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1.1 Literary Discourses and/of Transformation  
MODERATOR: SAMUEL BAKER, ENGLISH

Carolyn Campion Contagion and the Rose: Love, Flora, and Epidemiology in Shakespeare and Keats  
*Supervisor: Samuel Baker, English*

Jacquelyn Choate Ascending the Ladder of Love: A Commentary on Marsilio Ficino's *De Amore*  
*Supervisor: Alison K. Frazier, History*

Alison Miller Through Genius, Madness: The Components of Conveying Mental Illness in Fictional and Autobiographical Illness Narratives  
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Stephanie Morgan Potions, Potter, and the Pevensies: The Transformative Effects and Significances of Potions in *Harry Potter* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*  
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1.2 Food and Culture  
MODERATOR: ROBYN METCALFE, HUMAN ECOLOGY

Lavanya Dharmarajan Diet-Related Disease: Examining America's Problem through Food Purchasing Behavior and Policy  
*Supervisor: Deanna Hoelscher, Nutritional Sciences*

John Lee The United States of Ketchup: An Examination of America  
*Supervisor: Elizabeth Engelhardt, American Studies*

Mark Stenberg Mastering the Art of Food Processing: An Appeal for Destigmatizing Processed Food  
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1.3 Ethics I: Social Responsibility and Sustainability  
MODERATOR: LEE WALKER, PLAN II HONORS PROGRAM

Holland Finley  
Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility: Solving World Problems through Existing Corporate Structures.  
Supervisor: Robert Prentice, Business, Government and Society

Emily Richardson  
Animal Ethics in Austin, Texas: A Model for a No-Kill Nation  
Supervisor: Lee Walker, Plan II Honors Program

Varun Voruganti  
Sustainable Development in the Aftermath of an Olympic Bid: An Analysis of Toronto's Failed Bid for the 2008 Olympics  
Supervisor: Thomas M. Hunt, Kinesiology and Health Education

Brittany Wang  
An Employer's Outlook: How cost savings can be achieved through workplace wellness initiatives  
Supervisor: David C. Warner, LBJ School of Public Affairs

1.4 Asian Studies: Evolving Perceptions and Identities  
MODERATOR: CAROL MACKAY, ENGLISH

Yoon Hoo Lee  
From Shadow to Light: Transformation of Obedient Daughters to Iron Ladies  
Supervisor: Robert Oppenheim, Asian Studies

Zen Ren  
Chinese-American Perceptions of Gender Roles and its Effects on Their Attitudes Towards LGBTQ People  
Supervisor: Huaiyin Li, History

Evelyn Zheng  
Martial Arts in Post-Mao China: evolving perceptions and practices of wushu in Chinese society and abroad  
Supervisor: Huaiyin Li, History
1.5 **Economics and Finance**

**MODERATOR: GREGG HALLMAN, FINANCE**

- **Daniel Amin**
  - Paying for Conflict: An Analysis of 20th Century War Financings and Their Effects on the U.S. Economy
  - *Supervisor: Kelly Kamm, Finance*

- **Jared Carameros**
  - Financial Evaluation of Gambling Markets
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- **John Gianakopoulos**
  - The Efficacy of Microfinance and For-Profit Social Institutions
  - *Supervisor: Robert Duvic, Finance*

- **Preethi Srikanth**
  - Is the US experiencing a talent gap in STEM-related Industries?: An argument for H-1B Visa reform and its implications on the US Economy
  - *Supervisor: Prabhudev Konana, Information, Risk, and Operations Management*

1.6 **Public Health**

**MODERATOR: LEANNE FIELD, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

- **Aakash Batra**
  - *Supervisor: Joshua Busby, LBJ School of Public Affairs*

- **Sneha Raju**
  - Accountability in Practice: Evaluation Practices of NGOs in Uganda’s Health Sector
  - *Supervisor: Ronald Angel, Sociology*

- **Indulekha Rasheed**
  - The Problem of Health Care in The United States: A Nation’s Goal towards Universal Coverage
  - *Supervisor: Leanne Field, Biological Sciences*

- **Brandon Wang**
  - Medical Errors: Understanding their effect on patient safety and what to do about them.
  - *Supervisor: Kenneth Shine, Plan II Honors Program*

- **Gordon Watt**
  - Tuberculosis along the Texas-Mexico Border: To Improving Control in a High-Prevalence Region
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2.1 **Theatre and Performance**

**Moderator:** James Loehlin, English

- **Megan Rabuse**
  - [a precious few]: A Theatrical Exploration of Creative Collaboration
  - *Supervisor: Andrew Carlson, Theatre and Dance*

- **Harrison Harvey**
  - Look At Me; I'm Like You: Assimilation, Representation, and the Problem of 'Gay Rights'
  - *Supervisor: Kirk Lynn, Theatre and Dance*

- **Lucy Junker**
  - Fooling "Lear": Contemporary Performance Practices of "King Lear" in Moscow and London
  - *Supervisor: Elizabeth Richmond-Garza, Comparative Literature*

- **Casey Nice**
  - Shakespeare and the Law: Legal Philosophy and Forensic Rhetoric in Shakespeare's Plays
  - *Supervisor: James Loehlin, English*

