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At issue in this battle, and indeed in this war, was the future of the United States – still a young country coming to terms with its revolutionary origins and with the meaning of the ideas and ideals upon which it had been founded, particularly the belief that “all men are created equal” as held by the Federalists and disputed by the Confederacy. The subject of slavery and what it meant to be human became a heated topic that ran like a wildfire through the halls of Washington, the taverns of the young republic, supper tables and church halls. No one was untouched by slavery.

Today, more than 150 years after this historic and devastating battle, the name Gettysburg is associated almost inextricably in the minds of Americans with the battlefields now turned into sacred ground, as well as with Abraham Lincoln’s famous address and with the key achievements of his presidency, including the Emancipation Proclamation (January 1, 1863), his call for “a new birth of freedom” and his assertion that what was at stake in this conflict was the very survival of democracy in the republic.

Gettysburg, then, was a battlefield on which the direction and nature of the nation was shaped and determined in a fundamental way. This was a battlefield of transformation in the most profound sense. Lincoln’s call to arms, as manifested through his “Gettysburg Address,” echoes through time, demanding that later generations never forget those who died on the bloody fields of Gettysburg during those hot days in early July.

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Dear NRHC members and friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 NRHC annual conference April 9-12 at the Wyndham Gettysburg. Our selected theme is “Battlefields of Change,” and for the next several days we’ll look back at the bloodiest conflict in American history at the site of one of the most notable and influential battles in the Civil War. We will reflect on that battlefield and its transformational impact on the country then and compare it to the battlefields we face today, not only in military terms but also in other fields of battle where ideas and ideals have come into conflict and where the outcomes have been consequential in the deepest and most genuine sense.

I hope you also take the opportunity during this conference to meet, talk with and exchange ideas with many of your fellow Honors Program directors, faculty, staff and students. I have learned so much from attending regional and national honors conferences the past five years. And I have made so many friends through them, too. May you all have that same experience!

The executive board welcomes anyone who would like to join our group and accept an office as well as the opportunity to become more involved in our regional organization. We pride ourselves on being one of our national organization’s most active groups. With your help we can continue that claim and improve. We’ll talk more about this at our business meeting.

Best wishes for a wonderful conference,
Helen Fallon
NRHC Board President
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NRHC 2014 Conference Schedule

At A Glance

Thursday, April 9
- Registration, 5-8 p.m. – Wyndham Foyer
- Welcome Reception, 5-7 p.m. – Presidential Ballroom
- Welcome to Gettysburg Student Event, 7-10 p.m. – Presidential Ballroom
- Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45-8:30 p.m. – Eisenhower
- Big Picture Discussion, 8:30-10 p.m. – Stars and Stripes

Friday, April 10
- Registration, 7:45 a.m.-noon – Wyndham Foyer
- Place as Text Intro and Speaker, 9-9:45 a.m. – Presidential Ballroom
- Place as Text, 10 a.m–3:15 p.m
- Registration, 2-5 p.m. – Wyndham Foyer
- Place as Text Reflection, 3:30-4:45 p.m. – Presidential Ballroom
- Student Art Show Set-up, 6-7 p.m. – Presidential Foyer
- Banquet, 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Presidential Ballroom
- Student Art Show Reveal and Open Mic, 9:30 p.m.-midnight – Presidential Ballroom

Saturday, April 11
- Breakfast and Posters, 7:30-9 a.m. – Salons C and D
- Registration, 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m. – Wyndham Foyer
- Session I Papers and Roundtables, 9:10-10:25 a.m.
- Session II Papers and Roundtables, 10:35-11:50 a.m.
- Presidential Lunch and Address, Noon -1:30 p.m. – Salons ABC and D
- Session III Papers and Roundtables, 1:40-2:55 p.m.
- Session IV Papers and Roundtables, 3:05-4:20 p.m.
- Student Caucus, 4:30-5:45 p.m. – Salons AB and C
- Honors Directors: Nuts and Bolts, 4:30-5:45 p.m. – Eisenhower
- NRHC Business Meeting, 6-7 p.m. – Eisenhower
- Red Carpet Dance Student Social, 8:30-midnight – Salons DE and F

