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SENIOR THESIS SYMPOSIUM

2024

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

1:00 PM – 5:30 PM (PST) | Golden Eagle Ballroom

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Senior Thesis Symposium 2024!

The Honors College at Cal State LA offers a small college experience within the setting of a major public university in a large urban center. We serve a wide range of students, recognizing that honors students, like the community, have diverse life experiences and trajectories that qualify them for intensive coursework, intellectual community, and leadership. Dedicated faculty and interdisciplinary courses foster the intellectual curiosity of all students.

Today, we welcome you to celebrate that curiosity, as well as the knowledge creation, leadership, and civic engagement of our graduating seniors. You will meet students who entered through many pathways, ranging from traditional students who have joined us soon after they completed high school, to our Early Entrance Program students who came to college right from middle school, to those who have come to us from other life experiences, including transfer from other institutions, caring for children or other family members, or career transitions.

We invite you to talk with these students about their work and experiences, and to enjoy getting to know them as much as we in the Honors College have over the past several years.

This event is structured in two parts.

The first half mimics a professional conference. This format includes parallel sessions in which you choose which you wish to attend, as well as a small poster session. In the sessions, plan to listen, and then ask questions when invited. For the posters, take a look at the student work and inquire about their methods and conclusions.

The second half of our afternoon together is our celebration, the Medallion Ceremony, in which we recognize the students and their mentors. We have a few surprises planned as well! So, grab a cup of coffee and a snack, then sit back, enjoy, and celebrate. A reception with some light snacks will follow our Ceremony.

Thanks for joining us!



Kathy J. Cooke Ph.D.
Director, Honors College



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretakers of Tovaangar – the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles basin, South Channel Islands, San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and their relatives relations, past, present, and emerging.

Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university's relationship to native peoples. By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian peoples.

PROGRAM

1:00 – 1:10 PM: Welcome

Dr. Kathy J. Cooke, *Director of Honors College*

Golden Eagle Ballroom Patio

1:15 – 2:00 PM: Session 1

Panel 1: College of Health and Human Services, College of Business and Economics, & College of Education

University Student Union, 3rd Floor - San Gabriel Room

Moderated By: Sonia Cruz-Magaña

1. Christine Figueroa (Presentation)
2. Vanessa Garcia Gusman (Slide with Questions)
3. Sabrina Andal (Slide)
4. Israel Gutierrez (Slide)
5. Olivia Interiano (Slide)
6. Elaine Lopez (Slide)
7. Joanna Lopez (Slide)
8. Ilya Monroe (Slide)
9. Erika Morales (Slide)
10. Michael Perez (Slide)
11. Jessica Gonzalez-Aldana (Slide)
12. Quan Pham (Slide)
13. Brisa Rodriguez (Slide)



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Session 1 (Continued)

14. Indigo Luevand (Slide)
15. Linlin Huang (Slide)
16. Andrew Klein (Slide)
17. Emmanuel Seddoh (Slide)
18. Kimberly Travieso (Slide)
19. Chelsea Li (Slide)

Panel 2: College of Arts and Letters

University Student Union, 3rd Floor - Los Angeles Room

Moderated By: Marylu Castillo

1. Barbara Julieta Silva (Presentation)
2. Ede Vuong (Presentation)
3. Salvador Jara Guzman (Slide With Questions)
4. Samantha Tapia (Slide With Questions)
5. Sergei Zyrianov (Slide With Questions)
6. Sasha Gobrogge (Slide)
7. Enrique V. Gomez III (Slide)
8. Skye Connors (Slide)

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2:10 – 2:40 PM: Session 2

Panel 3: College of Natural and Social Science & College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology

University Student Union, 3rd Floor - San Gabriel Room

Moderated By: Sonia Cruz-Magaña

1. Stellina Xingxing Ao (Presentation)
2. Bryan Soto (Slide)
3. Xol A. Vargas (Slide)
4. Sarina Velsa (Slide)
5. Ilsa Weeks (Slide)
6. Alyssa Young (Slide)
7. Shane Mackey Cathcart (Slide)
8. Ricardo Rosales (Slide)
9. Rayana Ramirez (Slide)
10. Jonathan Reynosa (Slide)
11. Teresa Rosas (Slide)
12. Isabella Sanchez (Slide)
13. Kamille Branscomb (Slide)





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Session 2 (Continued)

Panel 4: College of Natural and Social Science
University Student Union, 3rd Floor - Los Angeles *Room*

