



2011 VCHC Spring Conference

# **“VCHC: A Monumental Experience”**

April 8-9, 2011

Marymount University

Arlington, VA







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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

### **Friday, April 8, 2011:**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Check-in at the hotel
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and light refreshments
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Opening session
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Potomac River Cruise Monument Tour

### **Saturday, April 9, 2011:**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Opening session
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Faculty and Student meetings
10:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Presentations
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:20 – 2:35 p.m.	Presentations
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Student Elections & Faculty Meeting
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	Closing Session and Award Ceremony



Dear Honors Students and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Virginias Collegiate Honors Council (VCHC) Executive board, Faculty and Student Representatives, I would like to welcome you to the Annual Spring Conference at Marymount University. Our theme for this year, selected by our Student Representatives, is “VCHC: A Monumental Experience.” True to one of the mission statements of VCHC to provide students with greater opportunities for intercollegiate honors program activities, this year’s conference offers a wonderful array of individual presentations and poster sessions about relevant topics in the areas of medicine, psychology, philosophy, history, political science, literature and ethical studies, just to name a few. We will be exposed to students’ research and analysis of theories of Nationalism from a global perspective, a chronological history of Communism, monumental cases and trials in the field of law, study of art through the eyes of Pablo Picasso, patriarch’s restriction of female sexuality, and so many more topics that it is going to be really challenging to decide which presentations to attend. Our desire is that you will go back to your academic institutions feeling a sense of satisfaction and pride in the academic accomplishments of all these creative honors students.

Our service project for this year focuses on the urgency to motivate elementary age school children to read. We have partnered with Reading is Fundamental of Northern Virginia (RIF-NV), and we are collecting new paperback books to distribute to underprivileged students in local schools. We must not underestimate the power of reading, and how we can positively affect the lives of these precious young readers with such a small token of generosity as it is to give them a fascinating book as a gift.

Not all learning will take place on the beautiful college campus of Marymount University. After dinner on Friday evening, we will embark on a unique opportunity to relax and enjoy the magnificent view of our nation’s capital riding on a boat along the Potomac River. It promises to be a serene and pleasant “monumental experience” that will shine light on the conference. I urge you to use this opportunity as a non-traditional ice-breaker activity to interact with other participants, get to know one another, talk about your presentations for the following day, and create networking opportunities for intercollegiate activities.

Even though we all know that the highlight of this weekend conference is for faculty members to see our students beam with pride as they present their work in their area of expertise, and for students to show off their academic talent, I would like to instill in all of you, faculty and students, the sense of civic engagement and duty to our organization. On Saturday morning we will convene for meetings and nominations for elections. Please, consider becoming a member of this wonderful organization and make your voice be heard in future conferences. Thank you for your support to VCHC and I hope that you truly enjoy this weekend.



Sincerely,  
Isabel Killough  
President, VCHC

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## **VIRGINIAS COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL HISTORY**

The Virginias Collegiate Honors Council (VCHC), now almost twenty years old, joins Virginia universities, colleges, and community colleges throughout the commonwealth to support and enhance programs and activities to meet the needs of exceptionally talented and motivated students. Recently, schools from West Virginia have also been included.

## **VIRGINIAS COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL MISSION**

The mission of VCHC is to:

- provide a forum for sharing information about honor programs,
- provide students with greater opportunities for intercollegiate honor programs activities,
- collaborate with regional and national organizations which have similar goals,
- encourage articulation between two-and four-year honor programs, and
- increase public and private awareness of and fiscal commitment to honor programs and projects.

## **VCHC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Membership in VCHC is available to institutions or individuals upon payment of annual dues. Annual dues for institutions are \$ 35.00 per calendar year, due in January. Annual dues for individual members are \$ 10.00 per calendar year. Individual membership dues must be paid before the Spring Conference each year. Both institutional and individual membership dues must be paid in order to vote on the business of VCHC.



## **VCHC PAST PRESIDENTS**

2009-2010	Ms. Liona T. Burnham, Northern Virginia Community College
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# CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIAS COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

(As amended March 17, 1990, March 30, 2002, and March 29, 2003)

**Article I:** This organization shall be known as the Virginias Collegiate Honors Council, afterwards referred to as VCHC.

