REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE HONORS  
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Committee on Undergraduate Honors

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Frank Heiland   SPA
Second elected member from
SPA is on leave this year

At its meeting of December 15, 2011, the Committee on Undergraduate Honors approved two theses. Students will graduate with honors in the discipline in which their thesis was written.

Stefan Barone
Prof. Valerie Schawaroch, Mentor
Honors in Biology
More Taxa or More Characters – Which data set is better?

Nathan Dvorkin
Prof. Edyta Greer, Mentor
Honors in Biology
Synthesis and Computational Analysis of the Novel 3-methyl-2-4-dephenyl-eH-1 benzazepine and Related Derivatives

Six students are currently enrolled in Thesis II [XXX 6002H]. The Committee expects to review their theses at its May 2012 meeting.

Yvonne Davenport-Perkins, Prof. A. Deutermann Mentor
ENG 6002H
The Flawed Female – Exploring the Interpretation of the Powerful Woman in Popular Literature
Sherese Francis, Prof. Elizabeth Wollman, Mentor
MSC 6002H
African Vibrations: Social Politics of Percussive Elements of Funk and Hip-Hop

Andrew Leno, Prof. Mindy Engle-Friedman, Mentor
PSY 6002H
Matching the Needs of Adolescent Patients with Aftercare Services Using the Biopsychosocial Model

Ladyane Lima, Prof. Stephanie Golob, Mentor
POL 6002H
Brazilian Foreign Policy under Lula: Assessing the Advance of the Autonomy Agenda

Christopher Lopez, Prof. Paula Berggren, Mentor
ENG 6002H
Medicine and Disease as Metaphors in the Plays of Shakespeare

Rivca SaNogueira, Prof. Christina Christoforatou, Mentor
ENG 6002H
Sins of the Flesh in Malory’s Bodiless Universe

Six students are currently enrolled in Thesis I [XXX 6001H]

Adham Alifarag, Prof. Edward Tucker, Mentor
BIO 6001H
Isolation and Analysis of Ceratopteris richardii Antheridiogen C

Kevin Cedeno, Prof. Sandeep Sreekumar, Mentor
PHI 6001H
Neurotheology and its Symbolic Interpretations

Renelle Lawrence, Prof. Jaihyun Park, Mentor
PSY 6001H
Influence of Culture on Face Recognition

Yamel Mendoza, Prof. Kannan Mohan, Mentor
CIS 6001H
Factors Affecting Implementation of Green IT Initiatives

James Meyers, Prof. Thomas Halper, Mentor
Abridging Privileges: Gay Marriage and the Absence of a Rational Basis for Denying Equal Protection of the Laws
POL 6001H

Ksenia Pavlenko, Prof. Sean Weiss, Mentor
Art 6001H
Mikhail Vrubel: Social and Artistic Ambiguities at the Close of 19th C Russia

In Fall 2011, the Committee revised its guidelines for thesis writers. A copy of those guidelines, as well as the thesis application, is attached to this document.

The Committee has been collaborating with the Writing Center [Keri Bertino and Heather Samples] and the Newman Library [Stephen Francoeur] to provide support for thesis writers. There are ongoing workshops for students whose work is in progress. On February 28, there will be a workshop for prospective thesis writers as well.

On May 8, the Committee will sponsor a poster session for students who have completed their theses this year. This will enable thesis writers to share the “fruits” of their labor with the college community.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Locke
Chair
Committee on Undergraduate Honors