

Report of the College Committee on Undergraduate Honors Program
Submitted 3/19/18

In Spring 2017, the committee approved 14 thesis proposals and granted departmental honors to the following 9 students:

Jeremy, Etwaroo, "Understanding How External Social, Environmental and Legal Factors Influence a Company's CSR Policies," supervised by Prof. Prakash Sethi.

Austin Fischer, "The Role of Hemispheric Asymmetries in Race Categorization," supervised by Prof. Steven Young.

Ruth E. Hartke, "The Effect of Protein Import on Membrane Potential," supervised by Prof. Pablo Peixoto.

Jessica Kweon, "Media Bias in the 2016 Presidential Election," supervised by Prof. Till Weber.

Erica Paulson, "Something Like Paradise," supervised by Prof. Donald Mengay.

Olivia Sztanga, "The Solution for Only a Few: A Comparison of Soviet and Syrian Refugee Admissions into the United States," supervised by Prof. Els de Graauw.

Julia Venditti, "Presidential Strategy and Legislative Success," supervised by Prof. Till Weber.

Rachel Viliusis, "The Emergence of Psychology and the Creation of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein: An Examination of Innovation and Narration," supervised by Prof. Stephanie Hershinow.

Helen Yue, "Volatility Analysis of US Equity and Federal Funds Markets though the recent Financial Crisis and Recovery Periods," supervised by Prof. Sebastiano Manzan.

The theses by Olivia Sztanga and Rachel Viliusis were voted joint winners of the Kanner Prize for best Honors Thesis in 2016-2017.

In Fall 2017, the Committee approved two honors thesis proposals and granted departmental honors to the following two students:

Joseph Cutolo, "The Problem of Illusion in the Phenomenology of Claude Romano," supervised by Prof. Sandeep Sreekumar.

Farah Goff, "Other Attachments: An Analysis of the Examples of True Human Friendship in Jane Austen's Courtship Novels," supervised by Prof. Nancy Yousef.

This Spring, the Committee expects to review 14 theses currently in progress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Honors Program

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