Moderated By: Marylu Castillo

1. Michael Zitser (Presentation)
2. Taryn Bates (Slide With Questions)
3. Giselle Padilla (Slide)
4. Alex Nikolian (Slide)

2:45 – 3:05 PM: Poster Session

Golden Eagle Ballroom 2

1. Jason Chen *(Natural and Social Science)*
2. Michael Young *(Natural and Social Science)*
3. Olivia Spanish *(Natural and Social Science)*
4. Samuel Groysman *(Natural and Social Science)*

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3:15 - 4:45 PM: Medallion Ceremony (Reception Immediately Following)

Golden Eagle Ballroom

Opening Remarks

Dr. Kathy Cooke
Director of Honors College

Dr. Jeannette Vaught
Professor, Honors College
Department of Liberal Studies

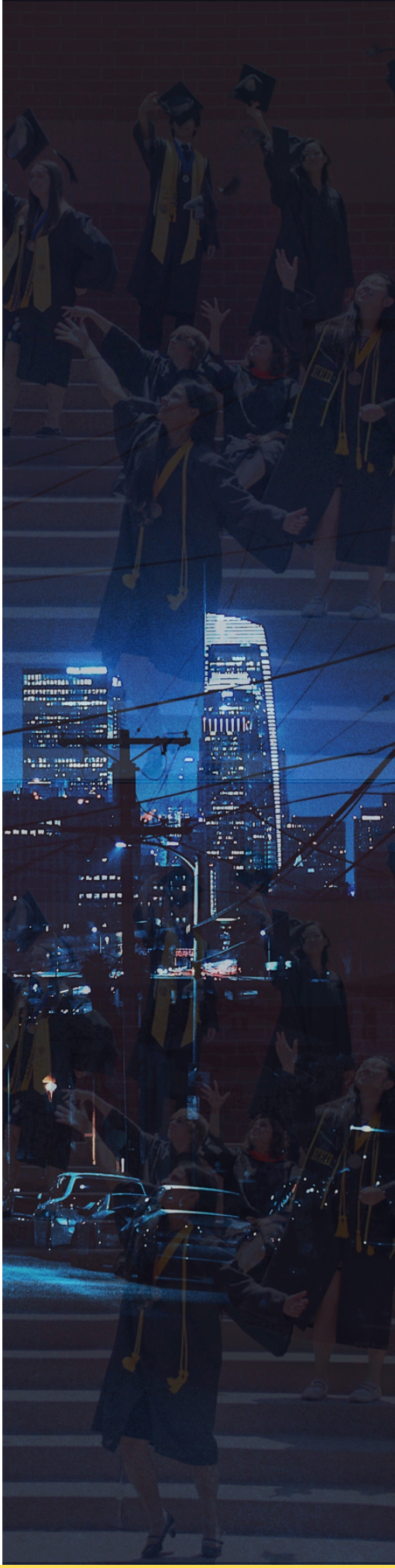
Professor Emily Baird
Professor, Honors College
Department of English

Presentation of the Medallions

Thank you to Mentors & Families

Reception

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served



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MEDALLION PRESENTATION BY COLLEGE IN FOLLOWING ORDER

College of Health and Human Services

Sabrina Therese Andal
Vanesa Rosio Garcia Gusman
Jessica Eunice Gonzalez-Aldana
Israel Gutierrez
Olivia Rose Interiano
Chelsea Nga-See Li
Elaine Lopez
Joanna Lopez
Ilya Tabitha Monroe
Erika Alyssa Morales
Michael Perez
Quan M Pham
Brisa Rodriguez
Sarabu Vedagna (Fall 2023)

College of Business and Economics

Indigo Luevand
Linlin Huang
Andrew Dominic Klein
Emmanuel Joal Seddoh
Kimberly Travieso

College of Natural and Social Science

Taryn Michele Bates
Kamille D Branscomb
Jason Chen
Alexis Covarrubias
Samuel M Groysman
Alex Nikolian
Giselle Padilla
Rayana Kristine Ramirez
Jonathan Daniel Reynosa
Teresa Eva Rosas
Isabella A Sanchez
Bryan Antonio Soto
Olivia Rose Spanish
Xol A. Vargas
Sarina Jade Velsa
Ilsa Victoria Weeks
Alyssa Nailah Young
Michael Partida Young
Michael Samuel Zitser

