#### DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THIRTY-SECOND

ANNUAL MEETING

OF

THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 PACE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE CENTER

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#### THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES PACE UNIVERSITY

#### THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Continental Breakfast-Room 208

10:00 a.m. Welcome-Room 206 Dr. Maria T. Iacullo-Bird, Ph.D. Assistant Dean, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

#### 10:15-11:45a.m. Plenary Session-Room 206

*The Shrine of St. Patrick's Bell* Julia Vantrimpont Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lisa Farber

*Online Dating and Relationship Longevity* Rahul Rai Faculty Mentor: Professor Mark Weinstock

*Counterterrorism Technologies and the Breach of Privacy* Maria Rubino Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bala Veeramacheneni

*The Philosophical Underpinnings of Psychology Theory and Application* Pamela Ward Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rostyslaw Robak

12:00-1:00p.m. Luncheon and Poster Session-Rooms 208 and 204 Presiding, Dr. Nira Herrmann Dean, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

#### 1:15-2:15 p.m. First Concurrent Afternoon Sessions:

**The Russian Soul Through Film**-Room 306 Moderator: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

**Pirates, Passages, & Progress: Essays and Digital Stories on Early 20th-Century English Writers-**Room 308 Moderator: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

**Urban Ethnography and Popular Culture**-Room 310 Moderator: Dr. Judith Pajo

**Reconciliation and Justice in Contemporary Society**-Room 311 Moderator: Dr. Matthew Bolton

**The Obama Presidency**-Room 312 Moderator: Dr. Christopher Malone

**Issues in Public Policy**-Room 320 Moderator: Dr. Joseph Morreale

**Federal Reserve Policy and Adventures in Central Banking**-Room 322 Moderator: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock

**Pharmaceutical Updates**-Room 326 Moderator: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

**Families in Crisis-**Room 328 Moderator: Dr. Marie Werner

2:30-3:30p.m. Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions:

**Gender, Race and Identity**-Room 306 Moderator: Dr. Susan Maxam

**Global Perspectives Portrayed in Film**-Room 308 Moderator: Dr. Antonia Garcia-Rodriguez

**Studies in the Humanities-The History of Art, Music and Literature**-Room 310 Moderator: Prof. Robert Meffe **Peace and Justice Studies: The Dilemma of Poverty and Remedies for Remediation**-Room 311 Moderator: Dr. Matthew Bolton

**The Middle East**-Room 312 Moderator: Prof. Joan Katen

**Uses and Abuses of Technology** -Room 320 Moderator: Professor Rosario Girasa

**Money, Sex, Drugs, Beauty, and Economics**-Room 322 Moderator: Dr. Gregory Colman / Dr. Annya Shostya

**Environmental Science**-Room 326 Moderator: Prof. Ghassan Karam

**Explorations in Psychology**-Room 328 Moderators: Dr. Paul Griffin and Dr. Terence Hines

3:30 p.m. Reception and Awards Ceremony-Room 208

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DETAILS REGARDING THE POSTER AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

#### 12:00-1:00p.m. Luncheon and Posters-Rooms 208 and 204

*Mode of Action of two meta bis-benzimidazoles towards Trichomonas vaginalis* Emmanuel Bujans; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nigel Yarlett

*Binding of Proteins with Different Nanomaterial* David Collins; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

Monetizing Democracy: The Case for Equality in the American Election Process Anthony Del Signore; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

The effects of Heat Stress on Stigmatic Receptivity in Arabidopsis thaliana Abbi Rae Freeman; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Erica Kipp

*Mass Spectrometric Investigation of Eicosapentaenoic Acid, a Fatty Acid Found in Fish Oil* Kelsey Jordan; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rita Upmacis

Cochlear Implants: The effect of age of implantation on language acquisition and speech perception Hilary McManus; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Carol Alpern

How Effective Are Name Plaques used by the Office of Student Assistance Solution Center Breanna Romaine-Guiliano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ida Dupont

*Binding of Different Proteins with Different Nanoparticles Monitored by Spectroscopy* Claudia Sobolewski; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

*Chiral Analyses of Ephedrines and Pseudoephedrines* Lyanne Valdez; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Zhaohua Dai

*The Human Connection: An Analysis of the Communicative Abilities of Home Sapiens* David Wallach; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Coppola

# 1:15-2:15pmFirst Concurrent Afternoon Sessions:Sessions 1The Russian Soul Through Film-Room 306<br/>Moderator: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