**Article II: Mission**

The mission of VCHC shall be:

1. to provide a forum for sharing information about Honors programs;
2. to provide students with greater opportunities for intercollegiate Honors programs activities, including the opportunity for students to present their own research publicly in an academic setting;
3. to collaborate with regional and national organizations which have similar goals;
4. to encourage articulation between two- and four-year Honors programs;
5. to increase public and private awareness of and fiscal commitment to Honors programs and projects.
6. to work closely with SCHEV to encourage excellence in undergraduate education and to encourage the development of honors programs/colleges in all state institutions of higher learning;
7. to work closely with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to encourage excellence in undergraduate education.

**Article III: Membership**

Membership in VCHC shall consist of institutional and individual members who have paid dues.

Section 1: Institutional members: Any post-secondary institution with accreditation or recognized candidacy may hold membership and be eligible to send one voting representative to annual meetings. Foundations and state and federal agencies are eligible for institutional membership.

Institutional memberships from multi-campus institutions shall be assigned in a manner determined by each institution. If each campus has a separate Honors Program, each program may pay dues and have an institutional representative. It will be the responsibility of the institution to certify to the VCHC secretary-treasurer if it desires to be treated as a multi-campus institution.

Section 2: Individual members: Faculty, students, administrators and other interested persons are eligible for membership.

**Article IV: Voting**

Each individual member and each voting representative of a member institution shall be entitled to one vote in all transactions of VCHC, but no individual shall have more than one vote.

Section 1: Only those institutions whose dues are paid before the annual meeting are entitled to a vote in the business of VCHC.

Section 2: Only those individual members whose dues are paid before the annual meeting are entitled to vote in the business of VCHC. Failure to pay dues on time does not restrict individuals from participating in the other activities of the annual meeting.



**Article V: Quorum**

Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting announced 30 days in advance.

**Article VI: Officers**

The officers of VCHC shall be a President, a Faculty Vice-President, a Student Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and members at-large. At the first Executive Committee meeting after the election, officers will be informed of their duties.

Section 1: The President shall be elected at the annual meeting from all eligible faculty members. The term of office shall run from the conclusion of that annual meeting through the conclusion of the next annual meeting. The President shall call for and preside over the meetings of VCHC and the Executive Committee, shall appoint members to committees, and shall appoint the following individuals to serve as ex officio (non-voting) members of the VCHC Executive Committee: a liaison to NCHC, SRHC, and other honors organizations; and a webmaven. Other individuals will be appointed as deemed necessary.

Section 2: The Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the annual meeting. The term of office shall coincide with the term of the President. The Faculty Vice-President shall preside over VCHC in the absence of the President. The Faculty Vice-President shall co-chair the fall meeting of VCHC. The Student Vice-President shall co-chair the spring meeting of VCHC.

Section 3: The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting from all eligible faculty members. The term of office shall be three (3) years. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the VCHC, collect dues, maintain financial and membership records, and perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

Section 4: The Executive Committee members at-large shall be elected at the annual meeting. The term of office shall be as described in Article VII, Section 2.

**Article VII: The Executive Committee**

At the first Executive Committee meeting after the election, the Executive Committee members will be informed of their duties.

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of VCHC and six at-large members. There shall be one faculty member and one student from two-year colleges, four-year private institutions, and four-year public institutions. The past president shall be an ex-officio (voting) member of the Executive Committee for one year.

Section 2: Student members at large will serve one-year terms; faculty members at large will serve rotating two-year terms.

Section 3: No single institution shall hold more than one faculty and one student elected position on the Executive Committee.

Section 4: All persons on the Executive Committee must be individual members of VCHC.

Section 5: The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

1. to advise the President of VCHC;
2. to make policy decisions for VCHC except in those cases where that right has been given to the whole membership (constitution, by-laws, dues, and election);
3. to create and supervise the work of all other committees;
4. to conduct such business as is necessary between sessions of VCHC;

5. to conduct any other activities which facilitate the mission of VCHC;
6. to provide for a nominating process for election of officers;
7. to fill vacancies in office until the next annual meeting.

