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Welcome to the **URWC 2023!**

Our 11th Anniversary Conference showcases a selection of the extraordinary undergraduate projects prepared for the Writing Program's research writing classes during 2022.

We think you will enjoy our student-led team's highly competitive selection, and wish to wholeheartedly applaud all work done by the program's students and faculty as beacons that point us toward the future.

URWC 2023 Co-chairs Debra Keates and Arete Bouhlas

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Session 1 (10:20 - 11:50)

LSC 201A

Victoria Medl: Diabulimia in Adolescents: A Deadly Consequence of Disordered Autonomy in Type 1 Diabetics

Elizabeth Milanova: Chronology of Racial and Gender Disparity in Medicine

Sarah Messink: Women & Sex in a Man's World

Alison English: Access to Menstrual Products at Rutgers New Brunswick

LSC 201B

Mohammed Nasir Ismail: Systemic Double Standards Toward "Drill" Music: How Institutions Criminalize the Contexts They Create

Manasi Raj: Attaining Whiteness: Exploring Colorism in India

Carson Fronerberger: Ethnic Dilution: Post-Colonial Garifuna and Educational Topology As Interpreted Through Material Mediums

LSC 202 A/B

Elijah Perlman: How the Right to Repair Supports Consumers, Competition, and the Environment

Will Novak: Climate Change's Disruption of American Democratic Principles

Lauren Sutton: The Ethical Responsibilities of GM Seed Companies in Developing Countries

Jonathan Condon: Lose Weight Fast? Medical vs Healthcare Approaches to Obesity



LSC 202C

Mathew Umamo: Program to Analyze and Develop New Weather Satellites for Military Use

Hana Bauta: Pharmaceutical Pollution in the Hudson River: An Educational Intervention

Divya Ananth: Installing a Rooftop Garden to Reduce Food Insecurity in New Brunswick, New Jersey

Kamren Gorman: Declining Pollinator Insect Populations and the Subsequent Effect on Agriculture

LSC 111

Kwaku Ampadu-Nyarkoh: Mercaturphagia: Bitcoin vs. Third-party Banking Intermediaries

Nicholas J DiGirolamo: Automation Implies Commodification: A Study Into Machine Translation

Kwabena Elkins: An E-Voting Based Election Overhaul Proposal for Georgia

Ananya Balaji: Sentiment Analysis of Rutgers Subreddit as Prediction Mechanism for Cybersecurity Attacks

LSC COFFEEHOUSE: 103 ROUNDTABLES

Edward Bershad: Alternative Medicine: A Unique Approach to Improving Health

Perla Cordero Mariano: The Need for Federal Immigration Reform

Jackelinne Firme: Blame During Pandemics

Prakrati Kadekar: Cultural Design for Diabetes Applications

Kelly Huang: The Birds and the Bs: LGBT Inclusivity in Sex Education as a Social Agenda



Session 2 (2:00PM - 3:20PM)

LSC 201A

Evelyn Fu: The Evolutionary Paradox of Maladaptive Male Eating Disorders

Temi Ayetiwa: Medical Racism: Its Impact on the Exploitation of Black Patients Within US Clinical Trials and the Role Peripheral Trauma, Privilege, and Ethics plays in Approach to Healthcare

Leah Mena: Objectification of Black Women in Medicine

Brandon Mark: The Benefits of Musical Flow on Well-Being and Happiness

LSC 201B

Rachel Shrivastava: Can You Spell That Out For Me?: The Impact of Names on the Identity Formation of Asian-American Immigrants

Shanze Malik: Modest Fashion as an Emblem of Feminist Empowerment Against Intolerance

Yakov Burton: Gender- Based Marginalization and Discrimination in American Orthodox Jewish Communities: Sexism and Transphobia

Amrita Tejwani: PCOS, Mental Illness, Social Coping, and Physical Presentation



LSC 202 A/B

Deepak Gopalakrishnan: The Effectiveness of Participatory Groundwater Management Schemes in Reducing Agricultural Groundwater Use in India

