School of World Studies
24th Annual
Student Research Conference
Thursday November 14, 2019

4:00 p.m.
Commons Theater
Welcoming Remarks
Peter Kirkpatrick, Professor, School of World Studies

On the Tip of the Tongue
Film Screening
Introduction by Pamunkey Assistant Chief Brad Brown
followed by Q&A

6:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Ballroom
Introduction by Mark Wood, Director, School of World Studies

Keynote Speaker: Lauren Fox
Director of the Pamunkey Indian Tribal Resource Center

Reception to follow
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Richmond Salon 1: Roundtable moderated by Professor Gabriella Leon-Perez (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Latinx Immigrants’ Healthcare Access: Barriers, consequences and strategies for the future*
Ashley Victor
Ajay Potluri
Farheen Zaman
MiJin Cho
Paola Callejas

Richmond Salon 2: Sustainability, Religion, and Futurism

Chair: Cinzia Corubolo
*Monastic Contribution to a Sustainable Future*
Turid Sanger (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Minarets in Space: Muslim Futurism as Resistance*
Christopher Ahrens (College of William and Mary)
*How can food justice help us improve environmental sustainability and social justice?*
Emily Martinez (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 3: Navigating Social and Cultural Change

Chair: Mayda Topoushian
*Signing Polygamy: How Women Navigate Polygamous Relationships in Dakar, Senegal*
Charlotte Bednarski (University of Richmond)
*Nomads of the Horn: Urbanization and the Construction of Identity in Somalia*
Sumeya Hassan (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Construction of Curry and the Cosmopolitan Imaginary during British Colonialism*
Kelly McCray (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 4: Roundtable moderated by Professor Zoe Spencer (Virginia State University)
*The MisEducation of the Negro: Disrupting the Fallacies, Flaws, and Favor of Race Relations in America*
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Richmond Salon 1: Gender and Human Rights Violations
Chair: Patricia Cummins
Femicide
Mary Wagner (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Welcome to the Manosphere: A Study on the Toxic Masculinity and Violence Prevalent in Internet Sub-cultures
Sabine Lawrence (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Women's Human Rights Violation in Kashmir
Sawmaya Jamil (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 2: Religious Traditions
Chair: Mayda Topoushian
Convergence of East and West: Overlaps in Hinduism and Christianity
Olivia Hudson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Ahmadiyya Religious Movement in Pakistan
Keith Harrell II (Virginia Commonwealth University)
The Fall of Eve
Erin Somerville (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 3: Communicating in the 21st Century
Chair: Oliver C. Speck
Linking News Fatigue and Depression in a Globalized World
Sam Keeler (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Spanish Sign Language in the Past and Present: How Lorenzo Hervás y Panduro Influenced the Moral History of Nonverbal Communication
Torey-Bates Samuel (University of Richmond)
Hip Hop in Germany
Janell Moore (Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 4: Capitalism and Cultural Production
Chair: Rohan Kalyan
Navigating Neoliberalism: Marketing, Artistry, and “Authenticity” in Kuala Lumpur’s Underground Rap Scene
G Rowan McMillian (College of William and Mary)
The Culture of Capital
David Bussell (Virginia Commonwealth University)
From Fiction to Reality: Migration Literature and the Creation of a Transnational World
Rosemarie Ferraro (University of Richmond)
Capitalism and Bondage: Blackness in Latin America and Africa
Autumn Green (Virginia Commonwealth University)
11:00 a.m. -11:50 a.m.

Richmond Salon 1: Roundtable moderated by Professor Indira Sultanic (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Health disparities among Latinx communities: issues of access to information, interpreters, and bilingual providers
MiJin Cho
Ajay Potluri
Sydney Welles
Ashley Victor