**Article VIII: Meetings**

Section 1: VCHC shall hold an annual conference in the spring at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee. Other meetings may be called by the President by majority agreement of the Executive Committee or if requested in writing by ten percent of the membership.

Section 2: There shall be a fall meeting at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee for faculty involved in Honors programs in Virginia.

**Article IX: Amendments**

Any amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing to the membership at the beginning of the annual meeting and shall be voted on at that meeting. Two-thirds of those present and voting must approve any amendment to the Constitution. An amendment shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

**Article X: Ratification**

Ratification of the Constitution shall be by simple majority of those present and voting at the first annual business meeting of VCHC.

**Article XI: Bylaws**

Section 1: Bylaws shall be established as necessary for the transaction of the business of VCHC.

Section 2: Changes in the bylaws shall be approved at the annual meeting of VCHC. A majority of those present and voting is necessary to adopt a change. A change shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

# **BYLAWS OF THE VIRGINIAS COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL**

(As changed March 17, 1990, and March 30, 2002)

- Article 1: The annual dues for the institutional members are \$35.00.
- Article 2: The annual dues for individual members are \$10.00.
- Article 3: All committees and elected officers shall represent to the greatest extent possible the diverse constituencies of VCHC, including students and faculty.
- Article 4: The standing committees of VCHC shall be (A) the Program Committee and (B) the Bylaws Committee. Other committees may be created by the Executive Committee.
- Article 5: Ad hoc committees may be created by the President. An ad hoc committee shall last twelve months from the date of its creation or until discharged from its duty by the President. The President will provide the appointed committee chair a specific charge for the committee.
- Article 6: The Program Committee shall work with the co-chairs to develop a series of activities for the meetings of VCHC that recognize the diverse nature and interests of its members.
- Article 7: The Bylaws Committee shall review the VCHC Constitution and Bylaws, and recommend changes to the Executive Committee for possible recommendation to the annual meeting.
- Article 8: The ad hoc Nominations Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office to be elected at the annual meeting. This committee shall be appointed annually by the President. The floor will be open for additional nominations.
- Article 9: The ad hoc Scholarship Committee shall solicit and receive applications from interested juniors for the Howard Davis Scholarship. This committee shall be appointed annually by the President.

## 2011 CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 8

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

#### **RECEPTION & REGISTRATION**

**Lee Reception Room**

Each registrant will receive their badge, conference materials, portfolio, and gift. Drinks and an assortment of Georgetown cupcakes will be served during registration. Some activities will be available for your entertainment including two art galleries exhibiting work of Marymount University art students.

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

#### **OPENING SESSION**

**Robert Reinsch Auditorium**

The conference will open with a presentation from Professor Leverett from the Marymount University History Department. The presentation will be followed by a singing performance of Shannon Gough. The session will be concluded with a presentation by a Marymount University Honors Student, Regina Spatarella. The opening session will be followed by a buffet dinner at the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall.

**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

#### **DINNER**

**Gerard Phelan Dining Hall**

Dinner will be served at the Gerard Phelan Dining Hall. The dinner buffet includes mixed green salad with ranch & Italian dressings, meat lasagna, vegetable lasagna, garlic bread sticks, cannoli, iced tea, assorted sodas, and water with lemon. Dinner will be followed with a boat cruise ride along the Potomac River. The cruise will depart from the Georgetown Waterfront in Washington, DC.

**8:30 pm – 10:30 pm**

#### **EVENING ACTIVITY**

**Georgetown Waterfront**

This will be a chance to tour Washington's majestic landmarks. It will be an enjoyable evening tour of the illuminated monuments. Some of the monuments that will be able to be viewed are the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Washington Monument, to name a few. The cruise will be departing from the Georgetown Waterfront. We will be taking the orange line at the Ballston/ MU metro station and we will stop at the Foggy Bottom Metro station (Metro fare cards will be provided). The boat dock is less than a mile walk from the station and should take ten to fifteen minutes. It is advisable that you wear walking shoes and you bring a jacket as it may get cold on the boat.

## **Saturday, April 9**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

### **BREAKFAST**

**Truland Auditorium**

Continental buffet breakfast will include an assortment of bagels and scones, yogurt with granola, fresh seasonal sliced fruit, tea, and coffee.

