Honors Research Conference
April 18, 2009

8:30-9:00 am  Opening Reception
Welcome by Dr. Steve O’Kane, Chair of the Honors Faculty Advisory Board
Auditorium Lounge
2nd Floor Lang Hall

9:00-9:25 am
*Amanda Wilson - Powerful and Powerless Speech Styles in Employment Mock Interviews
Dr. Cynthia Dunn, Anthropology
Lang 208

Brenda Turnis - Long-Term Care Insurance: Context, Challenges, and Choices
Dr. Carole Henkin, Social Work
Lang 211

Chantel Witt - Administration Oversight: An Assessment of the Effectiveness of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform during Recent Administrations
Dr. Chris Larimer, Political Science
Lang 222

Lisa Dahlke - Impact of Proposed Federal Shield Law
Dr. Scott Peters, Political Science
Lang 223

9:35-10:00 am
Michelle Gogerty - Managing Risk in Life Insurance with Your Genetic Information:
The Issues, the Options, and the Speed of Progress
Dr. Syed Kirmani, Mathematics/Statistics and Actuarial Science
Lang 208

Kelsey Rinehart - Women's Labor Markets in Costa Rica
Dr. Lisa Jepsen, Economics
Lang 211

Adam Campbell - Spatial, Geologic and Land Use Characteristics of Sinkholes in a Karst Landscape: Waverly, Iowa
Dr. Chad Heinzel, Earth Science
Lang 222

Emily Burney - Savannah: A Short Story Cycle in the Tradition of American Literary Craft
Dr. Grant Tracey, English Language and Literature
Lang 223

10:10-10:35 am
*Maggie Stehn - Comparing Single Member District Plurality to Proportional Representation in the Next Eleven Countries
Dr. Ken Basom, Political Science
Lang 208

*Kassidy Lyons - A Light unto our Path: Toward a Mutual Understanding of Fundamentalist Christianity and Science
Dr. Bob Seager, Biology
Lang 211

Beth Kolsrud - Cedar Rapids Flood of 2008: Man Made or Statistical Anomaly?
Dr. Syed Kirmani, Mathematics/Statistics and Actuarial Science
Lang 222

*Matt Rohden - Managing Generational Diversity in the 21st Century
Dr. Jerry Smith, Management
Lang 223

10:45-11:10 am
*Matt Bries - Motivation in the Workplace: Incorporating Athletic Motivation into the Business Community in an Effort to Alleviate Male Disengagement
Dr. Tony McAdams, Management
Lang 208

Callie Kronlage - Ambigrams: The Art and the Math
Dr. Catherine Miller & Dr. Theron Hitchman, Mathematics
Lang 211

Andrew Morse - An evaluation of the effectiveness of the Senior Year Plus Program in Iowa
Dr. Jan Hanish, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Postsecondary Education
Lang 222
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11:20-11:45 am
*Molly McAllister - *Reading is for Girls: Examining Gender Differences in Reading Attitude
Dr. Kurt Meredith, Interim Assistant Provost for International Programs/Curriculum & Instruction

*Sydney deVictoria-Michel - The Effects of Sport and Physical Activity on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Youth from Mass Trauma Populations
Dr. Windee Weiss, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services

*Sarah Bumgarner - The Mental Health of Low Socio-economic Populations
Dr. Cindy Juby, Social Work and Dr. Sunde Nesbit, Psychology

Emily Boevers - Healthcare in America: Historical Context, Current Problems, and Future Reform
Dr. Kent Sandstrom, Sociology

11:45-12:25 pm BREAK

12:30-12:55 pm
Megan Gallagher - Erotics of Textuality
Dr. Jesse Swan, English Language and Literature

*Josh Mahoney - Does Race Affect the Salaries of NFL Players?
Dr. Lisa Jepsen, Economics

Leah Short - Our Aliens: How Does a Criminal Become Human?
Dr. Susan Hill, Philosophy and World Religions

1:05-1:30 pm
Mandy Larson - Assessing the Potential Habitat Value of Biomass Energy Prairie Plantings in Grassland Birds
Dr. Mark Myers, Biology

*Jodi Sweeney - The Financial Fiasco: What started it and how long will it last?
Dr. Arthur Cox, Finance

*Michael Cronin - The Purpose of Facebook: The Value of Facebook Friends in Increasing Self-Perceived Popularity
Dr. Rex Karsten, Management

1:40-2:05 pm
Adam Moehn - Personal Financial Knowledge of College Students
David Sparks, Finance

*Jessica Fohey - Public Water Fluoridation
Dr. Darrell Wiens, Biology

Justin Sprung - The Effects of Employment on Alcohol Consumption among College Students
Dr. Adam Butler, Psychology

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