Kush Patel: Solar Geoengineering: Savior or Failure

Kaitlyn Cullinane: Project Pollination

Natalie Chow: Controlling the Spotted Lanternfly in New Jersey

LSC 202C

Rediet Mereke: The Overton Window of American Leadership: The Fine Line Between “Father-like” and “Tyrannical”

Kayla Woo: Neighbors as Countries; Enemies by History

Zeina Zowel: Arabic Language and Identity: The Cascading Effects of Linguistic Imperialism, Language Attrition and Identity Loss

Krystal Lai: The Perfect Mom: The Role of Maternal Perfectionism in Western (US) and Chinese Culture

LSC 111

Laurence Bartram: Ensuring Consistent Computer Access for Low-Income Rutgers Students

Allyson Fu: Implementing Precision Medicine for Patients at CentraState’s Cancer Statesir Center

Alexandria Logan: The Blood Cost of SSRIs: The Emerging Link Between SSRI Use and Postpartum Hemorrhaging

Shirley Goldenberg: Combination of Natural Ingredients as Preservatives in an Emulsion

LSC COFFEEHOUSE: 103 ROUNDTABLES

Meahan Azmi: Disease and Choice: Implications of Conflicting Models of Addiction

Cara Gibbons: Age of the Instagram Body: Exploring how Body-related Content on Instagram Impacts Women's Perceptions of their Bodies

Ishan Gandhi: The Road to Masculine Cars: Discourses on Automobile Masculinity and its Implications on Males

Heather Schein: Fashion as a Cultural Transformer: The Second Wave Feminist Movement

Gwen Ericson: Simplification as a Symptom of Capitalism: Midjourney and the Decline of the Public Sphere

Session 3 (3:45PM - 5:10PM)

LSC 201A

Omar Jaber: The Appeal of Post-Apocalyptic Open-World Video Games: The Freedom to Embody a Heroic Character and The Violent Consequences of Obsession with a Virtual Character

Bryan Wartman: The Rest of Us: Transhumanism and Its Implications for Social Inequality

Kyrillos Michael :The Maskless Persona: The Incongruence of Identities Between Character and Player

Hannah Sargent: Effects of Violent Media on Child Development



LSC 201B

Nora Abdelfattah: Medicine Against Intersectionality: On the Failure of Informed Consent

Krishna Shah: The Men in Menstruation: Weaponizing Religion in India and Nepal

Sadine Odeh: The Flows of Convos: How Instagram Has Altered Dialogues Surrounding Menstruation

Michelle Qiu: The Psychology of Authority: The Reverence of The Physician's Imperfect Perfect Persona

LSC 202 A/B

Ayush Nallapally: Realism vs Liberalism: An Evaluation of Worldviews in International Relations from the Cold War to Present-Day

Aparnaa Muthaiah: Bharatanatyam in the US: Exploring Cultural Transmission Through Dance by Immigrant Gurus

Armaan Muchhala: Disney Music as a Dominant Force in American Pop Culture and in Perpetuating American Values

Alexandra Paskhaver: The Power of the Pen: Creative Propaganda and the Battle for the American Mind



LSC 202C

Alexia Fraser: LGBTQ+ Parents: Burnout, Minority Stress and Their Impacts

Marnea Reimer: Cloned Companion Animals: The Future of Pet Ownership?

