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AT TWO-YEAR COLLEGES**



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Panels of students will present papers on diverse subjects in the various fields of inquiry explored at two-year colleges. Each panel will be judged by a scholar in the field, and the outstanding presenter on each panel, along with his or her faculty mentor, will be awarded prizes of \$100 each.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 – 9:00 PM **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Student Center Atrium

9:00 – 10:30AM **CONCURRENT PANELS: SESSION I**

Literature I: Shakespeare
Room C-309

Natural Sciences and Mathematics I:
Analytical Approaches
Room C-312

Psychology
Room C-314

Social Justice
Room C-316

10:45 - 12:15pm **CONCURRENT PANELS: SESSION II**

Allied Health
Room C-309

The Arts
Room C-312

Communications
Room C-314

History
Room C-316

Literature II: Prose
Room C-319

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

12:30 – 1:30 PM

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Student Center Atrium

Greetings: Vice President Gail James
Bergen Community College

1:45 – 3:15 PM

CONCURRENT PANELS: SESSION III

Gender Studies
Room C-309

Literature III: Drama and Poetry
Room C-312

Natural Sciences II: Experimental Approaches
Room C-314

Philosophy and Religious Studies
Room C-316

Social Sciences
Room C-319

3:30 – 4:00 PM

RECEPTION

Theatre Lobby

4:00 – 5:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION AND AWARDS

Theatre

Presentations: Robert Kahn

Session I – Literature I: Shakespeare
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Room C-309

Readers: Kristopher Bell, Dutchess Community College
Deborah Harrison, Harford Community College
Charles Thomas, Bergen Community College

Judge: Peter Mullany, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Sarah Markgraf, Bergen Community College

1. Larisa Fuchs
Rockland Community College
Elizabethan Fashion in Its Social Context
Mentor: Nancy Hazelton
2. Sarah Doherty
Rockland Community College
The Winter's Tale: A Play Revolving Around Women's Sexuality
Mentor: Nancy Hazelton
3. Jeffrey Fuks
Rockland Community College
Unruly Women: Placing Katherine and Beatrice in the Elizabethan Context
Mentor: Nancy Hazelton

Session I – Natural Sciences and Mathematics I: Analytical Approaches
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Room C-312

Readers: Gayne Bablanian, Bergen Community College
Richard Bonner, Union County College
Louis Crescitelli, Bergen Community College

Judge: Richard Pizer, CUNY, Brooklyn College

Moderator: P. J. Ricatto, Bergen Community College

1. Cynthia Sakofsky
Rockland Community College
Transgenic Animals: The Benefits and Burdens to Mankind
Mentor: Phyllis Krasnow

2. Jordana Starr
Rockland Community College
The U.S. Human Genome Project
Mentor: Phyllis Krasnow

3. Monika Luczak
Rockland Community College
Vitamin E: A Step Towards the Elixir of Life
Mentor: Phyllis Krasnow

Session I – Psychology
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Room C-314

Readers: Alma McDonald-Anderson, Ocean County College
Peter Caprioglio, Middlesex Community-Technical College
Eileen Kaufman, Union County College

Judge: Donna Crawley, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Moderator: Lisa Pavlik, Bergen Community College

- ✓ 1. Heidi Johansson
Bergen Community College
An Investigation into the Self-Actualizing Potential of Mass Tourism
Mentor: Dorothy Altman

2. Melissa Guerrero
Rockland Community College
Toward the Psychology of Optimal Experience: A Csikszentmihalyian Analysis of Flow Oriented Conditions
Mentor: J. Matthew Pirone

3. Jeffrie Keenan
Westchester Community College
Serial Killers: a Psychophysiological Perspective
Mentor: Hugh O'Rourke

Session I – Social Justice
Session Sponsored by the Bergen Community College Faculty Association
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Room C-316

Readers: Bram Conley, Ocean County College
Howard Einsohn, Middlesex Community-Technical College
Jo Duvall, Union County College
Sylvia Miranda, Rockland Community College

