

**2:15-2:40 p.m. Registration, Taylor Hall 307**

**2:45-4:00 p.m. SESSION I – Concurrent Panels**

**Panel 1 – Beliefs: From East to West; Above and Beyond**

Professor **Michael Seth**, Moderator

**Room 306**

**Renata Esquillo** Early Chinese Beliefs and Practices Regarding the Afterlife  
**Luke Byrnes** Fables and their rhetorical function  
**Brittany Moyer** Set in Stone: Religious Connotations of a Roman Sarcophagus  
**Sara Clemmer** The Origins of Astrology

**Panel 2 – Contemporary Heroes**

Professor **Jay Varner**, Moderator

**Room 404**

**Lauren Argenbright** Commemorative Speech for Officer Chris Yung  
**Zachary Gordon** Pop's Tragic Heroes  
**Jennifer Bell** Reagan's 1984 Campaign and Bruce Springsteen

**Panel 3 – Myths and Misconceptions: Personal Journeys to Understanding Disability**

Professor **Daisy Breneman**, Moderator

**Room 302**

**Jacqueline Metzgar**  
**Taylor O'Donnell** Disability Studies  
**Sarah Rosengard**

**Panel 4 – Embedded Revelations**

Professor **Timothy Fitzgerald**, Moderator

**Room 400**

**Thomas Lester**  
**Joseph Wilson** Voices of World History: What do Timeless Classics Reveal About  
**Kevin Yao** Their Times?  
**Kyle Lundquist**

**Panel 5 – Lip Service is Not Enough**

Professor **Lori Britt**, Moderator

**Room 402**

**Lindsay Huber**  
**Mike O'Day** Support a Ban on Nuclear Weapons  
**Eric Thornhill**  
**Ben Cronin**  
**Seth Reed**

**Panel 6 – Historical Perspectives: Marketing and Truths**

Professors **Andrew Witmer** and **Emily Westkaemper**, Moderators

**Room 405**

**Elizabeth Mott** Advertising and American Society in the 1920s  
**Evan Rudy** Advertising and American Society in the 1920s GHIST 225  
**Elizabeth Wronko** Experiences of the Vietnam war GHIST 225  
**Jon Teconchuk** Experiences of the Vietnam war  
**Destiny Simmons** Experiences of the Vietnam war

**Panel 7 – Feed Your Ethical Thinking**

Professor **Steven Reich**, Moderator

**Room 305**

**Hayley Daniels**  
**Haley Leopold** What is an Ethical Diet ?  
**Kevin O'Connor**

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m. BREAK** – Please join us in Room NUMBER for refreshments between conference sessions.

**4:15 – 5:30 p.m. SESSION II – Concurrent Panels**

**Panel 1– Teaching by Debate**

Professor **Paul Mabrey**, Moderator

**Room 306**

**Becky Rosen**

**Alesea Wimmer**

**Aimee Cunningham**

**Kimberly Foley**

Debate Across the Curriculum: Using Debate to Teach Communication and Information Literacy Skills

**Panel 2 – Personal Perspectives of Inspirational Great Environmental Works**

Professor **Mary Gayne**, Moderator

**Room 404**

**Mary Arczynski**

**Savanah Howe**

**Katrina Lauer**

**Samantha Logan**

**Justin Partlow**

Environmental Literacy Narratives: Exploring the Relationship between Human and Non-Human Worlds

**Panel 3 – The Health Issues That Affect Us All**

Professor **Sheila Fielding**, Moderator

**Room 302**

**Kelsey Ham**

**Samantha Rimer**

**Momoko Sullivan**

**Margo Diehl**

Oral presentation: Caring for Cancer  
Proposal for women's universal right to birth control  
Proposal to amend U.S. health care problem  
Thinking Critically About Interest Groups:  
Is the Arthritis Foundation Failing to Implement Key Tactics for Advocacy?

**Panel 4 – Making Sense of Your Social World**

Professor **Kerry Dobransky**, Moderator

**Room 400**

**James Brady**

**Jacklyn Waterfield**

A Microsociological Analysis of Fat Acceptance Groups

**Katherine Allison**

**Gregory Bahou**

**Kristen Carter**

**Brooke May**

**MinYoung Park**

A Microsociological Analysis of Montessori Schools

**Panel 5 – The Liquid of Life: Commodity Or Human Right?**

Professor **Steven Reich**, Moderator

**Room 309**

**Angelica Babauta**

**Hayley Daniels**

**Zachary Smith**

Should water be considered a commercial good that can be best managed through the market? Or, should water be regarded as a common resource held by the public trust in which access to safe and reliable water would be protected as a universal human right?

**Panel 6– Gender Equality: How Are We Doing?**

Professor **Gretchen Hazard**, Moderator

**Room 405**

**Sarah Bujnowski**

**Julianne Cavanaugh**

**Danielle Edling**            Improving Gender Equality at JMU

**Haley Hoff**

**Laura Nettuno**

**Panel 7– Lessons Learned**

Professor **James McGinnis**, Moderator

**Room 305**

**Molly Robb**            It Takes a Lake

**Jake Butterworth**      The Battle of Marathon

**Gian Gonzalez**        The Unintended Consequences of Foreign Aid

**Panel 8– Keeping Memories Alive in a High-Tech World**

Professor **Daisy Breneman**, Moderator

**Room 402**

**Taylor Huff**

**Xue Yang**              Digital Storytelling

**Alexandra Deangelis**

**Alyssa DiGirolamo**