2.2 **History and Human Rights**

**Moderator:** Megan Seaholm, History

- **Jasmine Castellanos**
  - Ni Putes Ni Soumises (Neither Whores Nor Submissive): The Identity Quest of a French Feminist Movement
  - *Supervisor: Hervé Picherit, French and Italian*

- **Caitlin Gilchrist**
  - The Feminist Jasmine Revolution: An Analysis of Tunisian Women's Roles in Defending Their Rights and Reshaping Their Country
  - *Supervisor: Mounira Charrad, Sociology*

- **Erin Hansen**
  - A History of Midwives in the United States
  - *Supervisor: Megan Seaholm, History*

- **Katie Sinclair**
  - "La Chasse aux papillons": Myth, History, and Memory in Penal French Guiana
  - *Supervisor: Philippa Levine, History*

- **Laura Wright**
  - A "shadow world" comes to light: The role of the Office of the Independent Ombudsman in juvenile justice reform in Texas
  - *Supervisor: Michele Deitch, LBJ School of Public Affairs*
2.3 **Education and Reform**

**MODERATOR: RICHARD REDDICK, EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Lydia Crooks**

STEM as a Budding Material: Ethics and Entanglement in Elementary Education  
*Supervisor: George Christian, English*

**Nicole Ferraro**

The Growing Education Gap: Can Technology Be Used as the Key to Improve the Academic Performance of Underserved K-12 Students?  
*Supervisor: Prabhudev Konana, Information, Risk, and Operations Management*

**Shiv R. Rawal**

Activism and the Classroom: Curriculum as an Impetus for Engagement and Change  
*Supervisor: Angela Valenzuela, Curriculum and Instruction*

**Day (Dahyun) Son**

Leading Effectively from the Top: Recruiting Top Talent for School Boards  
*Supervisor: Lee Walker, Plan II Honors Program*

**William Radovan Tyler**

The Impact of Secondary Education Reform: Gleanings from Global Reforms made applicable to Tanzania  
*Supervisor: Jane Lincove, LBJ School of Public Affairs*

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2.4 **Technology and Society**

**MODERATOR: MICHAEL HASLER, IROM**

**Allye Doorey**

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**Vincent Liu**

3D Printing- Democratized Means of Production  
*Supervisor: Michael Hasler, Information, Risk, and Operations Management*

**Josh Wallace**

The Tweeting Caveman: Nutritional Implications of Fad Diets in Digital Media  
*Supervisor: Robyn Metcalfe, Human Ecology*

**Sadie Witkowski**

Social Media and Sleep: How Facebook and Twitter are affecting students' sleep patterns?  
*Supervisor: David Schnyer, Psychology*
2.5  Health and Biological Sciences

MODERATOR: RUTH BUSKIRK, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Azeen Anjum  Novel roles of Arid3a in early mammalian development

Supervisor: Jonghwan Kim, Molecular Biosciences

Allison Bishop  Searching for the Cause of Cronkhite-Canada Syndrome: An Analysis of Current Theories and a Speculative Model of Causation

Supervisor: Marc S. Lewis, Psychology

Philip J. Spear  The Drug Discovery Pipeline: How Next-Gen Sequencing and Biocatalysis can improve the development of new pharmaceuticals

Supervisor: Adrian Keatinge-Clay, Molecular Biosciences

Mozhgon Vafaee  DNA methylation of the Dmrt1 promoter as a mechanism for transcriptional regulation in temperature-dependent sex determination in Trachemys scripta

Supervisor: David Crews, Integrative Biology

2.6  Energy: Economics, Politics, Technology

MODERATOR: ROANNE KANTOR, PLAN II HONORS PROGRAM

Sarah Bittner  Financing Sustainable Power Projects in India: Applying Lessons Learned for the Better Alignment of Economic and Environmental Development Goals

Supervisor: John Butler, Finance

Will Gorman  Re-evaluating the Energy Efficiency Gap in Austin: How the Principal-Agent Problem Affects the Adoption of Efficient Technologies

Supervisor: Michael Webber, Mechanical Engineering

Leeor Mushin  Africa In Medias Res: An Energy Exploration through Nigeria, Angola, and Mozambique and a Blueprint for Overcoming the Curse of Success

Supervisor: Glenn Masada, Mechanical Engineering


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MODERATOR: GLENN PEERS, ART AND ART HISTORY

Victoria Haas
Cardboard Testimonies: Addressing Misconceptions regarding Homelessness through Photography & Life Stories
Supervisor: Steven Hoelscher, American Studies

Laine Elizabeth Lieberman
The Making of a Modern Portrait: Kehinde Wiley
Supervisor: Jeffrey C. Smith, Art and Art History

Kristen Moor
A Comparative Analysis of Hacktivism and Street Art as Means of Countercultural Expression
Supervisor: Elizabeth Keating, Anthropology

Kelley Sullivan
Christian Iconography of the Dura-Europos Baptistery in Dialogue with the Jewish Synagogue Paintings: Ritual Space and Sacred Symbols
Supervisor: Glenn Peers, Art and Art History

