

# *Honors Research Conference*

## *April 18, 2009*

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8:30-9:00 am	<b>Opening Reception</b> Welcome by Dr. Steve O’Kane, Chair of the Honors Faculty Advisory Board	Auditorium Lounge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lang Hall
9:00-9:25 am	<b>*Amanda Wilson</b> - <i>Powerful and Powerless Speech Styles in Employment Mock Interviews</i> Dr. Cynthia Dunn, Anthropology	Lang 208
	<b>Brenda Turnis</b> - <i>Long-Term Care for the Elderly and Long-Term Care Insurance as a Viable Option for Today's Elderly</i> Dr. Carole Henkin, Social Work	Lang 211
	<b>Chantel Witt</b> - <i>Administration Oversight: An Assessment of the Effectiveness of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform during Recent Administrations</i> Dr. Chris Larimer, Political Science	Lang 222
	<b>Lisa Dahlke</b> - <i>Impact of Proposed Federal Shield Law</i> Dr. Scott Peters, Political Science	Lang 223
9:35-10:00 am	<b>Michelle Gogerty</b> - <i>Managing Risk in Life Insurance with Your Genetic Information: The Issues, the Options, and the Speed of Progress</i> Dr. Syed Kirmani, Mathematics/Statistics and Actuarial Science	Lang 208
	<b>Kelsey Rinehart</b> - <i>Women's Labor Markets in Costa Rica</i> Dr. Lisa Jepsen, Economics	Lang 211
	<b>Adam Campbell</b> - <i>Spatial, Geologic and Land Use Characteristics of Sinkholes in a Karst Landscape: Waverly, Iowa</i> Dr. Chad Heinzl, Earth Science	Lang 222
	<b>Emily Burney</b> - <i>Savannah: A Short Story Cycle in the Tradition of American Literary Craft</i> Dr. Grant Tracey, English Language and Literature	Lang 223
10:10-10:35 am	<b>Maggie Stehn</b> - <i>Comparing Single Member District Plurality to Proportional Representation in the Next Eleven Countries</i> Dr. Ken Basom, Political Science	Lang 208
	<b>*Kassidy Lyons</b> - <i>A Light unto our Path: Toward a Mutual Understanding of Fundamentalist Christianity and Science</i> Dr. Bob Seager, Biology	Lang 211
	<b>Beth Kolsrud</b> - <i>Cedar Rapids Flood of 2008: Man Made or Statistical Anomaly?</i> Dr. Syed Kirmani, Mathematics/Statistics and Actuarial Science	Lang 222
	<b>*Matt Rohden</b> - <i>Managing Generational Diversity in the 21st Century</i> Dr. Jerry Smith, Management	Lang 223
10:45-11:10 am	<b>*Matt Bries</b> - <i>Motivation in the Workplace: Incorporating Athletic Motivation into the Business Community in an Effort to Alleviate Male Disengagement</i> Dr. Tony McAdams, Management	Lang 208
	<b>Callie Kronlage</b> - <i>Ambigrams: The Art and the Math</i> Dr. Catherine Miller & Dr. Theron Hitchman, Mathematics	Lang 211
	<b>Andrew Morse</b> - <i>An evaluation of the effectiveness of the Senior Year Plus Program in Iowa</i> Dr. Jan Hanish, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Postsecondary Education	Lang 222

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11:20-11:45 am	<p><b>*Molly McAllister</b> - <i>Reading is for Girls: Examining Gender Differences in Reading Attitude</i> Lang 208 Dr. Kurt Meredith, Interim Assistant Provost for International Programs/Curriculum &amp; Instruction</p> <p><b>Sydney deVictoria-Michel</b> - <i>The Effects of Sport and Physical Activity on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Youth from Mass Trauma Populations</i> Lang 211 Dr. Windee Weiss, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services</p> <p><b>*Sarah Bumgarner</b> - <i>The Mental Health of Low Socio-economic Populations</i> Lang 222 Dr. Cindy Juby, Social Work and Dr. Sunde Nesbit, Psychology</p> <p><b>Emily Boevers</b> - <i>Healthcare in America: Historical Context, Current Problems, and Future Reform</i> Lang 223 Dr. Kent Sandstrom, Sociology</p>
11:45-12:25 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
12:30-12:55 pm	<p><b>Megan Gallagher</b> - <i>Erotics of Textuality</i> Lang 208 Dr. Jesse Swan, English Language and Literature</p> <p><b>*Josh Mahoney</b> - <i>Does Race Affect the Salaries of NFL Players?</i> Lang 211 Dr. Lisa Jepsen, Economics</p> <p><b>Leah Short</b> - <i>Our Aliens: How Does a Criminal Become Human?</i> Lang 222 Dr. Susan Hill, Philosophy and World Religions</p>
1:05-1:30 pm	<p><b>Mandy Larson</b> - <i>Assessing the Potential Habitat Value of Biomass Energy Prairie Plantings in Grassland Birds</i> Lang 208 Dr. Mark Myers, Biology</p> <p><b>*Jodi Sweeney</b> - <i>The Financial Fiasco: What started it and how long will it last?</i> Lang 211 Dr. Arthur Cox, Finance</p> <p><b>*Michael Cronin</b> - <i>The Purpose of Facebook: The Value of Facebook Friends in Increasing Self-Perceived Popularity</i> Lang 222 Dr. Rex Karsten, Management</p>
1:40-2:05 pm	<p><b>Adam Moehn</b> - <i>Personal Financial Knowledge of College Students</i> Lang 208 David Sparks, Finance</p> <p><b>*Jessica Fohey</b> - <i>Public Water Fluoridation</i> Lang 211 Dr. Darrell Wiens, Biology</p> <p><b>Justin Sprung</b> - <i>The Effects of Employment on Alcohol Consumption among College Students</i> Lang 222 Dr. Adam Butler, Psychology</p>

\* Denotes Presidential Scholar