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Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium

May 2-4, Colby College, Waterville, Maine

Research Presentations

Wednesday, May 2nd

SESSION II:
General Session
2:00-5:00

Smith Room
Session Chair: David Firmage

- 2:00 pm **Canaan Morse** ('07)
The Stewardess': Chinese Author Wang Shuo in Translation
- 2:30 pm **Christopher Zajchowski** ('07)
The Dialectics of Diaspora Space: Themes of Belonging and Identity in 'Diasporic' Indian Literature
- 3:00 pm **Suzanne Merkelson** ('09), **Sameera Anwar** ('10), **Joel Biron** ('07), **Ratul Bhattacharyya** ('09) and **Christopher Zajchowski** ('07)
The Contact Zone: Teaching and Learning in Rural India
- 3:15 pm **Isaac Opper** ('10)
The Conflict between Montana and Wyoming over Coal Bed Methane Production in the Powder River Basin
- 3:30 pm **Mariah Hudnut** ('07)
Meaningful Participation: the benefits of climate change policy to Brazil and prospects for the developing world
- 4:00 pm **Brian Fulmer** ('07)
Political Biology: Peter Kropotkin and the Darwinian Revolution
- 4:15 pm **Jennifer Mizen** ('08)
Elephant-Bat Interactions: Commensalism at Work?
- 4:45 pm **Christine Avena** ('08), **Sam Graulty** (U. of Vermont, '08)
A Comparison of Avian Diversity in Pine Plantations and Cloud Forests of the Mazar Reserve, Southern Ecuador

Thursday, May 3rd

SESSION III:
Senior Scholars
10:00-12:00 AM

Hurd Room
Session Chair: Howard Lupovitch

- 10:00 am **Thomas Reznick** ('07), Science, Technology, and Society
From the Fair to the Laboratory: Agricultural Science and Education in Aroostook, Maine.
- 10:30 am **Catherine Downing** ('07), English
Interlocking Oppressions of Sisterhood: (Re) Presenting the Black Woman in Nineteenth Century Blackface Minstrelsy

SESSION IV: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Environmental Studies
12:00-2:30 PM

Hurd Room
Session Chair: Tom Tietenberg

- 1:00 pm** **Kaitlin Himmelmann** ('07), Environmental Studies
Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Colby's Purchasing Practices
- 1:30 pm** **Renzo Mendoza Castro** ('07), Environmental Studies
Negotiating the Next Climate Treaty

**SESSION V:
General Session**

**Smith Room
Session Chair: Julie Millard**

1:00-3:00 PM

- 1:30 pm** **Yu-Hwei Chou** ('07) and **Ian Cross** ('07), Physics and Astronomy
High Magnetic Field Spectroscopy of Vibrational and Electronic Transitions in NTNb and Other Integer Spin Compounds.
- 2:00 pm** **Roy Wilson** ('07), Physics and Astronomy
Temperature Control in Ultra Cold Plasmas
- 2:30 pm** **Julian Jacobson** ('10), Mathematics
The Physics of Perception in Tilt-Translation Models

**SESSION VI: BIOLOGY
BI320: Evolutionary Analysis**

**Arey 205
Session Chair: Judy Stone**

1:00-3:00 PM

- Sarah Clark** ('08)
Genetic markers reveal excess homozygosity in two closely-related orchid species
- Dan Dewey-Mattia** ('08)
Genetic variation in *Isotria medeoloides* as assessed by Simple Sequence Repeats
- Heather Nickerson** ('09)
Lack of genetic variation in *Isotria verticillata* as assessed by Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism markers
- Kristine Robin** ('08)
A comparison of geographic and genetic distances among populations of the rare orchid, *Isotria medeoloides*
- Talia Savic** ('09)
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**SESSION VII: GOVERNMENT
Scouting for Grassroots Knowledge: A Global Network**

