

Thank you to our faculty judges:

Session: States and Social Movements

Professorial Lecturer, Korneliya Bachiyska
Assistant Professor, Susan Glover

Session: US Politics, News and Courts

Assistant Professor, Chris Edelson
Executive Director, Women & Politics Institute and
Executive in Residence, Betsy Fischer Martin

Session: Health Policy

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Saul
Newman
Sr Professorial Lecturer, Claire Griggs

Session: Environmental Policy

Professor & Research Director of CEP, Todd Eisenstadt
Sr Professorial Lecturer, Sonja Walti



15th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

*Wednesday April 26th, 2023
9:30am – 1pm*

Kerwin Hall 301



Opening Remarks/Welcome 9:30 am – 9:45 am Kerwin 301

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, Saul Newman

Session: States and Social Movements 9:45am-11:15am Kerwin 301

Mary Capone, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Campbell

Title: *Power Dynamics of Aid: A Twitter Analysis of Power and Agency in Foreign Aid Negotiations in Conflict-Affected Countries*

Simeranjit Kaur, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Bacon

Title: *Relationships between Militant Groups and States: A Case Study on Khalistan and Pakistan*

Kayla Kelly, they/them

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Pesek

Title: *Contextualizing Socio-economic Justice as Racial Justice in the United States: Lessons from South Africa*

Franco Sluman, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Campbell

Title: *Populist Rhetoric in Foreign Aid: Twitter Analysis of Populist Advances in Foreign Aid in Ghana*

Vanessa Sousa, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Young

Title: *An Illustration of Humanity?: A Qualitative Analysis of the Transnational Volunteer Phenomenon in the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict*

Session: US Politics, News and Courts 11:15am-12:45pm Kerwin 301

Elise Buellesbach, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Leighley

Title: *How Media Sources (Old and New) Impact Political Behavior*

Alyson Fakhry, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Young

Title: *Polarization on the Topic of Immigration*

Eric O'Driscoll, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Miller-Idriss

Title: *Mostly Peaceful Chaos: The Effect of Media Consumption on Attitudes Toward Political Violence and Democratic Norms*

Subhi Pandiarajan, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Quirk

Title: *The Future of Social Media Influence in Democratic Presidential Elections*

Session: US Politics, News and Courts cont. 11:30am-12:45pm Kerwin 301

Edozie Umunna, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Cowell-Meyers

Title: *King of the Poor? An Exploration of Voter's Financial Security and Donald Trump's Rise*

Jack Ziets, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Cowell-Meyers

Title: *Investigating the Effect of Campaign Spending in Competitive Congressional Districts*

Session: Health Policy 9:45am-10:45am Kerwin 300

Jackson Beauregard, he/him

Faculty Mentors: Profs. Cowell-Meyers and Bachiyiska

Title: *Economic Recession and Drug Use: The Contradictory Case of Ireland's 2008 Economic Recession*

Montague Chevallier, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Quirk

Title: *The Current Socio-Politics of Trans Youth in the US*

Chloe McKeown, they/them

Faculty Mentors: Profs. Cowell-Meyers & Christensen

Title: *The Rise and Fall of Safe Sex: Socio-Political Implications Preventing Comprehensive Sex Education*

Sydney Muench, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Cowell-Meyers

Title: *The Role of Public vs Private Health Insurance on Prenatal Care Experiences*

Session: Environmental Policy 10:45am-11:30am Kerwin 300

Vincent Hanrahan, he/him

Faculty Mentor: Profs. Cowell-Meyers & Eisenstadt

Title: *The Social Aspects of Sustainable Development: Transit-Oriented Development and Gentrification in DC*

Kayah Ryerson, she/her

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Cowell-Meyers & Fiorino

Title: *Extreme Weather Events and Public Opinion of Climate Change Mitigation Approaches: Technocratic and Market-Based*

Closing Remarks & Awards 12:45 pm -1 pm Kerwin 301

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, Saul Newman