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## **SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

8:00 – 8:30 AM Registration/Coffee  
Student Union, First Floor

8:30 – 8:50 AM Program Commencement  
Alumni Hall

Welcome and Introduction  
Dr. John Albazi, Symposium Coordinator

Greetings  
Dr. Sharon K. Hahs, President  
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**Track 1**  
**Session A**

**Student Union (Golden Eagles Room SU 103)**

**Presiding: Cynthia Moran (Communication, Media, and Theatre)**

- 9:00 AM "HBO AND THE LOGICS OF PUBLIC TELEVISION: REFRAMING THE PRE-HISTORY OF HBO'S SIGNATURE STYLE," Shayne Pepper\* (Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre)
- 9:40 AM "INTERSECTION OF THE ARTS: GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE, LOUIS DUREY AND RAOUL DUFY IN THE CREATION OF THE SONG CYCLE *LE BESTIAIRE, OU CORTÈGE D'ORPHÉE*," Robert Heitzinger\* (Department of Music)
- 10:20 AM "CELEBRATING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF W.B. YEATS, A PERFORMANCE OF POETRY, PROSE AND SONG OF THE POET FROM THE CABARET "IN THE DEEP HEART'S CORE"," Kathy Cowan\*, voice; Steve Zivin. piano; W.B. Yeats, all text; Joseph Daniel Sobol (Department of Music)
- 11:00 AM Coffee Break
- 11:20 AM "THE ONE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR? ANALYSIS OF OBAMA'S RHETORICAL RESPONSE TO OUR NATION'S CHALLENGING "SITUATION," Wilfredo Alvarez\*, Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre
- 12:00 PM "ALL NIGHT CHECK: BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADIES TO PERFORM FOR YOU," Angela Sweigart-Gallagher\* (Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre), Victoria P. Lantz (Sam Houston State University) and Melissa C. Thompson (University of Arizona)
- 12:40 PM Lunch Break

**Track 1**  
**Session B**

**Student Union (Golden Eagles Room SU 103)**

**Presiding: Cynthia Moran (Communication, Media and Theatre)**

- 1:20 PM "PUT CHILDREN IN SCHOOL...NOT TO WORK: AN EXPLORATION OF CHILD LABOR IN SIERRA LEONE," Jeffrey J. Bulanda\* (Department of Social Work)
- 2:00 PM "EQUALITY: TEACHING HISTORY THROUGH CHILDREN'S THEATRE," Ann B Hartdegen\* (Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre)
- 2:40 PM "IN YOU WE TRUST: YOUTH REFLECTIONS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR BUILDING TEACHER-STUDENT TRUST IN NINTH GRADE," Andrew Brake\* and Juan Arango\* (Department of Social Work)

**Track 2**  
**Session A**  
**Student Union (SU 214)**  
**David Rutschman (College of Arts and Sciences)**

- 9:00 AM “PROFILING PROTEIN PHOSPHATASE ACTIVITY USING PEPTIDE ARRAYS AND MASS SPECTROMETRY,” Jing Su\*<sup>1</sup>, Chaney Kalinich<sup>2</sup>, Maria Cabezas Tapia<sup>2</sup>, Richard Seftor<sup>3</sup>, Milan Mrksich<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Chemistry, Northeastern Illinois University, <sup>2</sup>Departments of Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, and Cell and Molecular Biology, Northwestern University, <sup>3</sup>Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University
- 9:40 AM “USING WORMS TO UNDERSTAND HUMAN NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES,” Cindy Voisine\*, Zelene Figueroa, Kirsten Knapton, Da In Lee, Jason Garcia and Joseph Marsili (Department of Biology)
- 10:20 AM “THE ROLE OF THE RECQ PROTEINS, BLM AND WRNEXO, IN DNA REPAIR, AGING, AND TUMORIGENESIS,” Elyse Bolterstein\*<sup>1,2</sup>, Angel Aguilar<sup>1</sup>, Janet Garcia<sup>1</sup>, Imad Rebiai<sup>1</sup>, Barbara Rokita<sup>1</sup>, Rob Salomon<sup>3</sup>, and Mitch McVey<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Northeastern Illinois University, <sup>2</sup>Department of Biology, Tufts University, <sup>3</sup>Tufts University, School of Medicine
- 11:00 AM Coffee Break
- 11:20 AM “H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA ENTRY: UNCOVERING SIALIC ACID’S POTENTIAL COFACTOR”, Brenna Dooley<sup>1</sup>, Rifka Joly<sup>2</sup>, Isabelle Szot<sup>1</sup> and Emily Rumschlag Booms\*<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, <sup>2</sup>Department of Chemistry
- 12:00 PM “THE CIRCADIAN MODULATION OF PHYSIOLOGY IN THE PRAYING MANTIS: A NOVEL INSECT MODEL SYSTEM,” Aaron E. Schirmer\*<sup>1</sup>, Frederick R. Prete<sup>1</sup>, Bart van Alphen<sup>2</sup>, Edgar S. Mantes<sup>1</sup>, Wil Bogue<sup>1</sup>, Andrew F. Urdiales<sup>1</sup>, Salim A. Patel<sup>1</sup>, Christina Carrion<sup>1</sup>, Greg Prete<sup>1</sup>, and Veronica M. Skital<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Northeastern Illinois University, <sup>2</sup>Department of Neurobiology and Physiology, Northwestern University
- 12:40 PM Lunch Break

