School of World Studies
24th Annual Student Research Conference

Friday November 15, 2019
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 Cummings
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 (VCU)
Health disparities among Latinx communities: issues of access to information, interpreters, and bilingual providers
MiJin Cho; Roma Kankaria; Ajay Potluri; Anubhav Thapaliya; Sydney Welles; Shea Wenzler; Ashley Victor; Farheen Zaman

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)  

Lunch 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; Destiny Cherry; Augustine Lewis; Daniel Rodriguez; Jordan Schlight; 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; Dayonne 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?  
Tiffiana Nicholson; Raylaja Waller; Isabel Cepeda; Ja'Neese Jefferson; Javonte Brown; Felicia Tucker; Dale Fullwood  

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)  
2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.  

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; Aiyah 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; T’Asia Julienne  

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  
Moderated by Dr. Isabelle Richman  
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  

Post-Conference Gathering  
at Post-Bellum at 1323 W. Main Street at 5pm.