Fifth Annual MAD-RUSH

Saturday, 22 March 2014
Taylor Hall
James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA
Welcome to the Fourth Annual MAD-RUSH Undergraduate Research Conference. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters at James Madison University, this conference features more than 70 students from 9 different colleges and universities presenting outstanding examples of undergraduate research in the humanities and social sciences.

We hope you have a great day!
MAD-RUSH 2014

Registration (830-930) -- **Taylor 307**

Coffee and Pastries (830-930) -- **Taylor 405**

Welcome (930): Dr. J. Chris Arndt, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Letters—**Taylor 405**


**Morning Sessions**

**Session I (1015-1130): Exploring the Beats, Taylor 302**

Xavier Macy, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Jessica Jaeger, “Capturing the Powers of Voice and Imagination in Diane di Prima’s Prose and Poetry”, James Madison University

Alex Parker, “A Sketch of the Life and Poetry of the Most Underrated Female Beat Poet: Elise Cowen”, James Madison University

**Session II (1015-1130): Gender and Race in the 20th Century, Taylor Hall 305,**
(**Co-sponsored by the James Madison University Women’s and Gender Studies Minor**)  

Jessica Davidson, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Elizabeth Knapp, "Co-conspiracy in The Bluest Eye", James Madison University

David Motley, “Concepts of Fashion and Beauty in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany”, James Madison University

Sea Yoon Shim, "Women and Japanese Fascism", James Madison University

**Session III (1015-1130): The Military and Society, Taylor 306**
Kaitlin O’Brien, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Earl Cherry, “Fort Chiswell: The Original Gateway to the West and its Eastern Roots”, Virginia Tech

Nathan Leys, “Profitability Through Superior Firepower”, George Mason University

Dominic Rutan, “The French Capitulation and British Involvement in the Mediterranean”, James Madison University

Taylor Ullrich, “‘What are we going to do about it?’: The Effects of World War II on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Student Body, 1940-1943,” Virginia Tech

Session IV (1015-1130): Immigration, Taylor 400

Andrew Levin, Bridgewater College, Session Moderator


Anne Hardrick, “Nativism and Anti-Catholic Prejudice in George Lippard’s The Quaker City”, James Madison University

Christopher S. Bennett, “Founding the Island Gateway”, James Madison University

Session V (1015-1130): The Classical World, Taylor 402

Carli Lemelin, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Raymond Hyser, “The Othismos: Hoplite Warfare in Classical Greece”, University of Virginia

Cara Lundgren, “The Changing Conditions of Roman Slavery”, James Madison University

Joseph Wilson, “The Hellenes and Tribal Societies”, James Madison University

Lunch (1130-1230)-Gibbons Dining Hall (JMU students are expected to use dining punches to cover their meals; registered non-JMU participants will receive a Dining Voucher as part of their registration fee)

Afternoon Sessions I
Session VI (1230-145): Perspectives on Gender, Taylor 302 (Co-sponsored by the James Madison University Women’s and Gender Studies Minor)

Kelsey Ruane, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Morgan Braun, “Annie Oakley”, James Madison University

Neha Jadhav, “Don’t Be a Drag, Just Be a Queen!”: Assessing the Popularity of Drag Queens as Opposed to Levels of Anti-Transgender Prejudice in Modern American Society”, Virginia Commonwealth University

Marta Saul, “Priming Effects of Sexual Stereotypes in State and Collective Self Esteem”, Sweet Briar College

Session VII (1230-145): US Economic Issues, Taylor 305

Christopher Bennett, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Michael W. Reading, “Speed Bumps and Home Values”, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Mathew W. Snyder, “Federal Reserve Independence: An Examination of the Fed Funds Rate Under Different Regimes, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Cameron M. Visser, “Politics, Economics and the Debt Ceiling”, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Session VIII: (1230-145): Religion and Literature, Taylor 306

Katrina Miles, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Brooke Thomas, “The Dream of the Rood and Medieval Cross Veneration in Context”, George Mason University


Session IX (1230-145): The Middle East, Taylor 400
Xavier Macy, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Andrew Levin, “Deir Yassin, Decolonization and the Dark Founding of Israel”, Bridgewater College

Lillian Tauber, “Warm Relations in a Cold War: American Foreign Policy in Morocco”, Sweet Briar College

Nicole Falgiano, “Human Trafficking in the South Sudan”, James Madison University


Session X (1230-145): Perspectives on Education and Psychology, Taylor 402

Lauren Drake, James Madison University, Session Moderator


Chris Ummen, “The Trail Making Task: Equivalence Testing”, George Mason University

Session XI (1230-145): Prisons and Violence, Taylor 404

Jacqueline Pirrung, James Madison University, Session Moderator

October Edwards, “Prisons: Public or Private Management”, James Madison University


Afternoon Sessions II
Session XII (200-315): Issues of Today and Tomorrow, Taylor 302

Leilani Bartell, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Katrina Miles, “Don’t Call Me a Pothead: A Qualitative Study of High Achieving Marijuana Users”, James Madison University

Rachel Hanon, “This is a Public Service Announcement”, George Mason University


Session XIII (200-315): Recent Global Issues, Taylor 305

Jake Jedlicka, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Andres Morana, “Physical Geography of a Region and Its Effects on Government Structure and Policy”, Virginia Tech


Peter Tkach, “The Velvet Revolution: A Case Study of Strategic Nonviolence”, James Madison University

Session XIV (200-315): Gender and Identity, Taylor 306, (Co-sponsored by the James Madison University Women’s and Gender Studies Minor)

Brigette Stump, James Madison University, Session Moderator


Jennifer Mach, “Reclaiming Identity: Understanding Etiquette Towards the Native American Culture”, George Mason University

Session XV (200-315): Approaches to Understanding Middle Eastern Communities, Taylor 400 (Co-sponsored by the James Madison University Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations Minor)
Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, James Madison University, Session Moderator


Ben Denton, “An Empire of Mapping”, James Madison University

**Session XVI (200-315): Culture and Society, Taylor 402**

Christian J. Myers, James Madison University, Session Moderator


Emily Spiwak, “Deliberate Targeting of Religious Landmarks”, James Madison University

Trevor Reynolds, “Misguided Progress: The Consequences of Intelligently Conducted Cross-cultural Connections and their Role in Correcting Past Exploitations”, James Madison University

**Session XVII (200-315): Early America, Taylor 404**

J. Chris Arndt, James Madison University, Session Moderator

Chelsea Henderson, “Puritans and Witches: Conflict and Compromise at Salem”, James Madison University

Claire Williams, “More than a Housewife: Revolutionary Era Women in War”, James Madison University

Andrew Mills, “Forged Treason?: The Fall of the Federalist Party and the Hartford Convention”, James Madison University

330: Announcement of Best Paper Awards, Taylor 405