

**Marymount
Manhattan College**

presents

**Fortieth Annual
Honors Day Colloquium**



March 14, 2017

9:00–10:00 COFFEE, TEA, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
The Commons, 3rd Floor, Carson Hall

9:15–9:45 INDUCTIONS

Alpha Chi

Regina Peruggi Room

Professor Yu-Yin Cheng, Advisor

Omicron Delta Kappa

Multi-Faith Center

Carly Schneider, Advisor

10:00–10:50 WELCOME, HONORS DAY AWARDS, DEAN'S
AWARD STUDENT PRESENTATION

Theresa Lang Theatre

Welcome

Dr. Kerry Walk, President

Remarks

Professor Eileen Doherty, Winner of 2017 Teaching
Excellence Award

Writing Program Award

Honoree: Paige Cowen

Presented by Professor Tahneer Oksman, Director of the
Academic Writing Program

Student/Faculty Collaboration Award

Honoree: Rosie Wenrich

Presented by Professor Jill Stevenson, Faculty Council
President

Alpha Chi Award

Honoree: Summer Thorpe

Presented by Professor Yu-Yin Cheng, Alpha Chi Advisor

Alumni Association Award

Honoree: Alec Lafavore

Presented by Marilyn Wilkie, Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

Dean's Award for Excellence, Honorable Mention

Honoree: Jacqueline Noël Manuel

Presented by Dr. Peter Naccarato, Interim Associate Dean
for Academic Affairs

Dean's Award for Excellence

Honoree: Emily Inman

Presented by Dr. Kathleen LeBesco, Interim Vice
President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Emily Inman

*Silence in the Divine Comedy: Dante and Virgil's Structuring of
Inferno and Purgatorio as a Response to Poetic Abyss*

Sponsored by Professors Jennifer Brown and Michael
Colvin, English and World Literatures

11:00–11:30

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Carson Hall 503

Adriana Cristal

Sacred Utensils

Sponsored by Professor Beth Shipley, Art

Carson Hall 504

Bear Spiegel

Are You Woman Enough to Survive?

Sponsored by Professor Jennifer Brown, English and
World Literatures

Carson Hall 505

Nicoline Bergsma

*The Influence of Context and Responsibility on Moral Decision
Making*

Sponsored by Professor Linda Solomon, Psychology

Carson Hall 509

Karla Castro

*Ecuador's Crisis: El Pasado, Lo Presente, y El Futuro (The Past,
The Present, and Future of Ecuador's Economy)*

Sponsored by Professor Michael Salmon, Business

Carson Hall 510

Paige Cowen

Simple Decisions: The Damaging Environmental Effects of a Meat-Based Diet

Sponsored by Professor Magdalena Maczynska, Academic Writing

Nugent Hall 553

Daniela Tijerina

The Boys' Club: A Critical Study of Rolling Stone Magazine and Gender

Sponsored by Professor Peter Schaefer, Communication and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 557

Keely Fickau

The Voices at Marymount Manhattan College: Rape Culture is Alive (Video Screening)

Sponsored by Professor Margaret Hames, Communication and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 561

Alec Lafavore

Enemies from Within: The Rise of American Demagogues

Sponsored by Professor Lauren Brown, History and International Studies

J. William Bordeau Box Theatre, Lower Level, Carson Hall

Joshua Miccio and Leah Schwartz

Tango Amor

Sponsored by Professor Haila Strauss, Theater Arts

11:40–12:10

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Carson Hall 503

Lorena Jaramillo Lloret

Women in War: Remembering Gerda Taro

Sponsored by Professor Tahneer Oksman, Academic Writing

Carson Hall 504

Rosie Wenrich

Organic and Inorganic Composition of Different Phytoplankton Species by FT-IR Analysis

Sponsored by Professor Alessandra Leri, Chemistry

Carson Hall 505

Caitlin Moroney

Surf and Ocean Therapy as a Creative and Expressive Model for Mental Health

Sponsored by Professors Linda Solomon and Richard Tietze, Psychology

Carson Hall 509

Cody Gambino

Cold War Queers: How Cold War Politics Influenced Themes in World Literature

Sponsored by Professor Michael Colvin, English and World Literatures

Carson Hall 510

Hannah Defranzo

“History Has Its Eyes on You”: Analyzing the American Dream
in the Context of *Hamilton the Musical*

Sponsored by Professor Magdalena Maczynska, Academic
Writing

Nugent Hall 553

Summer Thorpe

The Rise of the Celebrity Ballerina: Misty Copeland

Sponsored by Professor Peter Schaefer, Communication
and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 557

Al Firstenberg

Unaccompanied Minor (Video Screening)

Sponsored by Professor Daniel Hunt, Communication and
Media Arts

Nugent Hall 561

Jacqueline Noël Manuel

*La República Invertebrada: The Difficulties of Political Economy
and Democratization in the First Spanish Republic*

