

# 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BEACON CONFERENCE

## PANEL AWARD WINNERS

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### SESSION I: CONCURRENT PANELS

#### ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING

Oralee Skeath  
“Physical Therapy in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit”  
Mentor: Dr. Carole Wolin  
Montgomery College

#### FILM STUDIES

Mayel Levin  
“Negotiating Hegemonic Portrayals of Race and Gender in Hollywood: A Cultural and Feminist Analysis of *Waves*”  
Mentor: Dr. Ellen Kreger  
Westchester Community College

#### HISTORY

Alaa M. Sharaf  
“Let them Eat Aish: Bread, Power and Human Vulnerability”  
Mentor: Dr. Nathan Zook  
Montgomery College

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Nida Khan  
“CRISPR’s Impact on the Field of Gene-Editing and Society”  
Mentor: Dr. Carole Wolin  
Montgomery College

#### LITERATURE I

Ian Davies  
“Mark Me, too’: Reconfiguring the Law in Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*”  
Mentor: Dr. Annette Conn  
Bucks County Community College

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Maris Breaton  
 “Juvenile Offenders in U.S. Courts: Effects and a Possible Alternative”  
 Mentor: Professor Scott Rudd  
 Monroe Community College

## SESSION II: CONCURRENT PANELS

## THE ARTS

Eva Tsitohay  
 “Unearthed: *The Epic of Gilgamesh* on the Immortality of Literary Art”  
 Mentor: Prof. Rebecca Eggenschwiler  
 Montgomery College

## BIOLOGY

Zachary Cussick  
 “Clathrin-Mediated Endocytosis at the Postsynaptic Site”  
 Mentor: Dr. Joanna Giza  
 Borough of Manhattan Community College

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Christopher Saca  
 “Improving Social Upward Mobility for Low Income and Minority Groups”  
 Mentor: Dr. Cynthia Edwards  
 Montgomery College

## COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA / SPEECH

Maya Wong  
 "Judging by the 'Color' of my Language: Language Appropriation, Raciolinguistic Ideologies, and the Power of Words in Identity Construction"  
 Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Delfino  
 Borough of Manhattan Community College

## EDUCATION

Alexzander Baetsen  
 “The School-to-Prison Pipeline: A Global Product of Systemic Racism in Education”  
 Mentor: Prof. Rebecca Eggenschwiler  
 Montgomery College

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Joshua Lasciche

“Uptake of Radioactive Ions from Aqueous Solutions by Biopolymers”

Mentor: Dr. Abel Navarro

Borough of Manhattan Community College

## SOCIOLOGY

Marianna Russell

“White Supremacy: An Intersection of Race and Humanity”

Mentor: Dr. Megan Nolan

Rockland Community College

## SESSION III: CONCURRENT PANELS

## CHEMISTRY AND NATURAL SCIENCES

William Roman

“Protein-Adsorbents Affinity and Its Potential Use for the Recovery of Proteins from Aqueous Solutions”

Mentor: Dr. Abel Navarro

Borough of Manhattan Community College

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES / GLOBALIZATION

Elsa Sellmeyer

“Horseback Heritage: The Whitewashing of Native American History”

Mentor: Dr. Nathan Zook

Montgomery College

## LITERATURE II

Amelia deGuzman

“Travel Through Allusion”

Mentor: Dr. Diane Rizzo

Mercer County Community College

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Laura Balske

“What Some Scientists Don’t See When Looking at a Brain in Love”

Mentor: Dr. Dwight Goodyear

Westchester Community College

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Kimani LaFond

“The Link Between Personality, Occupation, and Career Success”

Mentor: Dr. Kamil Hamaoui

Westchester Community College

**WOMEN'S / GENDER / LGBTQ STUDIES**

Nikkita Frazier

“The Angry Black Woman”

Mentor: Prof. Sholomo B. Levy

Northampton Community College