Sunday, April 12
- Breakfast and Posters, 7:30-9:30 a.m. – Salons C and D
- State Level Meetings (if needed), 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday Conference Schedule

5-8 p.m.
- Registration – Wyndham Foyer
5-7 p.m.
- Welcome Reception – Presidential Ballroom
Arriving early on Thursday? Enjoy some snacks on us! This will serve as a networking opportunity for students.
7-10 p.m.
- Welcome to Gettysburg Student Event – Presidential Ballroom
Students can have fun with ice breakers and other games as they arrive in Gettysburg. Can you go from an egg to a dinosaur? Would you trust strangers to guide you blindfolded through a minefield? Come when you can; stay as late as you want!
7:45-8:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting – Eisenhower
8:30-10 p.m.
- Big Picture Discussion – Stars and Stripes
Presented by Drs. Rebekah Keaton and Lorna Ronald

Friday Conference Schedule

9-9:45 a.m.
- Place as Text Intro and Speaker – Presidential Ballroom

Debra Sandoe McCauslin
Gettysburg Place as Text Keynote Speaker

Historian and author Debra Sandoe McCauslin has made presentations to historical societies and Civil War roundtables throughout the Gettysburg region. Among her publications is "Reconstructing the Past: Puzzle of a Lost Community," which traces the history of the residents of Yellow Hill. "Black Settlement on Yellow Hill," co-authored with Alisha Sanders, appeared in Pennsylvania Heritage magazine. Her work has also been published by the Adams County Historical Society, the Gettysburg Times, and Gettysburg Experience magazine.

She produced the documentary "Adams County USA," seen on local PBS stations. A descendant of George Washington Sandoe, first soldier to fall at the Battle of Gettysburg, Debra provided research for the story of his life, written by T. W. Burger, and teaches community education courses at Harrisburg Area Community College’s Gettysburg Campus.

A long-standing advocate for bringing to light the roles of African Americans and women in Gettysburg, she has served for the last seven years as an event organizer for the U. S. Colored Troops Graveside Salute, National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa., been an advocate for the Historic Gettysburg–Adams County (HGAC) effort to include four Adams County sites in the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, a tour guide for The Underground Railroad in Adams County, and a sponsor and event organizer for the re-enactment of the 1845 kidnapping of Kitty Payne and her family, and placement of wayside marker commemorating their kidnapping in Bendersville, Pa.
This year’s Place as Text, a hallmark of honors conferences, regionally and nationally, proves especially fruitful and poignant in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Gettysburg was at the center of the Civil War and very much a turning point. Over the course of more than four years, the American Civil War shook the nation to its core, leaving more casualties than all other American wars combined, with over 51,000 soldiers losing their lives in the three-day battle that took place in Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863, alone. The battle set the stage for Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address.

During your exploration of this place, we ask that you consider the various battles waged in Gettysburg, not only the epic battle at Gettysburg, but also the other acts of heroism and sacrifice by the citizens of Gettysburg and surrounding areas. It is here that the nation re-committed itself to the 1776 Declaration of Independence and its ideals of equality and liberty. The area lends itself to exploration of the various educational, cultural, social, political, literary and scientific advancements that rose from the sacrifices of soldiers, citizens of Gettysburg and the nation as a whole.

Place as Text Strands

Strand #1: The Battlefields
Beginning at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, you will have the opportunity to view artifacts, interactive displays, including the film “A New Birth of Freedom” narrated by Morgan Freeman, and the Gettysburg Cyclorama. These exhibits will help orient you to the impact of the battle and explain its context within the Civil War and its enduring relevance. From here, you may choose from several trails, including the cemetery ridge trail or the national cemetery trail, exploring both the North and South’s positions during the battle, field hospitals, the unique landscape of the fields and the role technology played.

Strand #2: Downtown Gettysburg
You will begin at the Historic Gettysburg Train station where Lincoln arrived by train on November 18, 1863, for the dedication of the National Cemetery. From here, you will have the opportunity to explore downtown Gettysburg and its rich history, including the Civil War Museum at Gettysburg College, the David Wills House, the Dobbins House Tavern and Gettysburg’s newest museum, the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum.