Judge: John Paitakes, Seton Hall University

Moderator: Cheryl Smith, Bergen Community College

1. Karen Rabadan
Bergen Community College
Is the New Welfare Reform Act Either 'Well' or 'Fair'?
Mentor: Kevin Sullivan

2. Karen Goddard
Bergen Community College
Obesity Discrimination
Mentor: Mark Kassop

3. Meghan Dower
Dutchess Community College
Helping "Us": The Mission of the Literacy Volunteers of America
Mentor: John Desmond

**Session II – Allied Health
10:45 – 12:15 PM
Room C-309**

Readers: Sandra Kearns, Ocean County College
Laura Putland, Harford Community College
Cindy Terry, Lehigh Carbon Community College

Judge: Donita D'Amico, William Paterson University

Moderator: Joan Murko, Bergen Community College

1. Randy Guevara
Passaic County Community College
Inhaled Nitric Oxide Therapy
Mentor: Sandra McCleaster
2. Martha Stevens
Westchester Community College
*Traditional Chinese Medicine: An Ancient Practice as the
Path of the Future*
Mentor: Mira Sakrajda
3. Christopher McManus
Rockland Community College
Radiology: Innovations in the 21st Century
Mentor: Phyllis Krasnow
4. Cheryl Silverman
Dutchess Community College
Advanced Maternal Age Pregnancy
Mentor: John Desmond

Session II – The Arts

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Room C-312

Readers: Timothy McCracken, Union County College
Robert Mundhenk, Northhampton Community College
Robert Yoskowitz, Union County College

Judge: Susy Suarez, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Moderator: Gregg Biermann, Bergen Community College

1. Christine Fisher
Montgomery College
Video Visionary: The Electronic Art of Nam June Paik
Mentor: Dianne Ganz Scheper

2. Katy Murphy
Rockland Community College
"Disciple of Experience": Leonardo da Vinci's Use of Light in the "Virgin of the Rocks"
Mentor: Emily Harvey

3. Susan Gerdon
Brookdale Community College
Ansel Adams: A Life of Focus
Mentor: Joel Morgovsky

Session II – Communications
10:45 – 12:15 PM
Room C-314

Reader: Ann Fey, Rockland Community College
Nancy Hazelton, Rockland Community College
Louise Silverman, Ocean County College

Judge: Demetria Royals, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Moderator: Marshall Katzman, Bergen Community College

1. Sandy Kenny
Harford Community College
Ideology and Utopia: Advertising and the Motherhood Mystique
Mentor: Lilli Downes
2. Katrina Baker
Harford Community College
Hollywood Depictions of Mothering: Angel of the House
Mentor: Lilli Downes
3. Jean Olive
Bergen Community College
Spin Doctoring in the Reagan Presidency: A Case of Media Malpractice
Mentor: George Skau

Session II – History

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Room C-316

Readers: Sheldon Avery, Harford Community College
Geri Ryder, Ocean County College
George Stevens, Dutchess Community College

Judge: Robert Jones, Fordham University

Moderator: Kevin Sullivan, Bergen Community College

1. Ronald Hanaki
Bergen Community College
*Brought to Light: Black Athena and the Problem of
Historiography*
Mentor: Marilyn Edelstein

2. Patricia Koch
Howard Community College
America's Embarrassment: Our Lost Heroes
Mentor: Barbara Graham Cooper

3. Cynthia Stalin
Bergen Community College
Crisis of Church and State
Mentor: Marilyn Edelstein

Session II – Literature II: Prose
10:45 – 12:15 PM
Room C-319

Readers: John Desmond, Dutchess Community College
Loretta Henderson, Harford Community College
Janet Hubbs, Ocean County College

Judge: Rendell Mabey, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Janet Henderson, Bergen Community College

1. Sharon Bogie
Brookdale Community College
Discoveries About the Evolution of the Fairy Tale
Mentor: Joel Morgovsky
2. Robin Koshy
Rockland Community College
Charles and Emma: Vision Defects in Gustave Flaubert's
Madame Bovary
Mentor: Nancy Hazelton
3. Susan Bauer
Monroe Community College
The Ghosts of Yoknapatawpha county
Mentor: Robert Herzog