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

### **OPENING SESSION**

**Truland Auditorium**

Welcome and overview of the conference.

**9:00 am – 10:00 am**

### **FACULTY MEETING**

**Ballston 208**

### **STUDENT MEETING**

**Ballston Conference Center**

Business meeting and election preparation

**10:10 am – 11:45 am**

### **CONCURRENT PRESENTATION SESSIONS**

**Ballston 201, 202, 204, & 204**

Individual presentations will be held in scheduled rooms.

**11:45 am – 12:30 pm**

### **POSTER SESSION**

**Ballston Conference Center**

**12:30 pm – 1:15 pm**

### **LUNCH**

**Truland Auditorium**

Pot Belly's Basic Belly Plus boxed lunch will include sandwich, chips, & cookie with an assortment of sodas.

**1:20 pm – 2:35 pm**

### **CONCURRENT PRESENTATION SESSIONS**

**Ballston 201, 202, 204, & 204**

Individual presentations will be held in scheduled rooms.

**2:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

### **FACULTY MEETING**

**Ballston 208**

### **STUDENT ELECTIONS**

**Truland Auditorium**

Slate of officers will be presented and elections for Student officers held.

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm**

### **CLOSING SESSION**

**Truland Auditorium**

Announcements and prizes will be awarded to top presenters in each presentation category.

## 2011 VCHC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Ballston Conference Center

Characterization of the Murine Melanoma Cell Lines B16-F1 and D5.1G4: A Model System for Investigating Immune Regulation by Highly Tumorigenic Versus Poorly Immunogenic Melanomas

Pranay Reddy, Hampden-Sydney College

B16-F1 is a highly aggressive, tumorigenic murine melanoma. D5.1G4 is a chemically mutated variant of B16-F1 that exhibits delayed outgrowth upon tumor challenge. We performed microarray and RT-PCR analysis to assess gene expression profiles for these cell lines in order to gain insight into their differential patterns of tumorigenicity.

Ending Poverty: Trends, Consequences, and Possible Solutions

Julian Burke, George Mason University

The purpose of this research paper was to explain the effects of poverty on humans, particularly children, and to illustrate how politicians, the media, and culture formulate our thoughts on the issue. Empirical studies on consequences of poverty were reviewed and suggestions on policy change and possible solutions were discussed.

Implementing EOG as a Control Mechanism: Synchronizing Eye Movement, Real-time Signal Processing, and Cursor Movement

Joung Choi, George Mason University

This project explores using electro-oculograms (EOGs) as a control mechanism. With real-time signal input and processing, EOG was used to control a cursor and draw paths on a computer screen. This has potential applications for assistive technology by enhancing computer usability and interaction with technology.

The Irony of Patriotism

Gabrielle Webster, George Mason University

After nearly a decade, this research analysis aims to revisit the debate over the USA PATRIOT Act and evaluate the Act's legitimacy based on its Constitutionality rather than the benefits to National Security.

## INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

10:10 – 11:45 am

Ballston 201

### The War Was in Color: The Korean War through the Eyes of the Men That Fought It

Amanda Peacock, Marymount University

This paper analyzes similarities, differences, and relationship to historical accounts of interviews conducted with Korean War Veterans. It presents an understanding of the United States' role then and now and applies oral history theory to determine the impact that age and relationship had on the memories gathered during the interview.

### Painting the Town RED: Communism throughout the Ages

Kendra Bellamy, Norfolk State University

“Our fear that Communism might someday take over most of the world blinds us to the fact that anti-communism already has” (Anonymous U.S. Analyst in 1967). In the Western World, Communism is still considered a taboo form of government. Focusing on the remaining Communist regimes in China, Cuba and elsewhere, this presentation explains communism's roots in 19<sup>th</sup> century Marxist thought, current attempts at 'free market' reforms, and the outlooks for Communism in the East and West.

### Roadmap to Cooperative Israel-Palestine Dialogue

Jacob Abraham, George Mason University

This project uses the model created by Daniel Romer et. al.'s article *Blame Discourse vs. Realistic Conflict as Explanations of Ethnic Tension in Urban Neighborhoods* published in July 1997 edition of Political Communication to draw solutions for removing ethnicity from the Israel-Palestine process.

