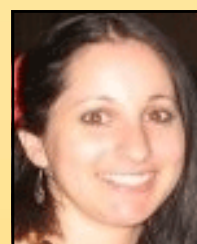
#### JOHN URBAN

Major: Biology  
2nd Major: Psychology  
Honors Track: Independent  
Thesis Title: "Confirming that the only known promoter on an autonomous replicon that is essential for reporter ene/selectable-marker transcription as well as DNA replication in procyclic trypanosomes is dispensable in bloodstream forms"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Pradeep Patnaik



#### CAMPBELL CHARSHREE

Major: Jazz Performance  
Minor: Classical Performance  
Honors Track: Music  
Thesis Title: "Lennie Tristano: A Musical Innovator Who Crafted the Shape of Jazz to Come."  
Thesis Advisor: Prof. Kevin Norton



#### JESSICA PEPE

Major: Psychology  
2nd Major: History  
Honors Track: Humanities  
Thesis Title: "With Heartfelt Serenity"  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

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**DANIEL RUFOLLO**

**Major:** Jazz Studies  
(Jazz Piano Performance)  
**Minor:** Classical Piano Performance  
**Honors Track:** Music  
**Thesis Title:** "Macro-torality With Csound"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. John Link



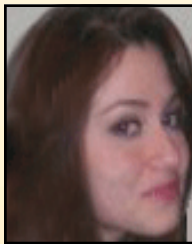
**ALEX CHILOWICZ**

**Major:** Jazz Performance (Saxophone)  
**Honors Track:** Music  
**Thesis Title:** "Getting Into Focus: Study of Stan Getz/Eddie Sauter"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. David Demsey



**NICHOLAS MATTERA**

**Major:** Business (Management)  
**Honors Track:** Social Sciences  
**Thesis Title:** "Marijuana Policy at State and Federal Levels of Government"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Neil Kressel



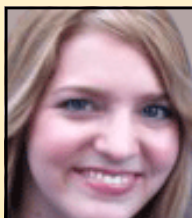
**JESENIA PONCE**

**Major:** Political Science  
**Honors Track:** Social Sciences  
**Thesis Title:** "Bullying and the Law: How Can the Legal System Aid in Deterring Peer Harassment in School Districts?"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Neil Kressel



**LEAH RIZA VIRAY**

**Major:** Psychology  
**Honors Track:** Social Sciences  
**Thesis Title:** "Male and Female Infidelity in Movies: A Content Analysis from a Social and Evolutionary Psychology Perspective"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Neil Kressel



**JENNIFER BAUER**

**Major:** Political Science  
**Honors Track:** Social Sciences  
**Thesis Title:** "General Education: Core Curricula, Democracy, and Higher Education"  
**Thesis Advisors:** Dr. Christine Kelly  
Dr. Neil Kressel



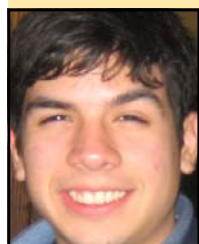
**TATIANA GUERRERO**

**Major:** Political Science  
**Minor:** Economics  
**Honors Track:** Humanities  
**Thesis Title:** "The Will Against the Popular Wave"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. John Peterman



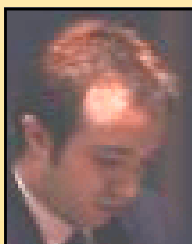
**KEVIN MCKERNAN**

**Major:** Communication  
**Honors Track:** Humanities  
**Thesis Title:** "Spiritual Communism"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. John Peterman



**KEVIN WESTON**

**Major:** History  
**Honors Track:** Humanities  
**Thesis Title:** "Pauline Reactions to Jewish Influences in Early Christianity"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. John Peterman



**CHRISTOPHER BOBBINS**

**Major:** Music Education (Piano)  
**Minor:** Voice  
**Honors Track:** Music  
**Thesis Title:** "Lecture on Chopin's Balade No. 4 Op. 52 in F minor"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. David Weisberg



**MARINA JOVANOVSKA**

**Major:** Global Business  
**Honors Track:** Management  
**Thesis Title:** "The Link Between Financial Performance and Firm Strategy: A Study of Five U.S. Corporations"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Raza Mir



**ROBERT LANGSLET**

**Major:** Jazz Piano Performance  
**Minor:** Classical Piano Performance  
**Honors Track:** Music  
**Thesis Title:** "Brahms and Brad: The influence of Johannes Brahms in the Music of Brad Mehldau"  
**Thesis Advisor:** Dr. Jeffrey Kresky

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