Session III – Gender Studies

1:45 – 3:15 PM

Room C-309

Readers: Barbara Amendola, Ocean County College
Toni Emery, Dutchess Community College
Elaine Padilla, Rockland Community College

Judge: Arlene Holpp Scala, William Paterson University

Moderator: JoAnn Glasgow, Bergen Community College

- ✓ 1. Jessica Libero
Gateway Community Technical College
Maroon Gift
Mentor: Martha Hayes

2. Erin Ferriter
Harford Community College
Mismeasure of Women
Mentor: Lilli Downes

3. Stephanie Sullens
Harford Community College
John vs. Joan
Mentor: Lilli Downes

Session III – Literature III: Drama and Poetry
1:45 – 3:15 PM
Room C-312

Readers: Judith Angora, Ocean County College
Suzanne Cleary-Langley, Rockland Community College
Geoffrey Sadock, Bergen Community College

Judge: Priscilla Orr, Bloomfield College

Moderator: Alan Kaufman, Bergen Community College

1. Dino Mambelli
Union County College
Aristotle, Sophocles, and Oedipus: Their World of Greek Tragedy
Mentor: Timothy McCracken
2. Lisa Denig
Westchester Community College
The Effect of the Great Depression on Arthur Miller's Work
Mentor: Mira Sakrajda
3. Vida Swisher
Charles County Community College
Gabriel and Michael: As Portrayed in the Bible and Paradise Lost
Mentor: Virginia McGovern

**Session III – Natural Sciences and Mathematics II:
Experimental Approaches
1:45 – 3:15 PM
Room C-314**

Readers: George Krasilovsky, Rockland Community College
Bill Rohrer, Union County College
Theodore Sakano, Rockland Community College

Judge: Peter Richardson, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Gayne Bablanian, Bergen Community College

1. Susan Packard
Dutchess Community College
*An Investigation Into Pile Structure and Evolution, and Its
Significance to Insect Thermoregulation*
Mentor: Mark Condon
2. Margaret Figus
Bergen Community College
*The Synthesis and Size Selective Metal Ion Binding of
Tetraphenylporphyrin*
Mentor: P. J. Ricatto
3. Carl Speare
Westchester Community College
*Primality Testing on N^**
Mentor: Albert Liberi

Session III – Philosophy and Religious Studies
1:45 – 3:15 PM
Room C-316

Readers: Lilli Downes, Harford Community College
Dean Nelson, Dutchess Community College
Victoria Rosenholtz, Northampton Community College

Judge: Richard Offer, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Peter Dlugos, Bergen Community College

1. Raissa Luciano
Brookdale Community College
Hello, Dolly Revisited
Mentor: Jean Badgley

2. Joanna Danias
Bergen Community College
Does God Love Women?
Mentor: George Abaunza

3. John Longobardo
Dutchess Community College
The Ontological Argument: A Well Reasoned Leap of Faith
Mentor: Dean Nelson

Session III – Social Sciences
1:45 – 3:15 PM
Room C-319

Readers: Mike Doyle, Ocean County College
Jo Duvall, Union County College
David Wiseman, Brookdale Community College

Judge: Susanna Tardi, William Paterson University

Moderator: Mark Kassop, Bergen Community College

1. James McNamara
Rockland Community College
The Coping Mechanisms of Rituals and Myths
Mentor: Elaine Toia

2. Karen Clark
Northampton Community College
Supernatural Helpers: Angels, Ancestors, and Spirits
Mentor: Elizabeth Bodien

3. Marymae Jansson
Lehigh Carbon Community College
Christianity and Culture: How the Battle for the Family is Redefining the Church
Mentor: Elizabeth Bodein

4. Tamar Reeves
Northampton Community College
Mental Illness: A Cross-Cultural Perspective
Mentor: Elizabeth Bodein

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