COAS Conference Program, April 15-16, 2004

Thursday, April 15:

1:00-2:15 pm  
Keynote Address, Dr. Luigi Manzetti, Southern Methodist University, “The Joys and Challenges of Academic Research”
Sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society
Introduction by Dr. Nasser Momayezi
SC Auditorium

2:30-3:45 pm  
Panel #1: Flamenco: Art and Passion (SC Auditorium)
Moderator: Dr. Richard Wright
Jacqueline Ferdin, sophomore; Noreva Medina, sophomore; Liz A. Sandoval, sophomore

Panel #2: Oppression and Repression (WHTC 103)
Moderator: Dr. Sweety Law
Elvira Karolina Mante, senior, “Fashion and Dress: Women’s Oppression in the Nineteenth Century United States”
Leah LaGrone-Ochoa, senior, “The Push for Birth Control and the Great Depression”
Rosalinda Gonzalez, senior, “Women in Mexican Politics”

4:00-5:15 pm  
Panel #3: Memory and Perception (WHTC 103)
Moderator: Dr. Jaclyn Jeffrey
George T. Díaz, graduate student, “Tracking Tequileros: The Bloody Origins of a Border Ballad”
Patricia Ramirez, graduate student, “Balancing Work and Motherhood: A Survey of Perceptions”
Kathleen Flacy, graduate student, “Social Support Theory and the Bundrens”

Panel #4: Approaches to the Creative Arts (WHTC 104)
Moderator: Dr. Stan Green
James Harvey Hickey, senior, “As Many Methods As There Are Teachers”
Danielle Rachel Jiménez, junior, “Modernism and Romanticism in William Carlos Williams’s ‘The Red Wheelbarrow’”
M. Angeles Cisneros, senior, “Harriet Beecher Stowe’s Cabin of Ignorance and Deceit”

5:30-6:45 pm  
Panel #5: Studies of Human Life and Behavior (WHTC 103)
Moderator: Dr. Qingwen Ni
Melissa Medina-Razzaque, graduate student, “Study of Human Cortical Bone Porosity Changes by Low Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance”
Tomas Alarcon, graduate student, “Why Do Men Rape? An Evolutionary Approach”
Mary Chavez, graduate student, “Personality Traits in Mexican American College Students: A Bicultural Investigation”

7:00-8:15 pm  Panel #6: Journeys of Self-Discovery/Viajes de Autodescubrimiento (WHTC 103)
Moderator: Dr. José Cardona-López
Javier Barroso, graduate student, “El tren de la vida de Juan José Arreola”
Ramón Talavera, graduate student, “La incommunicación, el tiempo y el espacio: factores que influyen en la degradación de María en la película María de mi corazón de Jaime Humberto Hermosillo”
Roxana García, graduate student, “La palabra de más’ de Héctor Libertella: ¿una nueva forma para la escritura de un ensayo?”

Friday, April 16:

10:30-11:45 am  Panel #7: Gender Representations (SC 120)
Moderator: Dr. Faridoun Farrouk
Sara Elena Flores, freshman, “In the Eyes of a Woman”
Angela Gammon, junior, “As Seen on TV: Women and Television”
Joseph Holland, senior, “Shift in Gender Roles”

12:30-1:45 pm  Panel #8: Mexico Past & Present (SC 120)
Moderator: Mr. Carlos Valle
Linda Lee Ramón, senior, “La desilusión de la revolución mexicana en Los de debajo de Mariano Azuela”
Esther Fatima Garza, senior, “Tlatelolco Massacre: Events—Suspensions—Allegations”

2:00-3:15 pm  Keynote Address, Dr. Charles Chui, Emeritus, Texas A&M University, “Mathematics and Technology”
SC Auditorium

3:30-4:45 pm  Panel #9: Varieties of Nationalism (SC 120)
Moderator: Dr. Hamid Kusha
Hector Macias, senior, “A Sheep in Wolves’ Clothing”
Karla Patricia Zarate, junior, “The Pride of Being Indigenous”

Panel #10: Scientific Models Demystified (SC 230)
Moderator: Dr. Terutake Abe
Natalie Ibarra and Norma Cadena, juniors, “Assessment of NMR Technology in vitro on Human Teeth”

Hector M. Cantú and Felipe Soto, sophomores, “Ancient Greeks: Simple Physics for a Complex World”

5:00-6:00 pm

Panel #11: Mathematics and Probability Theory (SC 120)
Moderator: Dr. Rohitha Goonatilake
Gerardo Limon, graduate student, “Moments and Generating Functions”
Antonio G. Carranza, graduate student, “Expectation, Moments and Conditional Expectation”
Judith Cardenas, senior, “Poker as an Urn Problem”

Panel #12: Strategies of Survival (SC 230)
Moderator: Dr. Phoebe Godfrey
Eduardo E. Lopez, senior, “Behavior of Centruroides vittatus After Prey Capture, Height, and Vegetation Preferences”
Christina Rangel, Lorraine Villareal, and Alejandra Vega, seniors, “Comparison of Spider Diversity in Three Habitats”

6:15-7:45 pm

Panel #13: Class and Ethnic Identities (SC 120)
Moderator: Dr. Michael Yoder
Ramiro Aguilar, senior, “Modernization and Its Effects on Elders”
Karla Melisa Valdez, junior, “…And Justice for Some”
Dr. Christy Teranishi, faculty, and Ernie Leal, senior, “Predictors of Strength and Flexibility of Ethnic Identity Among First Year Latino College Students”

Panel #14: Psychological and Sociological Perspectives (SC 230)
Moderator: Dr. Kati Pletsch de García
Aurelia Lorena Murga, graduate student, “The Media in the United States”
Wendy Escobedo, graduate student, “The ‘Wolf-Man’: An Adlerian Perspective”
Michelle Hinojosa, graduate student, “Does Birth Order Play into Our Personality Traits and Characteristics?”
Sara Rodriguez, graduate student, “Psychology of Imaginary Friends/Companions with a Brief Comparison to Childhood Schizophrenic Hallucinations”

8:00 pm

Reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Nasser Momayyezi
College of Arts and Sciences Academic Conference
Dr. Nasser Momayez, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

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