Strand #3: Eisenhower National Historic Site
Participants will take a shuttle from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center and travel to the Eisenhower National Historic Site, which is adjacent to the battlefield. President Eisenhower’s home and farm served as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders. With its peaceful setting and view of South Mountain, it was a much needed respite from Washington and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions.

Strand #4: Town of Emmitsburg: National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
You will board a bus or trolley and travel to Emmitsburg, about 14 miles south of Gettysburg, to the religious and historic site honoring the life of Mary Seton, the first U.S.-born saint. You will explore the majestic Basilica with stained glass windows, mosaics and marble, Mother Seton’s cemetery, and have a chance to hike the Indian Lookout Walk, a 2.5 mile hike that leads to the position where the North observed the Battle of Gettysburg.

Strand #5: Art/History: Making Art Inspired from History
This Place as Text offering is a day-long research and creative workshop. Students and faculty will explore the town and battlefields of Gettysburg in search of artistic inspiration while also considering the implications and responsibilities of using historical material to create art. Using documents, artifacts and other remains from the Gettysburg area, each student will create a work of visual art, writing or performance.

Strand #6: Community Service
Details on this year’s community service project will be announced at the conference.

Dr. William Blair
Gettysburg Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. William Blair is Liberal Arts Research Professor of U.S. History at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., Director of the Richards Civil War Era Center, and editor of “The Journal of the Civil War Era.” He also edits “The Brose Lecture Series” with the University of North Carolina Press. His books include “With Malice Toward Some: Treason in the Civil War Era” (2014), which was a finalist for this year’s Lincoln Prize; “Virginia’s Private War: Feeding Body and Soul in the Confederacy, 1861-1865” (1998), and “Cities of the Dead: Contesting the Memory of the Civil War in the South, 1865-1914” (2004). He serves as a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians.

9:30 p.m.-midnight
Student Art Show Reveal and Open Mic – Presidential Ballroom
Have a special talent for singing or dancing? Have you written a poem and want to shout it to the world – or rather a room full of honors students? Do you not and just want to watch other talented honors students? Sign up for open-mic night! But if you want to just be a friendly spectator, please join us for this fun and popular student activity.
Anderson Mitchell, St. Francis College
Bioremediation: An Analysis of Geranium Plants’ Ability to Remove Copper From Soil

Anmol Mittal, New Jersey Institute of Technology
Do Motoneurons Supply Cross-Inhibition in C. elegans Locomotion Circuit?

Brady Monk, Community College of Rhode Island
Color Theory

Kathryn Mordarski, University of Saint Joseph
Coe Mansion Project: Evaluating Need in Meriden Schools for a Community Center

Theresa Nolan & Lynette Hardy, College of Saint Elizabeth
Healthy Eating: A Right for All or a Privilege for Some?

Jessica Norstog, University of New Haven
The Metabolic Costs of Osmoregulation in a Euryhaline Fish (Trinectes maculatus)

Michael K. Nyarko, Kingsborough Community College
Horseshoe Crabs (Limulus polyphemus) from Shell Bar and Davis Park in New York

Kaitlin O’Boyle, University of New Haven
The Effects of the UBXN1 Gene on the NFκB Pathway

Kevin Dinh, Mercy College
The City of NOVA

Jane French, CUNY Brooklyn College
Creator, Producer and Consumer: The Future of the Music Industry

Judy Kairouz, St. Francis College
Deaf Culture: ASL as a True Language

Lila Greenstone, Felician College
Genocide: Rwanda and Contemporary Society

Michelle Kim, College of Saint Elizabeth
Cultural Differences and Reactions: Why We Need Action to Help North Korea

Peter Lee, CUNY Brooklyn College

Brittany Korbel, Lasell College
Ethical Dilemma of Genetically Modified Food

Argit Marishta, Keystone College
Obesity: An Epidemiological or Biochemical Issue?