Richmond Salon 2: Inequality and Othering
Chair: Patricia Michelsen-King
Discrimination in Latin America: Afro-Latinos in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico
Marielle Hankerson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
The violation of human rights and the invisibilization of Senegalese immigrants in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires
Madeline Doane (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Guatemalan Genocide: Investigating the Effects of Colonization on Indigenous Populations
Ever Bautista (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 3: Case Studies in Biological Anthropology and Archaeology I
Chair: Chris Stevenson
Bodies of Knowledge: An Ethnography of the Pompeii Exhibit in Richmond
Annalise Mangone (University of Richmond)
Life from Dry Bones: Evaluating Research on the Impact of Prolonged Mental Stress on Human Bone Signatures
Hannah Bedwell (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Basalt Leaching in Rapa Nui Rock Gardens Enables Agricultural Surplus Production
Elisabeth Burns (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 4: Modern Identities
Chair: Angelina Overvold
Longhouses and Skyscrapers: Mohawk identity Formation in the 20th Century
Joanna Hejl (University of Richmond)
Geopolitics Meets a “Family Community”: Lessons in Post-extractive Arctic Development from Longyearbyen
Luke Campopiano (College of William and Mary)
The Westernization Effect of English-language Learning in Chinese Social Values
Yang Jin (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Please join us for Lunch at noon on the James River Terrace
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Richmond Salon 1: Case Studies in Biological Anthropology and Archaeology II
Chair: Amy Rector
*Inter vs. Intra Species Variation in Mother-Daughter Relationships in Lemurs*
Hannah Furchak (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Lost Women of Ur: An Investigation into Women Interred in the Cemetery of Ur*
Kristina Donnally (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Cancer in Mummies*
Akaylia Rose (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 2: Roundtable Moderated by Professor Peter Kirkpatrick (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Interpreting for Carrico Center & CAIR Coalition's ICE Detention Center Program*
Nicole Banda-Schulz
Augustine Lewis
Jordan Schlight
Destiny Cherry
Daniel Rodriguez
Fikir Zelalem

Richmond Salon 3: Roundtables Moderated by Professor Zoe Spencer (Virginia State University) I
*Pre-Colonial Africa and the African Origin of Human-Kind*
Kalafakana Umar
N’Kiera Gresham
Tionna Hart
Sonny Rogers
Darius Hagans
Ashton Jenkins
Dayionne Jones

*Demystifying the Brutal Institution of Enslavement*
Jared Johnson
Kyra Hodges
Kordell Wray
Manya Poyner
Capri Wise
Sydney Stewart
Markesha Thompson

*Who is Jim Crow?*
Titiana Nicholson
Raylaja Waller
Isabel Cepeda
Ja’Neese Jefferson

Richmond Salon 4: Capitalism around the World
Chair: Cinzia Corubolo
*Capitalist Religion and the Commodification of Earth*
E. J. Urban (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*A Case of Political and Economic Collapse: Democratic Republic of Congo*
Fikir Zelalem (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Women Entrepreneurs*
Maryam Safi (Virginia Commonwealth University)
*Illegal Immigration, International Economy, and the United States-Mexico Border Wall*
Brian Albertson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Richmond Salon 1: Wasted
Chair: Mark Wood
Reviving Refuse: The People behind Waste Management in Meknes
Anna Gleason (College of William and Mary)
The Impact of the Plastic Industry on Ocean Pollution
Savannah Chaffin (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Africa is not a Wasteland
Habebah Mounib (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 2: Exclusion, Discrimination, and the Global Economy
Chair: Jessica Lonnes
Limbo: Double Exclusion and LGBT+ Social Media
Sara Schmieder (College of William and Mary)
Representation Matters: The Impact of Media Censorship on the Chinese LGBT Community
Lucia Roach (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Immigration and Xenophobic Populism
Nathaniel Boorom (Virginia Commonwealth University)
China-United States Trade War
Asma Rassem (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Richmond Salon 3: Roundtables Moderated by Professor Zoe Spencer (Virginia State University) II
COINTELPRO, Civil Rights, and the Black Power Movement
Alana Cooper
Emmanuel Hernandez
Breyawna Mason
Chrishawna Leary
Aliyah Pugh
Tevin Ringo
Tyler Stiff
T’Asia Julienne

Feminism, Intersectionality, and Black Girl Magic
Sabian Mims
Kiana Thomas
Akelia Price
Veronica Cooper-Tucker
Kiara Martinez
Diamond Cooper
Bryana Hanks
Ariana Bennett

Richmond Salon 4: Inquires into Health Care and Treatments
Chair: Amy Rector
Health Care Needs In Impoverished Villages in Guatemala
Claudia Bale (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Shamanic Treatments: Increasing the Western World’s Potential in Feasible Alternative Treatments for Opioid Addiction
Tatiana Brown (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Evaluating Access to Cancer Health Information for Central Virginia Residents
Megan Leimkuhler (University of Virginia)
3:00 p.m.
Richmond Salon 1: Social Activism In Richmond

* A panel discussion with:

Zakia McKensey, Founder/Executive Director of Nationz Foundation
Seema Sked, Founder-Fight the Muslim Ban
Dr. Zoe Spencer, Activist/Scholar
Rev. Leonina Arismendi Zarkovic, Co-Director, Santos en Virginia

Moderated by Dr. Isabelle Richman