2024 WATSON UNDERGRADUATE THESIS CONFERENCE

Mon, May 6th | 1:00–5:30pm & Tues, May 7th | 12:15–3:30pm Watson Institute | Joukowsky Forum 111 Thayer Street

MONDAY

Reception 4:30

1:00 Welcome Remarks

Reform in America: Education and the Workplace

Anya Bassett, Faculty Director of the International and Public Affairs Concentration

1:15		
	<i>Silos and the Status Quo: An Analysis of State Takeover Spillover Effects on Early Chilo</i> Emory Brinson	dhood Education
	School Choice, Self-Sorting, and the Pursuit of Equitable Education in Portland, Maine Siri Pierce	
	Career Progression of Congressional Staffers: Gender Inequity on Capitol Hill Elisabeth Bernold	
	Q & A	
Develop 2:15	ment in Practice: Innovations in Cross-Global Settings	Moderator: Robert Blair
	Dose for Development: The Role of Academic Infrastructure and Political Economy in Pharmaceutical Innovation Akshay Amesur	
	Reassessing the Measurement of Cash Transfer Effectiveness: "The Lifecycle Framework." Gabrielle Shammash	
	<i>Effective Service Providers: Rebel Groups in Complex Emergencies</i> Annie Schwerdtfeger	
	Q & A	
Interest 3:10	s, Advocacy, and Political Change in the United States	Moderator: Anya Bassett
	<i>Zoning for Climate Change: Understanding Climate Interest Group Engagement in State-Level Zoning Reforms</i> Logan Danker <i>Defense Policy Warfare: Comparing the Introduction and Impact of Contention around Social issues on the FY1994</i> <i>and FY2024 National Defense Authorization Acts</i> Ethan Minkoff	
	The Politics of Addiction and Recovery in Rhode Island: A Legislative Analysis of the H Program of 2021 William Forys	arm Reduction Center Pilot
	Q&A	
4:10	Concluding Remarks: Edward Steinfeld, Director, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs	



Moderator: Susan Moffitt



TUESDAY

12:15 Welcome Remarks

Claudia Elliot, Senior Lecturer in International and Public Affairs

Documenting Justice: Representation, Reconciliation, and Post-Conflict Negotiation Moderator: Anya Bassett 12:30

Whose Public Memory? Pandemic Archives in New York City and the Dilemmas of Representation Alice Jo

Reassessing Repatriation and Resettlement: The U.S. Negotiations Over the Detainees of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Salonee Singh

The Politics of Peace Education: Schooling as a Vehicle for Reconciliation or Division After Violent Ethnic Conflict in Bosnia and Rwanda Isa Stronski

Q&A

The Global Dynamics of National Identity and Unity 1:25

Across Borders and Beliefs: National Identity Formation Among Immigrant Communities Eva Azazoglu

Imagined Bodies in Imagined Communities: (Re)Producing the Nation in Bosnia and Herzegovina Alexandra Lehman

Legislating Language: The Effects of Multi-level Governance on Regional Identity and National Unity Spencer Sheppe

Q & A

Understanding International Intervention in a Complex Global World

Moderator: David Polatty

Moderator: Claudia Elliott

2:10

Private Contractor Violence in Conflict: Conditional State Decision-making Under an Accountability Dilemma Elliott Trendell

Digital Foreign Interventions: Combatting Computational Propaganda Through Effective Media Innovation Ayca Ulgen

When the Complacent Giant Stirs: Revisiting Hegemonic Behavior During Instability in the Global World Order Sofia Yee-Wadsworth

Q & A

3:05 Concluding Remarks: David Polatty, Senior Fellow, International and Public Affairs