Racheal Baer, Susquehanna University
Sports and Religion

Shuxu Tian, Gallaudet University
The Destructive and Constructive Contributions of Warfare

Stephanie Valente, Kean University
Saving the Stories of WWII in Letters and in Memory

9:10-10:25 a.m.
Roundtable Session I
Athletic Ethics – Courtyard Boardroom 1
Michael Rojeski, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The War Over College Athletes: NCAA Amateurism Versus Societal Pressures & Fairness

Creativity and Paradigm Shifts – Garibaldi’s 1
Kevin Dinh, Mercy College
The City of NOVA

Jane French, CUNY Brooklyn College
Creator, Producer and Consumer: The Future of the Music Industry

Judy Kairouz, St. Francis College
Deaf Culture: ASL as a True Language

Global Ethics – Garibaldi’s 2
Lila Greenstone, Felician College
Genocide: Rwanda and Contemporary Society

Michelle Kim, College of Saint Elizabeth
Cultural Differences and Reactions: Why We Need Action to Help North Korea

Peter Lee, CUNY Brooklyn College

Health Ethics – Garibaldi’s 3
Brittany Korbel, Lasell College
Ethical Dilemma of Genetically Modified Food

Argit Marishta, Keystone College
Obesity: An Epidemiological or Biochemical Issue?

Honors Student Leadership 1 – Freedom Hall 1
Kathryn MacDonald & Natasha Waller, Monroe College
Successful Strategies: Honors Event Planning

Sarah Filipski, Lock Haven University
Changing the Structure of Honors: Creating a Brand

Mental Health – Freedom Hall 2
Diana Bernal, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Battling Health Disparities to Improve Medical Care

Alexandra Guerra, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Mental Illness in Today’s Changing World

Jessica Tower, Salem State University
Disordered

Sustaining Energy Production – Freedom Hall 3
Julie Delongchamp, Bentley University

Marwa Hmady & Khadija Khan, St. Francis College
Good Technology Gone Bad

Gabriel Karlick, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Battlefields of Change: The Struggle for AC Power from a DC World

Anthony Rascati, Westfield State University
The Economics of Hydraulic Fracturing in the Hartford Basin
Alternative Therapies – Salon B
Kathleen Hogan, Salisbury University
Placentophagy: Implementing an Evolutionary Behavior into Western Culture
Beth Tegue, Westfield State University
Expressive Writing and Gratitude Journaling as Therapeutic Substitutes
Emily Wood, Union College
Bridging the Gap: Yoga as a Treatment Method for Eating Disorder Recovery
Dawn-Michelle Zarnfaller, Monroe College
Interpreting the Zodiac: The Reality of It All

Social Change: Movements, Cults, and NGOs – Salon E (AV)
Brianna Bertholf, SUNY Sullivan
Battles of Change, Social Behaviorism and Scientology in America
Gillian Hery, Lasell College
NoH8 Campaign
Helen Klassen, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
The Transformation of Social Spaces for a New South Africa
Isabel Smith, University of Maine Farmington
Microfinance, Women and Poverty in Rural Bangladesh

Tools and Assessments for Education – Salon F (AV)
Marie DiPinto, University of Saint Joseph
“Eutopian” 3D Learning Experience
Khadijah Guin, Mercy College
A “Eutopian” 3D Learning Experience
Nicholas McClure, Shippensburg University
Race to the Top: Education Funding in an Era of Partisan Policymaking
Sara Williams, William Paterson University
Postsecondary Student Perceptions of Professors’ Classroom Management

Battlesfields of Power – Lincoln
Natalie Bowman, Iona College
Is Authoritarianism a Harbinger of Peace?
Paige Foreman-Smith, Gallaudet University
Queer Theology: What Is the Bible Really Saying?
Nicole Godard, Westfield State University
She Will Be a Poet in a Hundred Years’ Time
Kahalia Roberts, Sussex University
Gender and Genre-Virginia Woolf’s “Masculine Complex” Institutionalized in 18th Century
Amanda Shaffery, Hood College
Nefertiti Regnant

Battlesfields of Society – Eisenhower
Thaddaeus Cowaleski, Point Park University
Is Certain Change Worth the Risk?
Jonathan Culter, Kevin Fette & Brie Gordon, Kean University
The Psychohistory of New Jerseyan World War II Soldiers
Joshua Goldberg, Monroe Community College
Pedagogy for the Incarcerated: Augmenting the Socratic Method in Inmate Rehabilitation
Marcus Nance, Frederick Community College
American Psycho(s): Violence as American as Cherry Pie?