Sponsored by Professor Lauren Brown, History and
International Politics

J. William Bordeau Box Theatre, Lower Level, Carson Hall

Gabrielle Rechler

Ibsen's Feminism

Sponsored by Professor David Mold, Theater Arts

12:00–1:30

LUNCH FOR PRESENTERS AND SPONSORS

The Commons, 3rd Floor, Carson Hall

12:20–12:50

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Carson Hall 503

Kathryn Fuller

Andrew Jackson's Legacy in Law, Government, and Politics

Sponsored by Professor Kenton Worcester, Political Science

Carson Hall 504

Kiersten Foster

Lesbian Aesthetics in Contemporary Dance: Pop-Action, Ballet, and Lava

Sponsored by Professor Catherine Cabeen, Dance

Carson Hall 505

Lauren Brumfield

The Glowing Eye

Sponsored by Professor Julie Buntin, Creative Writing

Carson Hall 509

Merial Wiles-Haffner

Virtue for Sale: The Sexual Economy of England's Commercial Culture in Moll Flanders and The Rover

Sponsored by Professor Cecilia Feilla, English and World Literatures

Carson Hall 510

Bethany Gardner

The Nonexistence of the American Dream

Sponsored by Professor Magdalena Maczynska, Academic Writing

Nugent Hall 553

Sara Frazier

For the Colorblind Only: A Critical Study of Black Representation on Television

Sponsored by Professor Peter Schaefer, Communication and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 557

Alisha Bunting

The First Break (New Media Presentation)

Sponsored by Professor Sarah Nelson Wright, Communication and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 561

Deanna Viletto

*Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Associated Symptomatology in
Children Exposed to Domestic Violence*

Sponsored by Professor Cheryl Paradis, Psychology

J. William Bordeau Box Theatre, Lower Level, Carson Hall

Andrew Mikhaiel

MMC Dance Company Outreach Program

Sponsored by Professor Katie Langan, Dance

1:30–2:15

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS

Pi Sigma Alpha

Multi-Faith Center, Carson Hall 412

Professor Jennifer Mueller, Advisor

Lambda Pi Eta

Great Hall East

Professor Jenny Dixon, Advisor

Sigma Beta Delta

Regina Peruggi Room

Professor Andrea Tsentides, Advisor

Sigma Tau Delta

Multi-Purpose Room, Faculty Center

Professor Cecilia Feilla, Advisor

Chi Omega Lambda

Main 612

Professor Ann Aguanno, Biology

The annual Pi Day celebration and reading will follow the Chi Omega Lambda induction in Carson Hall 612.

2:30–3:30**THE BARRY COMMONER LECTURE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Theresa Lang Theatre

Dr. Robert Bullard

Building a Healthy, Sustainable and Environmentally Just Society for All: Why Equity Matters

Seating is limited. First come, first served.

A reception in the Regina Peruggi Room will follow the lecture.

3:40–4:50**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Nugent Hall 460

A poster session is an interactive, informal venue where attendees have one-on-one discussions with presenting scholars. The following students will present their work and will be available for discussions regarding their topics.

Taylor Allen

Investigating the Mechanism of Trans-Lesion Synthesis by Human DNA Polymerase Kappa

Sponsored by Professor Benedetta Sampoli Benitez,
Biochemistry

**Danielle Chera, Shahar Klifi-Amir, Kate Norley,
Patrick Riley, Amara Untalan, Deanna Villetto**

*Measuring the Efficacy of Realabilities, A New Puppet Show
Musical*

Sponsored by Professor Nava Silton, Psychology

Samantha Connolly

*Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations of Female Defendants
Charged with Felony Offenses*

Sponsored by Professor Cheryl Paradis, Psychology

Katie Coryell, Rachel Nevins, and Renée Royles

Brazilian Portuguese Influenced English

Sponsored by Professor Susan Behrens, Communication
Sciences and Disorders

Emma Kamen

*Attenuated Total Reflectance-Infrared Spectroscopy Sheds Light on a
Forensic Mystery in Central Park*

Sponsored by Professor Alessandra Leri, Chemistry

Tracy Tauro

NOD2 in Innate Immune Response and Autoimmune Disease

Sponsored by Professor Benedetta Sampoli Benitez,
Biochemistry

3:40–4:10

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Carson Hall 503

Troy Lingelbach

Harry Potter and the Half-Trust Prince

Sponsored by Professor Carrie-Ann Biondi, Philosophy

Carson Hall 505

**Danielle Chera, Shahar Klifi-Amir, Kate Norley,
Patrick Riley, Amara Untalan, Deanna Viletto**

*Measuring the Efficacy of Realabilities, A New Puppet Show
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Sponsored by Professor Nava Silton, Psychology

Carson Hall 509

Bedford Hills Panel: Literature and Creative Writing

Makeda Davis

We the Animals

Sponsored by Professor Aviva Taubenfeld, English

Sherika Stewart

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Sponsored by Professor Mary Leahey Nangle, Creative
Writing

Carson Hall 510

Hope Kenmore

The Underrepresentation of African-American Women in Professional Ballet

Sponsored by Professor Magdalena Maczynska, Academic Writing

Nugent Hall 561

Sarah Murphy

Buffy's "The Body": Violating Verisimilitude and Expectation

Sponsored by Professor Erica Stein, Communication and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 557