**Track 2**  
**Session B**  
**Student Union (SU 214)**  
**Presiding: David Rutschman (College of Arts and Sciences)**

- 1:20 PM “EXTINCTION BY HYBRIDIZATION? A PROBABLE FATE FOR A NATIVE CATTAIL SPECIES,” Pamela Geddes\* (Department of Biology)
- 2:00 PM “GETTING THINGS DONE WITH IQTELL, A CROSS-PLATFORM ORGANIZATION TOOL,” Erick Howenstine\* (Department of Geography &

Environmental Studies)

**Track 3  
Session A  
Student Union (SU 215)**

**Presiding: Rasoul Razvanian (Accounting, Business Law, and Finance)**

- 9:00 AM “MACROECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INTEGRATION IN ASIA: A SNEAK PEEK INTO THE CHINESE AND INDIAN EXPERIENCE,” Hardik A. Marfatia\* (Department of Economics)
- 9:40 AM “COMMON CYCLES AND BALTIC-NORDIC ECONOMIC INTEGRATION,” Scott W. Hegerty\* (Department of Economics)
- 10:20 AM “NEO-LIBERALIZING TRAINS – EVIDENCE FROM REFORMING POLISH RAILROADS PRESENTED IN A MORE GENERAL CONTEXT,” Marcin Król\* (Warsaw School of Economics)
- 11:00 AM Coffee Break
- 11:20 AM “DO FIRMS USE NOMINAL SHARE PRICE TO MITIGATE INVESTOR SHORT-TERMISM?,” Huong Le\* (College of Business and Management), Ji-Chai Lin (School of Accounting and Finance, Hong Kong Polytechnic University), G. Mujtaba Mian (College of Business, Zayed University, Dubai).
- 12:00 PM “MATHEMATICS OF RECONCILIATION FOR ASSESSMENT, PREDICTION, AND CONTROL,” Hong Chen\* (Department of Accounting, Business Law & Finance).
- 12:40 PM Lunch Break

**Track 3  
Session B  
Student Union (SU 215)**

**Presiding: Kim Sanborn (Nontraditional Degree Programs)**

- 1:20 PM “THE BUSINESS OF DOING BUSINESS,” Stephen Grove\* (Department of Management and Marketing)
- 2:00 PM “IF YOU WANT STUDENTS TO LEARN SCIENCE AND MATH, TEACH THEM LIKE YOU TEACH SPORTS...LESSONS LEARNED BY A SPECIAL ED., HIGH SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY TEACHER (based on my recent TEDx talk),” Fredrick R. Prete\* (Department of Biology)
- 2:40 PM “GESTURE AND SPATIAL REASONING ACROSS DOMAINS: EXPLORING GESTURES AS A WAY TO TAP SPATIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF ABSTRACT CONCEPTS,\* R. Breckinridge Church (Department of Psychology)
- 3:20 PM “ABILITY TO SMELL ANDROSTADIENONE IS ASSOCIATED WITH SOCIAL

AND SEXUAL BEHAVIORS, AND ATTENTION TO EMOTIONS IN OLDER ADULTS,” David W. Kern<sup>1\*</sup>, Kristen E. Wroblewski<sup>2</sup>, L. Philip Schumm<sup>2</sup>, Jayant M. Pinto<sup>3</sup>, and Martha K. McClintock<sup>4</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Department of Psychology, Northeastern Illinois University, <sup>2</sup>Department of Public Health Sciences, The University of Chicago, <sup>3</sup>Section of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Surgery, The University of Chicago, <sup>4</sup>Institute for Mind and Biology and Department of Comparative Human Development, The University of Chicago, Corresponding Author: David W. Kern, Department of Psychology