Human Trafficking: Past and Present – Stars and Stripes
Amanda Horrocks, Franklin Pierce University
Abraham Lincoln in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
Emma Kumpf, The College of New Jersey
Advocacy and Human Trafficking in Jordan and the U.S.
Sawnee Sachdev, Monroe Community College
Contemporary Slavery: The Proliferation of Sex Trafficking in the United States
Zanib Saeed, New Jersey City University
Human Trafficking Awareness at a Local Level

Post 9-11: Terrorism, Surveillance, and War – AB Foyer
Saimea Alam, Binghamton University
The Role of Madrassas, or Islamic Schools, in Radicalization and Terrorism in Pakistan
Connor Jackson, Westfield State University
Terrorism and Its Motives
Olivia Mazzaferro, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Terror’s Battlefield: The Ironies of Our Modern Freedom
Patrick Robbins, McDaniel College
War of Error: The United States’ Key Failures in Afghanistan

Immigrants, Bias, and Hate – Salon A (AV)
Renea Burke, Kingsborough Community College
DreamBlazers, a short film
Carlos Galindo, LaGuardia Community College
Ethical Views on Immigration Policies and Human Rights in the U.S.
German Monzon, New Jersey City University
LGBT Rights in Lebanon

Benefits and Threats in a Technology Driven World - Courtyard Room B (AV)
Onel Harrison, Monroe College
Windows 95: The Revolution in Personal Computing
Eugenio Rotondi, Monroe College
The iPhone: Technology’s Battle for Privacy
Jon-Kristen Tison, Fairleigh Dickinson College at Florham
The War Machine
Samuel Underhill, Eastern Connecticut State University
Implementation of Computational Mechanisms

10:35-11:50 a.m.

Roundtable Session II

Biology Topics – Courtyard Boardroom 1
Ursula Lama, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Ciradian Rhythm Disruption in D. melanogaster Induced by Mutant Genes
Andrew Salzillo, St. Francis College
Metal Mineral Distributions of Kamacite, Taenite, and Troilite in the Admire Pal

Death and Dying Battlefields – Garibaldi’s 1
Sarah Ashour, SUNY College at Old Westbury
Euthanasia
Janil Caba, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Battlefields: Fighting Against Capital Punishment
Sharon Pierre-Louis, SUNY College at Old Westbury
Death to the Death Penalty/The War on Death

Technology and Education – Garibaldi’s 2
Rachel Anderson, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The Battles of the Non-Traditional Student: How Technology is Winning the War
Jessica Buonfrisco, Molloy College
How Technology Will Change the Education Landscape
Race, Crime, and the Police – AB Foyer
Samantha Bruehert, SUNY Orange
Gang Wars: Then vs. Now
Rachel Powell, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
How to Reduce Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System
Valeria Urbina, Frederick Community College
A Battle for Meaning: Interpreting Events in Ferguson, Missouri, through the Opi
Patricia Wise, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Battlesfields of Maintenance: Modern Race Relations and Social Justice Warriors

Noon -1:30 p.m.
Presidential Lunch and Address – Salons ABC and D
1:40 -2:55 p.m.
Roundtable Session III
Achievement Gaps – Courtyard Boardroom 1
Lorena Bedoya, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
War on Women: More Than Equal Pay
Haley Lindsey, Post University
Educational Discrimination Against Women: A Worldwide Battle
Veronica Mupazviriro & Maame Quainoo, College of Saint Elizabeth
Women’s Battle Closing the Gap Between Equality and Leadership

Education Battlefields – Garibaldi’s 1
Chelsea Baker & Irina Znakarchuk, Westfield State University
Public Education: A Figurative Battlefield
Kelly Petillon, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Ammunition in the Classrooms: A Battle for Change