### Theories of Nationalism: A Case Study of the Albanian National Awakening

Borjana Sako, Marymount University

This presentation will focus on the process by which the people who identified themselves as Albanians achieved their national self-determination. The process of self-determination will be examined relying on the studies of Hans Kohn and David Miller. Albania came into existence because of its common descent, language, customs and traditions. Most importantly it was able to form its nationality “by its decision to form a nationality” to put it in Kohn's language (Kohn, 15). It was the will of the people which found the expression of its national identity in the modern doctrine of nationalism.

10:10 – 11:45 am

Ballston 202

### Combinatorial Optimization: Traveling Salesman Problem

Ashlee Edwards, Virginia Wesleyan College

The Traveling Salesman Problem is a difficult and well known optimization problem in which the salesman starts at a Home city and visits a number of other cities before returning home, while trying to minimize distance/cost. We explore the TSP in the Euclidean plane and on a sphere with three fixed cities and a variable Home point, and characterize optimal circuits in the case where the three cities are vertices of equilateral, isosceles, and scalene triangles.

### Deadly Medicine: Clinical Trial Corruption

David Jarrell, George Mason University

This presentation will address the issue of clinical drug trial outsourcing. Due to the minimal oversight as well as ethical violations, the safety and validity of these studies demand concern. Luckily, understanding and analysis of the causes of these problems allows for potential solutions to this looming issue.

### The Evolution of Marketing

Kyshira S. Moffett, Hampton University

This presentation will focus on how the concept of marketing has evolved throughout time. Marketing is the process of researching consumers and selling products to the certain market segments.

### The Inflationary Trap and How to Escape It

Daniel Carlen, George Mason University

The United States has been suffering from long term inflation for generations. What can history and economics tell us will happen if we continue our present course, and more importantly, how can we use economics and history to solve this problem.

10:10 – 11:45 am

Ballston 203

### Law: Monumental Cases and Trials

Courtney Coleman, Hampton University

The work seeks to solicit the scope of monumental cases and trials related to the current justice system. In order to analyze these examinations, the research strategy used in this is literature study and case study design and analysis.

### Serial Killers: Good for Society

Sarah Hobernicht, George Mason University

An examination of the cultural significance of serial killers, and the reason behind their sinister grip on our collective imaginations. The oral presentation will focus around the media representations of one Gary Ridgeway, who brutally strangled 49 women to death in the 1980s and 1990s.

### Evaluating Recent Work in the Philosophy of Punishment

Thomas Lee Anderson, Marymount University

This morning, 2,284,900 American adults woke up in cages. While some would dismiss this fact as simplistic, it serves to strip away the frills on a crucial philosophical and practical issue: how the notion of ‘punishment’ has become an explanation for an otherwise unconscionable act. This presentation will focus on philosophical answers to the question ‘what justifies the practice of punishment?’



Laura Mulvey and "Rapeyay"

Amelia Martin, George Mason University

Using Laura Mulvey's groundbreaking essay "Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema," this presentation analyzes the Japanese video game "Rapeyay". The game ignited a firestorm of controversy, branded by Western media as a rape simulator. Mulvey's essay explains erotic messages of visual media, which helps shed light on the game's implications.

10:10 – 11:45 am

Ballston 204

Designing University Spaces to Minimize the Stress of College Students

Lenina Valle, Marymount University

Common college stressors including lack of privacy, crowding, disorganization, noise, and sleep deprivation are explored in terms of how one's physical environment can add to or reduce their impact. Conclusions are drawn about how university spaces might be designed to address these issues and improve the wellbeing of students.

Call for Papers

Craig D. Stanley II, Hampton University

For this presentation I will discuss some of the radical advancements of the internet (particularly social media) and their role in today's society, and provide recommendations for making responsible choices when using the World Wide Web.

Is Politically Correct Language Harmful or Helpful?

Jessica Randall, Northern Virginia Community College

Politically correct language has been overused to the point of confusion, making us all wonder "can I say that?"

Colleges Go Green!!!!