Andrew Kim: Long Term Effects of Different Parental Leadership Approaches on Child Development

Pranetha Rajkumar: Addressing the harmful effects of housing insecurity among Rutgers undergraduates

LSC 111

Trent Demers: Draining Flooded Streets: Managed Retreat as Flood Mitigation in Manville, NJ

Joel Lee: I Was Jaywalking When It Hit Me: Preventing Unsafe Pedestrian Behavior (UPB) at Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Jasmine Liu: The Remedy is Green: Keeping Long Branch Beaches Clean with Green Infrastructure

LSC COFFEEHOUSE: 103 ROUNDTABLES

Gavesh Rajapaksha: The Cost of Conspiracy: The Past and Present of Anti-Trafficking Miseducation

Yanelli Sandoval Silva: "I Don't See Color": Why Latina Students Use Multicultural Sororities to Combat Inequalities in Predominantly White Institutions

Angelina Rota: The Complexity of Gun Control in America: A Crisis With Seemingly No Clear Solution

Valeria Monsalve: The Criminal Archetype: How Racial Biases Perform Within Courtrooms

Abhinav Ramidi: Corporate Lobbying and Public Opinion on U.S. Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement



Poster Fair: 11:40 am - 1:50 pm

LSC COLLABORATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Alexander Aromin-Gabbay: Mental Health: Helping College Students make Connections and Provide Mental Health Services

Madison Brooks: A Reflection of Our Values: The Philosophy of Utilitarianism in Anime Antihero Narratives

Robert Cannuni: Electric Vehicles and Green Energy In the City of New Brunswick

Francine Chuy: Juvenile Delinquency and Poverty: Analyzing the Predictors and Risk of Recidivism for Juvenile Delinquents Living in Poverty

Isabella Dabrowski: Muscle Dysmorphia in Young Bodybuilders: The Impact of Social Evaluation

Sharon Feinleib: Help give the Gift of Life: raising awareness for solid organ transplantation among Rutgers students.

Marco Gordils: Obesity In America: An Optimization Crisis

Analiese Haag: Systems of Perpetuation: How Capitalism and the Patriarchy Affect the Waste Crisis

Tia Hart: Not One of Them: The Detrimental Effect of 19th Century Social Prejudice in the Treatment of the Mentally Ill

Shea Lawless: A Two-party Judiciary: Analyzing the Decision-making Process and Political Bias in United States Supreme Court Climate Change Decisions



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Jason Lei: AI Art: A New Restorative Tool

Akanksha Mathivanan: Major Cause of Concussion Underreporting: Social Pressures Informed by Masculine Identity

Kyle McGinnis: The Prevalence of Illegally Mined Gold in Apple's Supply Chain

Christopher Mergus: Analysis of a Natural Human Reaction: The Therapeutic Benefits of Laughter Yoga in Adolescence

Ruchita Mhaskar: Beauty and Body Image: How Social Media Affects Teenage Girls

Rishabh Mudhar: Reducing the Effect of Homesickness Among International Students at Rutgers University

Funmilayo Ogundeji: Beauty Elements under the Umbrella of Creativity in Self-expression

Soham Phargade: The New Public Square: Liberal Democracies and Social Media Censorship

Farzana Reza: Reducing Preventable Child Drownings in Osceola County, Florida

Yashi Srivastava: Professor Disney: The Pedagogical Potential of Disney Animated Films and Their Influence in Raising Awareness of Mental Health Topics Within Children



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Ian de Uriarte: RU Biking: Optimizing Rutgers' Potential as a Bike-Friendly Campus

Savani Vaidya: Louis Vuitton: How Space and Design Represent Brand Names

Alexander Velasco: Promotores as a Possible Mechanism to Combat the Rising Mental Health Crisis Amongst Hispanic Youth through School-Based Programs

Srinidi Venkateswaran: Ventilator-Acquired Pneumonia Amongst Critically-Ill COVID-19 Patients

Jiayue (Angela) Xue: Disability, Ableism, and Technology: The Influence of Assistive Technology on Ableism and the Potential Solutions to Ableism

Emily Yang: Plan to Regulate the Use of Coral Bleaching Sunscreen Chemicals in the Mexican Caribbean

Yahiree A. Yoplac: Divisions Within the LGBTQ+ Community: Excluding the 'T' from LGBTQ+

Connie Yu: The Summation of Succession and Shakespeare: A Look at Power, Superiority, and Family Relationships

