

Report of the College Committee on Undergraduate Honors
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In spring 2014, the committee approved twelve thesis proposals and granted honors to four students:

Natalia Vaysblit-Vitebskaya ["Destination Image and Its Effects on Tourism: A Review and Case Study of the Russian Federation"] supervised by Professor Barry Rosen (Marketing);

Faylayev Vyacheslav ["The Mystery of Hume's Missing Shade of Blue"]
Supervised by Professor Thomas Teufel (Philosophy);

Jeremy Sze ["Financial Diaries in Cambodia"] supervised by Professor Michele Costello (Finance); and

Daniel (Sungmo) Yang ["In Search of Truth and Justice: South Korea's Delayed Democratization"] supervised by Professor Stephanie Golob (Political Science).

The committee also awarded Jeremy Sze the Kanner Prize for best Honors Thesis in 2013-14.

In the fall, the committee approved five proposals and granted honors to one student, Daphne Palasi, ["Homeland: A Collection of Short Stories."] The work was supervised by Professor Ely Shipley (English). Professor Shelly Eversley and Professor Rick Rodriguez served as thesis readers. The first story of Daphne's collection, "Be," was chosen by Mary Gaitskill, the Fall 2014 Harman Writer-in-Residence, for 1st place in the *Encounters Magazine* fiction prize. Daphne held a public reading of selected short stories from her thesis in , the library's liaison to Honors Program the honors lounge on March 18, 2015.

This spring, the committee expects to review ten theses currently in progress. The students, their topics, and mentors are as follows:

Shivani Daryani (BIO 6002H), Determining a Role for TAIMAN in the Drosophila Melanogaster Methoprene Response, Professor Rebecca Spokony;

Renee Cotsis (PSY 6002H), Effort-based Sense of Belonging Protects Under-Represented Minorities from the Negative Effects of Stereotype Threat, Professor Catherine Good;

Edson Flores (ECO 6002H), No Sun Rising: The Effect of an Aging Society on Japan's Unconventional Monetary Policy, Professor Michael Carew;

M. Youssef Hani (ART 6002H), The Importance of Art Fairs in Today's Art Market, and the Role that the Former Play in the Globalization of the Latter, Professor Gail Levin;

Esther Im (BIO 6002H), Brain Tumors: Glioblastomas, Professor Emil Gernert;

Jae-Eun (Jenny) Lee (PSY 6002H), Meditation and Conscious Visual Experience,
Professor Tatiana Emmanoui;

Maxwell Michael (HIS 6002H), A Critical Analysis of B.F. Goodrich, 1914-1941,
Professor Thomas Heinrich;

Rena Nasar (PAF 6002H), Confidence-building, water, and the Middle East, Professor
Carla A. Robbins;

Abhinaya Swaminathan (POL 6002H), On India's Lackluster Economic Growth,
Professor Myung-Koo Kang; and

Sydney Winnick (PAF 6002H), The Changing Face of Europe: How Xenophobia Affects
the Citizenship and Societal Integration of Muslim Immigrants in France and the United
Kingdom, Professor Els de Graauw and Professor Joselyn Muhleisen.

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Respectfully submitted.

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