3.2 Creative Narratives in Words and Images

MODERATOR: MATT VALENTINE, PLAN II HONORS PROGRAM

Spindrift Beck
"The Cheater": a Television Pilot (Drama)
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Amanda Harr
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Ximena Marie Kuri
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Madeline Cullins  The Mental Health Treatment of Foster Care Children in Texas: Medication to Treat or to Tame?
Supervisor: William Winslade, Plan II Honors Program

Natalie Gallerano  The Power of the Dilemma
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Sara Gordon  Rehabilitating Juvenile Justice in Texas
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Taylor Smyth  Evidence-Based Care and the Minimally Conscious State: Prospects for an Ethical Research Agenda
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3.6 Engineering a Better World

MODERATOR: AUSTIN GLEESON, PHYSICS

Alexandra Arambula  Optimizing Conditions for Self-Cleavage of hASRGL1 to Develop a Protein Purification System
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Brian O'Connor  Systems design concept study of CubeSat deployable structures
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Saagar N. Patel  Vinaxanthone Analog Synthesis and their Neuroregenerative Properties
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4.1 Music in/and the Social Sphere

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MODERATOR: GLENN RICHTER, BUTLER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Lara Christie
Video Killed The Radio Star: How MTV, the Internet, and Social Media Introduced the Branding of Popular Music
Supervisor: Glenn Richter, Butler School of Music

David Elkin
An Imperfect Circle: How the 360 Deal Changed the Music Business and How its Changing the Ways Artists Manage Their Careers
Supervisor: Edward Z. Fair, School of Law

Amanda Lester
International Overtures: American Symphonic Diplomacy in the 21st Century
Supervisor: Charles Carson, Butler School of Music

Victoria Montalvo
Amp It Up, ATX: Saving the Underground Music Scene in the Live Music Capitol of the World
Supervisor: Andrew Garrison, Radio Television Film

4.2 Intersections: Science, Art, and Culture

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MODERATOR: BRUCE HUNT, HISTORY

Jena Deitrick
The Use of Music Therapy in the Neurorehabilitation of Stroke Patients: Exploiting the Mirror Neuron System
Supervisor: Boris Zemelman, Neuroscience

Christine Thorne-Thomsen
The Tesseract: A Connection between Mathematics and Popular Culture
Supervisor: Linda Henderson, Art and Art History

Jennifer Wong
A Vibrant World: The History of Our Understanding of Color Vision from the 18th Century to Modern Times
Supervisor: Bruce J. Hunt, History

Ann Zhu
Do Robots Dream of Asimov’s Three Laws: Isaac Asimov’s Influence on the Field of Robotics and Popular Culture
Supervisor: Bruce J. Hunt, History
4.3 Philosophy: Self and Society
MODERATOR: GEORGE CHRISTIAN, ENGLISH

Satvika Ananthanarayan From the Page through the Ages: The Use of Narrative in Political and Philosophical Texts
Supervisor: Wayne Rebhorn, English

Garrett Coles The Nature of Authenticity in Jesus and the Existentialists
Supervisor: Daniel Bonevac, Philosophy

Michael Cotton Walden on the Edwards Plateau
Supervisor: Jerome Bump, English

Scott Wahl Influence Anxieties: Duality from Bergson, through Ulysses, to Levinas
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4.4 America and the World
MODERATOR: PAUL SULLIVAN, PLAN II HONORS PROGRAM

Arsalan Eftekhar Shadows on the Caspian Sea: A Nuclear-Armed Iran and its Implications and Containment
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Benjamin Keeler Has the Drug War Failed?: An Economic Analysis of the War on Drugs
Supervisor: Stephen Ryan, Economics

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4.5 Texas in/and/as the World
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Daley Epstein  Teaching Texans Tolerance- An Exploration of Holocaust Education in Austin
Supervisor: David Crew, History

Kelsey McKinney  Mr. University: The Life of Harry Huntt Ransom
Supervisor: Janet Davis, American Studies

Talia Noorily  A Holocaust Museum in Austin
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4.6 Psychology
MODERATOR: WENDY DOMJAN, PSYCHOLOGY

Bethany Hamilton  Utilizing Erik Erikson's Model of Psychosocial Development and Conducting Focus Groups to Assess University of Texas Student Veterans
Supervisor: Stephen Sonnenberg, School of Architecture/Plan II Honors Program

Erik Herbst  Moral sources in children's television: Can children learn moral lessons from anthropomorphic animals?
Supervisor: Jacqueline Woolley, Psychology

Elyssa Klann  This Game is Rated E for Erotic: The Effects of Sexualized Video Game Consumption on Adolescent Males' Perceptions of Women, Gender, and Sexual Violence
Supervisor: Rebecca Bigler, Psychology

Sarah Pendergraft  The Power of Embodying Trauma: Exploring the Effects of Movement Therapy on Those Suffering From Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Supervisor: Lyn Wiltshire, Theatre and Dance
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_Ariel Dulitzky, School of Law_

Vinay Nathan Krishnan  Mexican Folk Saint Curanderismo and the Mind-Body Connection: The Healing Power of Suggestion, Ritual, and Fame  
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