Health Coverage Battlefields – Garibaldi’s 2
Jawad Chaudhry, SUNY Old Westbury
ObamaCare: A Modern Day Revolution
Natalie Epstein, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The Impact of Civil War Battlefield Medicine on Modern Medicine

Islamic Battlefields – Freedom Hall 1
Khadija Alami, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The War Between Islam and Terrorism
Sidney Anderson, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The Technological Battlefields of Change
Manpreet Kaur & Nazish Nawaz, St. Francis College
The Untold Story of the Bloodiest 1984 Sikh Massacre

Self & Other: Social Identities – Freedom Hall 2
Kimberly Bonilla & Eliana Callejas, College of Saint Elizabeth
Immigration: A Nation Changing
Caitlin Gilmore, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The Umbrellas Are Open: The Students of Hong Kong Fight to Be Heard
Da Qi Xia, CUNY Brooklyn College
Edge of States

Sustaining Honors Teaching and Learning 2 – Freedom Hall 3
Timothy Bowman & Serena Testone, SUNY Oswego
Battling Change: From Nothing to an Honors Student Advisory Board
Mary Madigan & Carolynn DeWitt, Fitchburg State University
Networking Across the Commonwealth
Nicole Green, Eastern Connecticut State University
Accepting Controversy as a Cohort

Ethnography of Libraries – Garibaldi’s 3
Jonelle Bowen, Michael Kissiedu, Bushra Miller & Emily Christian, Montgomery College
Honors Student Researchers: Allies in the Campaign to Modernize the College Library

Paper Session III

Battlesfields of Culture 1 – Courtyard Room A (AV)
Kaitlin Cockerham, CUNY Brooklyn College
Monstrous Imagery from New Spain
Natasha Edwards, St. Francis College
Water in Art: A Symbol of Hawaii’s Freedom and Enslavement
Steven Thompson, The College of New Jersey
“A Very Grim Affair From All Perspectives”: The Dakota War and Mankato Execution

Battlesfields of Representation 1 – Courtyard Room B (AV)
Herbert Bustamante, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Industrialization of Cinema
Kayla Head, Gallaudet University
The Fight for the Newspaper’s Rightful Place in the Media World
Jacklyn Linsky, Lasell College
Societal Denial: Rethinking the Veil - East & West
Whitney Stow, Post University
Hollywood Battlefields: The Fight for Female Presence

Nation States: Scotland, Ukraine, Egypt, and Cyprus – Salon A (AV)
Rachel Guthall, McDaniel College
A Complicated Marriage: Scotland’s Decision to Stay Put
Lila Hassan, CUNY Brooklyn College
The Battle for Activism: Engaging in Social Change - Online and Beyond
Frances Sherlock, Salisbury University
Over Half a Century of Unrest: A Solution to the Cyprus Conflict
Maheem Welcome, LaGuardia Community College
Social Identity Conflicts

Battlesfields of Ethics – Salon B
Theresa Bissex, Molloy College
The Ethics of Virtual Reality: Pornography in the Technological Age
Moriah Brock, SUNY Orange
Silverstein’s Art of War
Joshua Robert, LaGuardia Community College
General Motors and Ethics: Now What?

The Business of History, Memory, and Change – Salon E (AV)
Bilguundari Batbold, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
The Battlefield for Mongolia’s Natural Resources
Joshua Dykens, Cape Cod Community College
Financial Meltdown
Hoa Ha, Keystone College
More Than Good Intentions
Denaisha Lesley-Coburn, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Battlefield for Change: Reconstruction of the Freedom Tower

Education Policies: From Local to International – Salon F (AV)
Gianna Durso-Finley, Mercer County Community College
Friend or Foe?: The Public-Private Partnership in Honors Education
Nina Duzhikhin, Towson University
The Global Fight for Education and the Environment: UNESCO’s Role
Joseph Valerio, Macaulay Honors College at Brooklyn College
The Institution of Internships: Indentured Servitude in the Age of Networking

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Battlesfields of Politics 2 - Salon B
Laura Hurley, David Lewis & Ksenia Starikov, Kean University
The Preservation of a Human Connection in Time of War Through Letters