Rachael Robertson

Battling Cancer (New Media Presentation)

Sponsored by Professor Sarah Nelson Wright, Communication and Media Arts

Carson Hall 703

Michael Quituisaca

Theodore Wores: Champion of Chinatown

Sponsored by Professor Adrienne Baxter Bell, Art History

J. William Bordeau Box Theatre, Lower Level, Carson Hall

Summer Moran

Disenchanted

Sponsored by Professor Margaret Hames, Communication
and Media Arts

Great Hall East

Jessica Akers

Mindsink

Sponsored by Professor Elisabeth Motley, Dance

4:20–4:50

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Carson Hall 503

Jennelie Korbes

*Antipsychotic Medication for Children: The Risks and Benefits of
Off-Label Prescribing*

Sponsored by Professor Cheryl Paradis, Psychology

Carson Hall 504

Stella Raffle-Wax

An Obligation to the Community: Jewish Perspectives on Abortion

Sponsored by Professor Rosemary Nossiff, Political
Science

Carson Hall 505

Kacie Reilly

The Coal-Powered American Dream Machine

Sponsored by Professor Jerry Williams, Creative Writing

Carson Hall 509

Bedford Hills Panel: Food Studies

Shantal Ramsundar

Cook as I Say and Not as I Do

Assia Serrano

Tasty Traditions: How Prison Food Transforms Our Taste Buds

Sponsored by Professor Peter Naccarato, English and
World Literatures

Carson Hall 510

Craig Long

*‘He Was Always Bad’: How a Well-Made Film Can Eclipse the
Novel that Preceded It*

Sponsored by Professor Matthew Bissell, Academic
Writing

Carson Hall 703

Michael Tatasciore

Theatre Production Workshop, Our Country’s Good

Sponsored by Professor Ray Recht, Theater Arts

Nugent Hall 561

Katie Nowotny

Millennial Women of Faith

Sponsored by Professor Margaret Hames, Communication
and Media Arts

Nugent Hall 557

Carlos Martinez

Juniper

Sponsored by Professor Sarah Nelson Wright,
Communication and Media Arts

Great Hall East

Yiannis Logothetis

Pause. Now Breathe Again

Sponsored by Professor Elisabeth Motley, Dance

2017 Honors Day Presenters and Sponsors

Jessica Akers	Elisabeth Motley
Taylor Allen	Benedetta Sampoli Benitez
Shahar Klifi-Amir	Nava Silton
Nicoline Bergsma	Linda Solomon
Lauren Brumfield	Julie Buntin
Alisha Bunting	Sarah Nelson Wright
Karla Castro	Michael Salmon
Danielle Chera	Nava Silton
Samantha Connolly	Cheryl Paradis
Katie Coryell	Susan Behrens
Paige Cowen	Magdalena Maczynska
Adriana Christal	Beth Shipley
Makeda Davis	Aviva Taubenfeld
Hannah Defranzo	Magdalena Maczynska
Keely Fickau	Margaret Hames
Al Firstenberg	Daniel Hunt

Kiersten Foster	Catherine Cabeen
Sara Frazier	Peter Schaefer
Kathryn Fuller	Kenton Worcester
Cody Gambino	Michael Colvin
Bethany Gardner	Magdalena Maczynska
Emily Inman	Jennifer Brown and Michael Colvin
Lorena Jaramillo Lloret	Tahneer Oksman
Emma Kamen	Alessandra Leri
Hope Kenmore	Magdalena Maczynska
Jennelie Korbes	Cheryl Paradis
Alec Lafavore	Lauren Brown
Troy Lingelbach	Carrie-Ann Biondi
Yiannis Logothetis	Elisabeth Motley
Craig Long	Matthew Bissell
Jacqueline Noël Manuel	Lauren Brown
Carlos Martinez	Sarah Nelson Wright
Joshua Miccio	Haila Strauss
Andrew Mikhael	Katie Langan
Summer Moran	Margaret Hames
Caitlin Moroney	Linda Solomon and Richard Tietze
Sara Murphy	Erica Stein
Rachel Nevins	Susan Behrens
Kate Norley	Nava Silton
Katie Nowotny	Margaret Hames
Michael Quituisaca	Adrienne Baxter Bell
Stella Raffle-Wax	Rosemary Nossiff
Shantal Ramsundar	Peter Naccarato
Gabrielle Rechler	David Mold
Kacie Reilly	Jerry Williams
Patrick Riley	Nava Silton
Rachael Robertson	Sarah Nelson Wright
Renée Royles	Susan Behrens
Assia Serrano	Peter Naccarato
Bear Spiegel	Jennifer Brown
Leah Schwartz	Haila Strauss
Sherika Steward	Mary Leahey Nangle

Michael Tatasciore	Ray Recht
Tracy Tauro	Benedetta Sampoli Benitez
Summer Thorpe	Peter Schaefer
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