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8:30-9:00 am  **Opening Reception**  
Welcome by Dr. Bev Kopper, Associate Provost  
Auditorium Lounge  
2nd Floor Lang Hall

9:00-9:25 am  **Erin Conrad** - Risk Classification and Ratemaking in Insurance  
Dr. Syed Kirmani, Mathematics  
Auditorium Lounge  
Lang 208

**Abigail Bristow** - Depictions of Male – Male Sexual Activities in Ancient Greece as Expresed Through Visual Imagery: Aspects of Roles  
Dr. Charles Adelman, Art  
Lang 211

**Esperanza Pintor Martinez** - A Sample: The Dental Health of Latino Children Under the Age of Five in Des Moines, IA  
Dr. Mark Grey, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology  
Lang 222

9:35-10:00 am  **Sara Van Hemert** - The Case of Journalistic Bias  
Dr. Christian Ogbondah, Communication Studies  
Auditorium Lounge  
Lang 208

**Zenab Chowdhy** - Militarization vs. Democratization: A Case Study of Pakistan and India’s Divergent Political Paths since Independence  
Dr. Dhirendra Vajpeyi, Political Science  
Lang 211

**Jenna Cherry** - Formulation of an Ultra-Violet Curable, Soy-based, Organic Pigment Screen Printing Ink  
Dr. Jeffrey Elbert, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Lang 222

10:10-10:35 am  **Matthew Rittgers** - Religious Pluralism: The Evangelical Christian Response  
Dr. Jerome Soneson, Philosophy & Religion  
Auditorium Lounge  
Lang 208

**Darcy Lane** - School Finance Reform in Iowa: Where to Turn for Improvements in Equity?  
Dr. C. Scott Peters, Political Science  
Lang 211

**Linsey Lain** - Convergence of IFRS and U.S. GAAP: Implications for the Public Accounting Profession  
Dr. Mark Bauman, Accounting  
Lang 222

**Sarah McConnell** - Analysis of Echoic Properties in Vocalizations of a Preverbal Child on the Autistic Spectrum  
Dr. Theresa Kouri, Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Lang 223

10:45-11:10 am  **Mark Turnage** - Carpe Noctum  
Dr. Grant Tracey, English Language & Literature  
Auditorium Lounge  
Lang 208

**Sarah Brandt** - The Myth and Reality of Prom: A Qualitative Examination of the American High School Prom Experience  
Dr. Marybeth Stalp, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology  
Lang 211

**Stacy McMullen** - Who Should Own the Air?: A Closer Look at Smoking Bans  
Dr. Ken McCormick, Economics  
Lang 222

**Vinay Bajaj** - The Effect of EGCG on the Structure and Dynamics of Podosomes in Human Macrophages  
Dr. Barton Bergquist, Biology  
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