College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology

Stellina Xingxing Ao
Shane Mackey Cathcart
Ricardo Emanuel Rosales



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College of Education

Christine Leticia Figueroa

College of Arts and Letters

Sasha Gobrogge
Skye Hartfield Connors
Enrique V. Gomez III
Salvador Maximiliano Jara Guzman
Max-Rose Ko (Fall 2023)
Barbara Julieta Silva
Samantha Tapia
Ede Vuong
Sergei Zyrianov

THANK YOU

Thesis Advisors & Mentors

Aaron Zaima - Social Work

Akhila Ananth - Criminal Justice

Anna Hovhannisyan - Economics

Beth Hoffman - Public Health

Carla Hassett - Music

Cezhan Ambrose - Finance

Corinne Bower - Psychology

Daisy Elizabeth Gosset-Swann - Psychology

Daniel Spitz - Television, Film and Media

Dawn A. Dennis - History

Deborah Won - Electrical & Computer Engineering

Evelyn N. Alvarez - Public Health

Ezekiel Joubert - Education

Heidi Riggio - Psychology

Howard Lum - Civil Engineering

Jamil Momand - Biochemistry

Jared Abbott - Political Science

Jessica DeShazo - Political Science

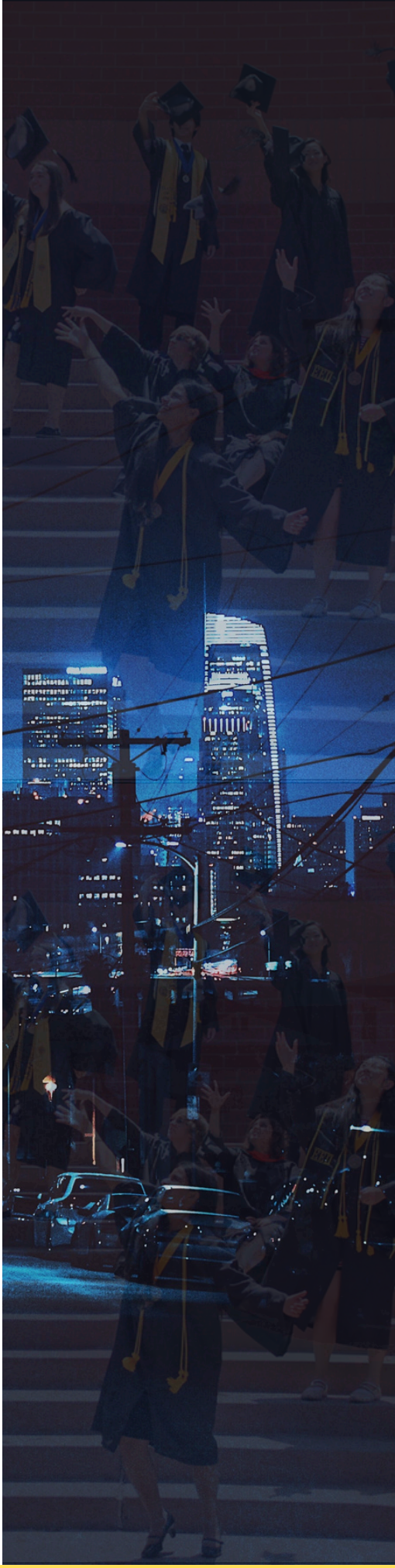
Jiansheng Song - Civil Engineering

Joao Pedro Mourão - Music

Joseph Gallegos - Television, Film and Media

Joseph Kastely - Nursing

Karen Wu - Psychology



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THANK YOU

Thesis Advisors & Mentors

Katie Dingeman - Sociology

Marcia Harris-Luna - Nursing

Mark Balaguer - Philosophy

Matthias Selke - Chemistry and Biochemistry

Michael Clarke - TV, Film and Media

Miguel Acedo - TV, Film and Media

Mohamed Hassan Awad - Management

Nicole Horejsi - English

Patrick Sharp - Liberal Studies

Petr Vozka - Chemistry and Biochemistry

Raul E Diaz, Jr - Biological Sciences

Robert Weide - Sociology

Ronda Harden - School of Nursing

Shari M Sakamoto - Social Work

Shikha Upadhyaya - Marketing

Susan Cohen - Biological Sciences

Susan Terebey - Physics

Theodoric Manley - Sociology

Veronica Obregon - Social Work

Natalie Williams Awodeha - Education

Yafen Lo - Child and Family Studies

Yalan Feng - Finance

Yixian Wang - Chemistry

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Lastly, we extend heartfelt gratitude to the families of our Honors College community for their ongoing support of their family members and our students in pursuit of academic excellence.

Congratulations to our student community for your outstanding accomplishments!