

*Report of the College Committee on Undergraduate Honors Program*  
Submitted 3/4/19

In Spring 2018, the committee approved six thesis proposals for work to be completed in Spring 2019. We also granted departmental honors to the following twelve students for their work:

Illya Aronskyy, (Biology), “Cytoskeletal Dynamics and Axonal Retraction as a function of Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) Generation,” supervised by Prof. Pablo Peixoto

Gabriele Forbes-Bennett, (Music), “Oops!... I Infringed Again: An Analysis of U.S. Copyright and its Intended Beneficiaries,” supervised by Prof. Elizabeth Wollman

Bethany Freynk, (Natural Sciences), “The distribution, abundance and gut microbiome of Ribbed Mussel, *Geukensia demissa*, across Natural and Restored Salt Marshes in Jamaica Bay, New York,” supervised by Prof. Chester Zarnoch

Syed Husain, (Philosophy), “Plato’s Parmenides: On Being and Non-Being,” supervised by Prof. Thomas Teufel

Patrycja Koszykowska, (Political Science), “The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in Poland,” supervised by Prof. Till Weber

Minkyung Lee, (Natural Sciences), “Examining the roles of genetic and environmental factors in *Drosophila melanogaster* hematopoiesis and innate immune system,” supervised by Prof. Rebecca Spokony

Michael Lomtevas, (Economics, Weissman), “Poverty in New York City: Consumption Expenditure as a Poverty Predictor,” supervised by Prof. Sanders Korenman

Benjamin Long, (Creative Writing/Journalism), “The Place Where All Ends Meet,” supervised by Prof. Bridgett Davis

Alanna McAuliffe, (English), “To Be Everything: Sylvia Plath and the Problem That Has No Name,” supervised by Prof. Shelly Eversley

Jennifer Michael, (History), “‘Living Dangerously!’ Philip Johnson’s Reintegration Into American Society,” supervised by Prof. Katherine Pence

Ann Privorotskiy, (Psychology), “The Effects of Demonstrative Evidence on Mock Jurors’ Legal Decisions,” supervised by Prof. Jaihyun Park

Brian Tang, (Biology), “Genetic Basis of Larval Crystal Cell Quantity Variation in DGRP,” supervised by Prof. Rebecca Spokony

The theses by Minkyung Lee and Patrycja Koszykowska were voted joint winners of the Kanner Prize for best Honors Thesis in 2017-2018.

In Fall 2018, the Committee approved three honors thesis proposals for work to be completed in Fall 2019. We also granted departmental honors to the following two students:

Stephanie Jones (Anthropology), “Being Black and Depressed Double Sucks,”  
supervised by Prof. Barbara Katz Rothman

Laura Agosto (Political Science), “Has Japan’s Security Posture Significantly Changed  
and Why or Why Not?” supervised by Prof. Myung-koo Kang

This Spring, the Committee expects to review five theses currently in progress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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