

*DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES*

THIRTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

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**THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS  
DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
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**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,  
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: Prof. Mark Weinstock
- Counterterrorism Technologies and the Breach of Privacy*  
Maria Elena Rubino  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bala Veeramacheneni
- The Philosophical Underpinnings of Psychological Theory and Application*  
Pamela M. 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 Panel Sessions**

**The Russian Soul Through Film**-Room 306

Moderator: Dr. Andriy Danylenko

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**The Society of Fellows Executive Board wishes to thank and acknowledge all  
Faculty Mentors and Moderators for their support of  
The Dyson College of Arts and Sciences Society of Fellows**

***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 Analysis of Eicosapentaenoic Acid, a Fatty Acid Found in Fish Oil*

Kelsey Dianne 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

*Synthesis of Novel Compounds to Treat Neuromuscular Disorders*

Sophia A. Miotto; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jaimelee Iolani Rizzo

*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 Homo sapiens*

David J. Wallach; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Coppola

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*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

**Session 2** **Pirates, Passages, & Progress: Essays and Digital Stories on**  
**Early 20th-Century English Writers-Room 308**  
**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 Haline 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

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**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

*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

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

*Peacebuilding in Colombia: Sustainable peace strategies in post-conflict 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 T. Ciccarelli; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

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

*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: Prof. Anna Morlan

*The Effect of Cigarette Taxes on Mental Health*

William Helander; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

*The Housing Price Mechanism and Tobin's Q: Forecasting Bubbles*

Spyridon Papakonstadinou; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Morreale



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**Session 7** **Federal Reserve Policy and Adventures in Central Banking-**  
Room 322

**Moderator: Prof. Mark Weinstock**

*The Tone of FOMC Policy Statements*

Sofya Sternik; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark Weinstock

*One Barrel at a Time: Federal Reserve Policy and the Oil Price Nexus*

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 Weinstock

*The Effects of Quantitative Easing on Consumption*

Nashrah Ahmed; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gregory Colman

**Session 8** **Pharmaceutical Updates-Room 326**

**Moderator: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica**

*Detecting Expired Medications the Hard Way*

Orkhan Mammadov; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

*Interactions of Bovine Serum Albumin with Tetracycline and its  
Degradates*

Eric Nguyen; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Elmer-Rico Mojica

**Session 9** **Families in Crisis-Room 328**

**Moderator: Dr. Marie Werner**

*Child Abuse*

Alyssa M. Gorton; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner

*Incest and the Family Life Cycle*

Mofoluwaso Soniregun; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marie Werner

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

**Session 10** **Gender, Race and Identity-Room 306**  
**Moderator: Dr. Susan Maxam**

*Run Nigger Run (Perdition)*

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 A. Kiley; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Poe

*Why Are Gay Men So Feared?*

Kiefer Kofman; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan Maxam

**Session 11** **Global Perspectives Portrayed in Film -Room 308**  
**Moderator: Dr. Antonia Garcia-Rodriguez**

*Red Lanterns & Balzac: The Lives of Women in Post-Maoist Cinema*

Kristina Hodelin; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

*City of God: The Labyrinth of Violence in Rio de Janeiro*

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

*The Globalization of Cinema: A Case Study of Yash Raj Films*

Escarlen Baque; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

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**Session 12** **Studies in the Humanities-The History of Art, Music and Literature-Room 310**  
**Moderator: Prof. Robert Meffe**

*The Impact of Hatshepsut on Ancient Egyptian Art and History*  
Sarah Batchelor; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lisa Farber

*Irony in Kander and Ebb Musicals*  
Lisa Klages; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Robert Meffe

*The Social Conscience of Depression Era Literature*  
Clay Silver Katsky; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Barbara Blumberg

**Session 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 A. Ottoo; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

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

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

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**Session 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 Mentors: Prof. Joan Katen and  
Dr. Gregory Julian

**Session 15** **Uses and Abuses of Technology -Room320**  
**Moderator: Dr. Rosario Girasa**

*PSA: Take Control of Your Personal Data*  
Marc Kowtko; Faculty Mentor: Dr. 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

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

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**Session 16** **Money, Food, Drugs, Beauty, and Economics-Room 322**  
**Moderators: Dr. Gregory Colman and 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 M. Napolitano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Matthew Bolton

**Session 17** **Environmental Issues-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

*How Effective Are Name Plaques used by the Office of Student Assistance Solution Center*

Breanna Romaine-Guiliano; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ida Dupont

*Veganism: The Answer to Our Environmental Dilemma?*

Craig Mayle; Faculty Mentor: Prof. Ghassan Karam

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**Session 18**        **Explorations in Psychology-Room 328**  
**Moderators: 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

*The Connection between Interpretive Processing and Bigfoot Sightings*

Adam Ranellone; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Terence Hines

3:30-4:30 p.m.    **Reception and Awards Ceremony-Room 208**  
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Assistant Dean, 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.**