*Hope and Fate after War* Weifeng Lu; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

A Tale of Two Cities: Moscow and St. Petersburg in Russian Cinema Huari Li; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

*The Disease of Power in Sokurov's Tyrant Trilogy* Joseph Cordaro; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

*Russian Stereotypes in American Cinema* Michael Boyle; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

## Sessions 2Pirates, Passages, & Progress: Essays and Digital Stories on<br/>Early 20th-Century English Writers-Room 308<br/>Moderator: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

*Sex, Death, and the Never Never Land: Conflicting Fantasies in James Barrie's Peter Pan, or the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up* Heather Askildsen; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

*Workers & Writers: British Socialism and Modernist Literature* Daniel Rubado; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

*The Bloomsbury Group* Kathryn Tompkins; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

*Nature Foreshadowing Social Change in E.M. Forster's A Passage to India* Veronica Goin; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

#### Session 3 Urban Ethnography and Popular Culture-Room 310 Moderator: Dr. Judith Pajo

Why Young African American Men Don't Go To College: An Ethnographic Approach Tyla Johnson; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judith Pajo

#### **First Concurrent Afternoon Sessions Continued:**

The Ways in Which Men and Women Assume and Abide by the Rules of Their Gender When Riding The New York City Subway Lindsey Steinert; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judith Pajo

All I need to know is I'm something you'll be missing: Emo as subculture Brian Rentas; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Foerster

## Sessions 4Reconciliation and Justice in Contemporary Society-Room 311Moderator: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Peacebuilding in Colombia: Sustainable peace strategies in postconflict Colombia* MariaJose Delgado; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

*The Reintegration and Reconciliation Process of Former Detainees at Guantanamo Bay: Is it possible?* Katelyn James; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Emily Welty

*Finding an Identity in Russia* Leslie Burak; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Identity* Stephanie Zhang; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Culture Shock Abroad and Back at Home* John Ciccarelli; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

#### Sessions 5 The Obama Presidency-Room 312 Moderator: Dr. Christopher Malone

*The Politicization of Women's Reproductive Rights during President Barack Obama's first term* 2008-2012 Daniella Eras; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

*Is Obama Good For Black America?* Davina Anderson; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

2012 *Campaign: Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney* Agatha Mavropoulos; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

Session 6	<b>Issues in Public Policy-</b> Room 320 <b>Moderator: Dr. Joseph Morreale</b>
	Back to the Future in Public Transportation Planning Joseph H. I. Bird; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale
	The Ethics of Trade Liberalization and Microfinance in the Global Economy Drew Cimino; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mathew Bolton / Prof. Anna Morlan
	<i>Cigarette Smoking and Mental Health</i> William Helander; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock
	<i>The Housing Price Mechanism and Tobin's Q: Forecasting Bubbles</i> Spyridon Papakonstadinou; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale
Session 7	Federal Reserve Policy and Adventures in Central Banking- Room 322 Moderator: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock
	<i>The Tone of FOMC Policy Statements</i> Sofya Sternik; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock
	<i>One Barrel at a Time: Federal Reserve Policy and the Oil Price Nexus</i> Ammar Ahmed; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale
	Brazilian Central Banking: An Investigation of Inflation Targeting and Central Bank Independence Joao Jatene; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock
	<i>The Effects of Quantitative Easing on Consumption</i> Nashrah Ahmed; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman
Sessions 8	<b>Pharmaceutical Updates-</b> Room 326 <b>Moderator: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica</b>
	<i>Detecting Expired Medications the Hard Way</i> Orkhan Mammadov; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

#### First Concurrent Afternoon Sessions Continued:

*Synthesis of Novel Compounds to Treat Neuromuscular Disorders* Sophia Miotto; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jaimelee Iolani Rizzo

*Interactions of Bovine Serum Albumin with Tetracycline and its Degradates* Eric Nguyen; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

#### Sessions 9 Families in Crisis-Room 328 Moderator: Dr. Marie Werner

*Incest and the Family Life Cycle* Mofoluwaso Soniregun; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner

*Child Abuse* Alyssa Gorton; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner

