

Thank you to our faculty judges:

Session I

Professorial Lecturer, Korneliya Bachiyaska
Associate Professor, Adrienne LeBas

Session II

Professorial Lecturer, Bryan Arva
Executive in Residence, Sasha O'Connell

Session III

Professor, David Barker
Professorial Lecturer, Ron Elving

Session IV

Assistant Professor, Chris Edelson
Professorial Lecturer, Lara Schwartz



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14th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

Wednesday April 20th, 2022

9:30am – 12:30pm

Check in at 9:15am

Kerwin Hall 301

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

Dean of the School of Public Affairs, Vicky Wilkins

Session I: Comparative Politics 9:45-11:00am Kerwin 301

Manaswi Maddipatti, she/her
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Manuel
Rape Law Reform in India following Nirbhaya

Michael Poulin, he/him Best Of Session Winner
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Newman
An Analysis of Contemporary Polish Democratization and Backsliding

Ava Leach, she/her
Faculty Sponsor: Profs. Boyle & Werth
Memorials: Government-issued Band-aids

**Session II: Political Violence, Political Protests, and the State
9:45-11:00am Kerwin 300**

Joseph Bermudez, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Profs. Young and Zeitzoff
2020 Unrest & Arrests

Ali Siddiqi, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Bacon
Returning Back to Kashmir: Examining Lashkar-e-Taiba's Actions and Discourse after the Taliban Victory in Afghanistan

Elizabeth Wahlenmayer, she/her
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Bacon
Explaining Al-Qaeda Affiliates' Alliance Perpetuation

Skylar White, She/her Best Of Session Winner
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Young
Why Murder Rises during Crises: Conspiracies and Polarization during COVID

Session III: American Politics 11:10am-12:10pm Kerwin 301

Grace Gold, she/her Best Of Session Winner
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Zeitzoff
Eco-Direct Action: Future Dispositions and Actions

David Leshchiner, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Profs. Campbell, Swedlund, & Donnay
Influencing Aid: The use of Twitter to shape donor-recipient aid negotiations

Aidan Levinson, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Kim
Switching to the Winning Horse? Electoral Dynamics and Campaign Donations in the 2020 Democratic Primaries (virtual over zoom)

Session IV: American Politics 11:10am-12:10pm Kerwin 300

Katherine Boyko, she/her Best Of Session Winner
Faculty Sponsor: Profs. DuBois & Cowell-Myers
Targeted Assistance to Small Businesses During the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Individual Variables Affecting Small Business Performance in the Retail Industry

Truman Jury, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Foster
Did voters vote against Trump or for Biden in 2020?

Ben Parsons, he/him
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Ballard
Too Young To Understand: The Impact of Age on Social Liberalism

Kyra Thordsen, she/her
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Lieberman
American Extremism, Not Just an American Problem

Closing Remarks & Awards 12:15 -12:30pm Kerwin 301

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, Saul Newman