**Track 4**  
**Session A**  
**Student Union (SU 216)**  
**Presiding: Isaura Polido (College of Education)**

- 9:00 AM “TEACHING RESEARCH METHODS UNDER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES: UNDER THE VEIL OF A SAUDI UNDERGRADUATE FEMALE,” Ana Gil Garcia\*, (Department of Educational Leadership and Development)
- 9:40 AM “AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT: CREATING TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY AMONGST YOUTH EXPERIENCING INSTABILITY,” Ann M. Aviles de Bradley\* (Department of Educational Inquiry and Curriculum Studies) and Nicole Grigalunas\* (Department of Child Advocacy Studies)
- 10:20 AM “TEEN HEALTH CARE BROKERING: PREVALENCE, IMPACT, AND DESIRED SUPPORT,” Jennifer R. Banas\* (Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics), James Ball (Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics) and Lisa Wallis, Associate Professor (Ronald Williams Library)
- 11:00 AM Coffee Break
- 11:20 AM “DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION AS AN EQUITY AGENT FOR STUDENTS: A CASE STUDY OF THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF AN ENGLISH-SPANISH DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM,” Ngoc- Diep T Nguyen\* (Department of Teacher Education)
- 12:00 “TRAJECTORY OF CHANGE: QUANTIFYING 40 YEARS OF CHANGES IN SELECTED QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS,” Charles Pistorio\* and Susan Schwendener\* (Department of Counselor Education)
- 12:40 Lunch Break

**Track 4**  
**Session B**  
**Student Union (SU 216)**  
**Presiding: Shahrzad Mahootian (Linguistics)**

- 1:20 PM “STEPPING ACROSS THE HALLWAYS: A PARTNERSHIP IN CAREER

EXPLORATION AND ACADEMIC WRITING IN AN ENGLISH 101 COURSE,” Elaine Blair\* (Career Development Center), Marcia Buell\* (Department of English) and Timothy McMahon\* (Career Development Center)

2:00 PM “WHERE YOU PAUSE MATTERS: PERCEPTION OF SECOND LANGUAGE FLUENCY AND PAUSE LOCATION,” Jimin Kahng\* (Department of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

2:40 PM “MAKING PROGRESS WITH CROW,” Lewis Gebhardt\* (Department of Linguistics)

### **Track 5**

#### **Student Union (SU 217)**

**Presiding: Theophilus Okosun (Justice Studies)**

9:00 AM “IS HISTORY POSSIBLE? A Disciplinary Specific Prolegomenon to an Agnostic Epistemology,” Gregory Holmes Singleton\* (Professor of History, Emeritus)

9:40 AM “NATION OF DESCENDANTS: GENEALOGY AND THE SELF IN AMERICA,” Francesca Morgan\* (Department of History)

10:20 AM “WHY WE CHOP THE MEAT: READING POPULAR TELEVISION REPRESENTATIONS OF WORK AND INTIMACY IN *CHOPPED* and *DEXTER*,” Tim Libretti\* (Department of English)

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:20 AM “THE WHITE ATLANTIC: JAMAICA KINCAID, NEOCOLONIAL LANDSCAPES, AND THE POLITICS OF AESTHETICS,” Ryan Poll\* (Department of English)

12:00 PM “THE FALLACIES OF GENETIC ALTRUISM,” Charles Nissim-Sabat\* (Professor of Physics, Emeritus)

12:40 PM Lunch Break

### **Track 6**

#### **Student Union (SU 218)**

**Presiding: Lidia Filus (Mathematics)**

9:00 AM “HOW TO SOLVE A HOMOGENEOUS LINEAR SYSTEM  $Ax = 0$ ,” Zhonggang (Zeke) Zeng\* (Department of Mathematics)

9:40 AM “DRAG ASSISTED SIMULATED ANNEALING,” Paulo H. Acioli\* (Department of Physics and Astronomy)

10:20 AM “PEER ENHANCED EXPERIENTIAL RESEARCH IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS,” Paulo Acioli<sup>1</sup>, Sudha Srinivas<sup>1</sup>, Elisabet Head<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Hibdon<sup>2</sup>, Lidia Filus<sup>2</sup>, Rachel Trana<sup>3</sup>, Marcelo Sztainberg<sup>3</sup>, and Kenneth Nicholson<sup>\*4</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Departments of Earth Science and Physics, <sup>2</sup>Department

of Mathematics, <sup>3</sup>Department of Computer Science, <sup>4</sup>Department of Chemistry

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:20 AM “UNDERSTANDING SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED CONCPETS USING BLOGS DATA,” Alastair Gill (King’s College, London) and Francisco Iacobelli\* (Department of Computer Science)

12:00 PM “MY GOLF ADVISOR (PATENT PENDING): WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS AN ELECTRONIC PERFORMANCE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE NOVICE GOLFER,” Shirley J. Caruso\* (Department of Human Resource Development)

12:40 PM Lunch Break



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