**Whitney Room
Session Chair: Ariel Armony**

1:00-2:00 PM

- 1:00 pm** **Class members**, Government
Class presentation

**SESSION VIII: BIOLOGY
BI392: The Cell Cycle and Cancer Symposium on Cancer**

**Olin 234
Session Chair: Paul Greenwood**

1:00-3:30 pm

- Sarah Faasse** ('07)
Pediatric soft tissue sarcomas: causes, clinical manifestations, and treatments
- Beth Hirschhorn** ('07)
Skin cancer
- Julie Hike** ('07)
The diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, and challenges of pancreatic cancer
- Katie Lillehei** ('07)

Molecular markers in the classification of gliomas and their implications for treatment

Andrew Herstein ('07)

Chronic myelogenous leukemia: a success story in targeted cancer therapies

Kate Dzedzic ('07)

Downs syndrome and leukemia

David Amadu ('07)

B-lymphocytes gone wild: cell biology, clinical manifestations and treatment of Hodgkin's disease

SESSION IX: HISTORY

WGSS Senior Seminar Presentations

Hurd Room

Session Chair: Lisa Arellano

2:00-4:00 PM

2:00 pm **Allison Cole** ('07), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Chick Lit: Contemporary Popular Fiction & Consumerism

2:15 pm **Rebecca Flint** ('07), Women, Gender, Sexuality

The Body as a Medium: Iris Marion Young and Caroline Knap on Women's Body Experience in the United States Today

2:30 pm **Phoebe Larkin** ('08), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Experiencing Trauma: A Personal Account and Analytical Study of How People Experience and Manage the Effects of Trauma

2:45 pm **Adriana Nordin Manan** ('07), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Purchase and Set Her Free: Fair Trade as a Vehicle for Women's Empowerment

3:00 pm **Katherine Price** ('07), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Why is Feminism a Bad Word?

3:15 pm **Amanda Vickerson** ('07), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Marriage as Represented Through the Lens of Reality Television

3:45 pm **Carolyn Curtis** ('08), Women, Gender, Sexuality

Non-Participatory Poverty

SESSION X:

General Session

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Citizenship and Boundary Setting in Multiethnic States: The Case of Refugees in Malaysia and Ecuador

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Photojournalistic Manipulations of Reality: A Globalized Foucauldian Analysis

3:30 pm **Christopher Appel** ('08), Government

ETA and Basque Nationalism: Prospects for Peace

4:00 pm **James Cryan** ('07), Government

Sustainable Development in Practice: The Handicraft Sector of Carapeguá Paraguay.

4:15 pm **Daniela Andreevska** ('09), International Studies

The Role of Agriculture in Carapegua, Paraguay as a Factor for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

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The Struggle of Urban Refugees in Yaoundé

4:45 pm **Nancy McDermott** ('08), International Studies

Theory versus Reality of Agricultural Development: A Study of GICs and Aid Organizations in Ngoundéré, Cameroon

5:15 pm **Adam Robbins** ('07), Anthropology

World Bank -- CPA Conflict: The Struggle to Define Human Rights and Development in the Philippines

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International Studies

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- 3:00 pm** Ivica Petrikova ('07), International Studies
TOO MANY BAD COOKS SPOILING THE BROTH? Analysis of the Effectiveness of NGO Work in Solving the Problem of Child Labor (field research conducted in El Salvador)
- 3:30 pm** Katelyn Trionfetti ('07), International Studies
The Criminalization of Sexual Violence and Wartime Rape Under International Humanitarian Law

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History Honors I

Session Chair: Raffael Scheck

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- 4:00 pm** Suzanne Swartz ('07)
Obstacles and Stepping Stones to the Hero's Pedestal: Reunified Germany's Selective Commemoration of Resisters to National Socialism
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First Response: America's Reaction to the Armenian Massacres, 1894-1896
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Museo de la Memoria: An Exploration through Memory of ESMA
- 5:15 pm** Samantha Lawson ('07)
The Legal History of Domestic Violence in New England

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