Vanessa Marie Lasko, Norfolk State University

Economically, environmentally and socially America's colleges and universities need to go green *now*. Using examples from across the country, this presentation examines how green buildings and technologies can help lower the operating costs of schools, thereby potentially lowering tuition and improving faculty and student quality of life.

1:20 – 2:35 pm

Ballston 201

Buyology

Triana Rish, George Mason University

Women are an incredible force in the economy, controlling eighty percent of purchases in America. Until recently, consumer psychology focused on behavior of individual personalities. By understanding the psychological differences between the sexes, companies can increase their competitive edge by advertising specifically for the female brain.

Females in Power: Politics vs. Family  
Kamilah S. Land, Hampton University

My presentation is about the first female governor of Massachusetts, Jane Swift who was placed into a position after the current governor Paul Cellucci left for Canada.

Patriarch's Restriction of Female Sexuality  
Allison Dazey, Virginia Wesleyan College

My presentation explains how patriarchy existed in the ancient world and continues to exist today. However, my paper explains the monumental improvements that have been made to lessen patriarchy's restriction of female sexuality.

1:20 – 2:35 pm

Ballston 202

Origin vs. Style: Pablo Picasso as a Spanish Artist  
Andre Maldonado, Norfolk State University

Pablo Picasso, perhaps the most renowned artist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, challenges the very concept of a national 'Spanish art.' By combining a unique style with traditional inspirations, he formulated his own identity and rose to European and then world prominence. Yet his Spanish origin is vital to understanding his work. Could it be more than just his birth origin that makes him a Spanish artist?

"Made Flesh": Epiphany Structure in Joyce's *Ulysses*  
Caitlin Rizzo, Marymount University

In *Ulysses*, Stephen Dedalus formally dismisses Joyce's early theory of epiphany causing scholars to abandon epiphany theory as an avenue to understanding this modern epic. However, by revisiting the development of epiphany one can see the progression of Joyce's theory into an emergent structure of *Ulysses*.

The Nature of the Soul  
Lydia Freeman, Bluefield College

The presentation will involve a creative nonfiction piece dealing in spiritual memoir that discusses the concept of the soul. Light will be used as a metaphorical device. Creative nonfiction is set apart by true-life events, focus on language, and the illusions made towards greater ideas.

1:20 – 2:35 pm

Ballston 203

The Black Church: An Influence on African-American Unlike Any Other  
Lauryn Francis, Hampton University

The purpose of this research paper is to find the importance of the Black Church to African-Americans in the United States, and also whether a relationship exists between region, class, gender, and age.

### Running Hobbled in the Race for Riches

Judellia Cole, Norfolk State University

Despite the gains of the last few decades, Black Americans are still, as a group, significantly poorer than White Americans. This presentation focuses on the work of economist Thomas Shapiro (*Black Wealth/White Wealth*, 1995) who has studied the role of generational wealth and inheritance in explaining the disparity between the financial worth of Whites and Blacks. Using interviews with rich and poor African-American as well as White families, this presentation speaks to the question of whether or not wealth is realistically within reach in America, and, if so, under what circumstances. How does one go about establishing a family legacy of wealth?

### Little Known Explorers: Minority Representation Over the Years of NASA

Jamillah Pate, Hampton University

This presentation covers astronauts and engineers like Nancy Boggles, that have made great contributions both to space exploration and NASA.

1:20 – 2:35 pm

Ballston 204

### Memories of Horror

Rheal Radwany, George Mason University

Eight years ago I watched Stephen King's *It* and to this day I fear clowns. Why do I, an intelligent adult, continue to fear a movie character that I believe in as little as Santa? How do horror films scare audiences and why does the fear last past viewing?

### Play Therapy International

Chiara Murray, Hampton University

This presentation analyzes the use of play therapy in various countries, the possible outcomes, and particularly the influence of filial therapy, which includes the role of parents in play therapy.

### Rethinking the Diagnosis: Anorexia, Bulimia, and the Places in Between

Julia Douglas, George Mason University

Anorexia Nervosa and associated illnesses have the highest mortality rate of all psychiatric disorders. Because of outdated diagnostic standards, insurance companies have ignored the growing epidemic, preventing at-risk patients from getting the help they need. An analysis of the problem and its possible solutions.

## **ROLL CALL**

Bluefield College  
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