Brianna MacMahon, Hartwick College
Making “The Gettysburg Address” Sacred

Erika Petapas, University of Massachusetts- Lowell
Battlesfields of Change: Lexington and Concord

Aaron Rosengarten, Northampton Community College
Christianity’s Profound Influence Within Slavery

Threats and Solutions: Responding to Changes in the Environment - Salon E (AV)
Marcela Alzate-Gomez, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Tiny Element, Big Destruction

Erick Shepherd & Matt Berman, Frederick Community College
On the Viability of Fresnel Lens Solar Thermal Energy Systems

Byanjana Thapa, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Heat Stress Adaptation in the Marine Copepod Tigriopus californicus

Battlesfields of Medicine - Salon F (AV)
Rachel Baer, Susquehanna University
The Marriage of Natural Philosophy and Theology in Hildegard of Bingen’s “Causae et Curae” and “Physica”

Kimberlyn Bailey, SUNY Oswego
The Recipe Model of Mental Disorders and Its Use as a Psychotherapeutic Tool

Emily Connell, McDaniel College
Shamanism, Spirituality, and Science: Working in Tandem, Not in Opposition

Rebecca Hadjiloucas, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Global Domination: The Triumph of Disease

Battlefields of Representation 2 - Lincoln
Albert Cavallaro, The College of New Jersey
Tacit Approval: Examining the Treatment of Incest in Atala and Don Juan

Brandy Martinez, Northampton Community College
The Battle Between Reality and Dreams in Shakespeare’s Plays

Gabriel Olah, Northampton Community College
The Battle Between Faith and Doubt in the Works of Samuel Beckett

Tara Vaughan, Iona College
Love is a Battlefield

Health Policies, Taboos, and the Law - Eisenhower
Chaya Barasch-Grose, SUNY Sullivan
The Pharmaceutical Industry: America’s Drug Pusher

Catherine Baudendistel, The College of New Rochelle
HIV in South Africa: The Battle to Decriminalize Sex Work

Ryan Bjorklund, Point Park University
Less is More: A Legal and Philosophical Framework for Population Optimization Policy in the 21st Century

Brielle Cardieri, CUNY Brooklyn College
The Right to Choice: The Pressing Issue in Women’s Rights

Paper Session 1V - continued

Ethics of Technology: Health, Food, and Energy - Salon A (AV)
Zachary Abbott, Gallaudet University
Cyborgization and the Global Economy: Epistemological Advancements Through Neurotechnologies

Brenna Closius, Westfield State University
The U.S. Government’s Reaction to Agent Orange

Xavier Medina, LaGuardia Community College
Nafi’a’s Pig Business

Medical Treatments and Stigma - Stars and Stripes
Natalie Davison, Lock Haven University
Redefining Equality for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Michelle Grosso, Community College of Allegheny County
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: The Civil War Versus the Iraq War

Timisha Johnson, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Changing Views of Homosexuality: The Borders of Behavior and Mental Illness

Shivani Mehta, Fairleigh Dickinson University
A Revolving Battlefield: AIDS in 21st Century India

Women’s Rights: Activists, Programs, and Perceptions - AB Foyer
Lauren Fleming, Towson University
Now You See Them, Now You Don’t: U.N. Women’s Battle to End Oppression of Women

Shannon Smith, SUNY Sullivan
“I’m There! Is There a Ring on Your Finger?” Conquering the Stigma of Unwed Teen Pregnancy