2:30-3:30 p.m.	Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions
Sessions 10	<b>Gender, Race and Identity</b> -Room 306 <b>Moderator: Dr. Susan Maxam</b>
	<i>Run Nigger Run (Perdition)</i> Yahdon Israel; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Poe
	Redefining Queer Identity and Gender Performance through and Essay by Judith Butler and Poem by Bruce Snider Bridget Kiley; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Poe
	<i>Why Are Gay Men So Feared?</i> Kiefer Kofman; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Maxam
Session 11	<b>Global Perspectives Portrayed in Film -</b> Room 308 <b>Moderator: Dr. Antonia Garcia-Rodriguez</b>
	<i>Red Lanterns &amp; Balzac: The Lives of Women in Post-Maoist Cinema</i> Kristina Hodelin; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee
	<i>City of God: The Labyrinth of Violence in Rio de Janeiro</i> Matthew Ceurvels; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Antonia Garcia- Rodriguez
	The Point of No Return: The Development of Revenge in V for Vendetta Gillian Ashdown; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty
	<i>The Globalization of Cinema: A Case Study of Yash Raj Films</i> Escarlen Baque; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton
Session 12	<b>Studies in the Humanities-The History of Art, Music and Literature</b> -Room 310 <b>Moderator: Prof. Robert Meffe</b>
	<i>The Impact of Hatshepsut on Ancient Egyptian Art and History</i> Sarah Batchelor; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lisa Farber
	<i>Irony in Kander and Ebb Musicals</i> Lisa Klages; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Robert Meffe
	<i>The Social Conscience of Depression Era Literature</i> Clay Silver Katsky; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Barbara Blumberg

#### Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions

#### Sessions 13 Peace and Justice Studies: The Dilemma of Poverty and Remedies for Remediation-Room 311 Moderator: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*The Cycle of Poverty* Kyla Korvne; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

What We Do Now, Matters Forever: Impact Repertory Theatre and the Political Economy of Nonprofit Organizations Emilia Ottoo; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

*Can Altruistic Motives Be Condemning?* Jason Gonzalez; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

*Celebrity Philanthropy: Opportunities for Global Awareness* Michele Carpenito; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Paul Ziek

#### Sessions 14 The Middle East-Room 312 Moderator: Prof. Joan Katen

*Political Islam and Religion: Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood* Angelica Marie Razack; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Malone

*The Case of Lebanon: The Struggle of a Sovereign State* Andrea Bogojevich; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Joan Katen and Dr. Gregory Julian

#### Sessions 15 Uses and Abuses of Technology -Room320 Moderator: Professor Rosario Girasa

*PSA: Take Control of Your Personal Data* Marc Kowtko; Faculty Mentor: Professor Rosario Girasa

*Mobile Application Development* John Robb; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Coppola

*The US - China Rivalries over the Taiwan Strait: Evidence from the Wikileaks* Christopher Huang; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

#### Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions

The Dangers of Drone Strikes: Nonviolent Policy Recommendations and Strategy Changes for Anti-Drone Activism Garret Higgins; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Welty

#### Sessions 16 Money, Sex, Drugs, Beauty, and Economics-Room 322 Moderator: Dr. Gregory Colman / Dr. Annya Shostya

*An Analysis of Marijuana Demand across Different Age Groups in the United States* Daniel Boutarel; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

Beauty and Wages: The Effect of Physical Attractiveness on Income Using Longitudinal Data Vesna Gvozdenovic; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

VWAP Strategies in Short Term Technical Analysis Justin Friedman; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale

*Corporate Consolidation in Sodexo's Food Services and the Hollow Chef* Dylan Napolitano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

#### Sessions 17 Environmental Science-Room 326 Moderator: Prof. Ghassan Karam

*Clean Coal: Myth, or Energy of the Future?* Briana Finelli; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Maxam

*White Plains Energy and Climate Center Cost Report* Georgina Goulding; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Ghassan Karam

*Veganism: The Answer to Our Environmental Dilemma?* Craig Mayle; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Ghassan Karam

### Session 18Explorations in Psychology-Room 328Moderators: Dr. Paul Griffin and Dr. Terence Hines

World of Therapycraft: The Use of Therapeutic Video Games in Counseling Heather Eisenberg; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Paul Griffin

#### Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions

*The Link Between Perception and Belief in Cryptozoological Beings* Adam Ranellone; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Terence Hines

3:30 p.m. **Reception and Awards Ceremony**–Room 208 Presiding, Dr. Maria T. Iacullo-Bird Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs and Undergraduate Research, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

The Dyson Society of Fellows Annual Induction Ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Pace University Downtown New York Campus.