Saturday Conference Schedule
4:30-5:45 p.m.
Student Caucus – Salons AB and C
4:30-5:45 p.m.
Honors Directors: Nuts and Bolts – Eisenhower
Presented by Drs. Rebekah Keaton and Lorna Ronald
6-7 p.m.
NRHC Business Meeting – Eisenhower
8:30-9:30 p.m.
Red Carpet Dance Student Social – Salons DE and F
We’re rolling out the red carpet! Come dressed in your best Hollywood attire for a night of music, dancing, and fun! Some hors doeuvres will be served as you dance the night away.
Sunday Conference Schedule
7:30-9:30 a.m.
**Breakfast with Posters – Salons C and D**
9:30-10:30 a.m.
**State Level Meetings (if needed)**
8-9 a.m.
**Posters – Salons C and D**
Alise Rittershaus, Salem State University
Personal Growth and Confidence Building in the Middle School Student Facilitated Through Theatre
Payne Roberts, Community College of Allegheny County
Effects of the Oil and Gas Industry in Western PA
Kyle Robinson, University of Southern Maine
Eating Sustainably: Comparing Apples and Oranges
Clarissa Rous, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Optimizing Flow Cytometric detection of KSHV-Associated Disease
Juliet Seidel, Lock Haven University
Preparation of Metalloporphyrin Nanoparticles
Kelly Steele, Westfield State University
Invading the Boy's Club: An Analysis of the Rise of Women in Saturday Night Live
Erica Street-Valentin, College of Saint Elizabeth
Music in the Holocaust
Kristen Sutton, Community College of Rhode Island
Motivation to Complete Impossible Tasks
Kirans Tariq, SUNY College at Old Westbury
FASB: Formatting American Society for the Better
Brandy Teprag, Community College of Allegheny County
Infection Control in Africa
Jessica Torres, College of Saint Elizabeth
Battling Bullying
Susan Unfried, Notre Dame Of Maryland University
Smoking During Pregnancy: Caring to Assist in Cessation
Ibrahim Umer, Fairleigh Dickinson University
The Right To Die
Brooke Van Valkenburgh, Niagara County Community College
Battling Bullying: Prevention Starts In The Home
Andrew Visconti, Salem State University
Depression and Mental Health Awareness Regarding Adolescents: Study Protocol
Summer Washburn, Salisbury University
A Look Into the Obesity Epidemic: A Global Problem
Terrance Witcher, Stockton University
The Influence of American Society on Gangster Rap Music
Emily Young, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Battling Opiate Addiction In America
Shellie O’Hara, Point Park University
Seeing Red: The Effects of Red No. 40
Claudia Benitez, The College of New Rochelle
The Battle for Education: New York State Common Core System and E.L.L. Students
Courtney Lepping, Stockton University
The Debate Over Labor Unions in a Changing Economy

Saturday, April 11
**Courtyard Room A (AV)**
(Pro)TECTED Children: Violence, Foster Care and Food
Access to Education
Battlefields of Culture 1

**Courtyard Room B (AV)**
Benefits and Threats in a Technology Driven World
Battlefields of Sexuality
Battlefields of Representation

**Courtyard Room C (AV)**
Homeschooling
Teaching and Learning
Sustaining Honors

**Courtyard Room D (AV)**
Dying with Dignity
Teaching and Learning
Sustaining Honors

**Courtyard Room E (AV)**
Self & Other: Social Norms and Social Change
Teaching and Learning
Sustaining Honors

**Courtyard Room F (AV)**
International Science
Teaching and Learning
Sustaining Honors

**Courtyard Room G (AV)**
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**Courtyard Room H (AV)**
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**Courtyard Room Z (AV)**
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**Salon A (AV)**
Immigrants, Bias, and Hate
Perception is Everything: The Social and Cultural Side of Science
Nation States: Scotland, Ukraine, Egypt, and Cyprus
Ethics of Technology: Health, Food, and Energy

**Salon B (AV)**
Alternative Therapies
Battlefields of Culture 2
Battlefields of Politics 2
Threats and Solutions: Responding to Changes in the Environment

**Salon C (AV)**
Social Change: Movements, Cults, and NGOs
The Bounds of Biology and Genetics
The Business of History, Memory, and Change
Battlefields of Medicine

**Salon D (AV)**
Tools and Assessments for Education
Violence Against Women: Creating Change
Education Policies: From Local to International
Battlefields of Repression

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**Stars and Stripes (AV)**
Human Trafficking: Past and Present
Identity Formation: Race, Sexuality, and Presidents
Local Challenges to Education
Medical Treatments and Stigma

**AB Foyer (AV)**
Post 9-11: Terrorism, Surveillance, and War
Race, Crime, and the Police
Technology, Communication and the Bounds of Human Relationships
Women's Rights: Activists, Programs, and Perceptions

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