

Virginia Tech 7th Annual Undergraduate Research and Prospective Graduate Student Conference
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center
Oral Presentations

Time	Room #	Presenter	Research Area	Institution	Research Title
9:30	DuckPond	Bowe, Linda Marie	Classical Studies	Virginia Tech	Rome's Vestal Virgins: A Case Study of the Tensions between Ideology and Reality (in Five Historical Women)
	Cascades A	Brooks, Maxwell	English	Virginia Tech	My Grandfather in His Living Room
	Cascades B	King, Embra	Religion/Psychology	Hampden Sydney College	Religion: Nature or Nurture
	Drillfield	Niemeier III, Bernard	English	Hampden Sydney College	Homosexuality and Shakespeare
	Smithfield	Cooperstein, Kathleen	English and Sociology	Virginia Tech	The Loss and Rediscovery of the Divine Feminine
9:50	DuckPond	DeSio, Alexandria	Meter in Latin Poetry	Virginia Tech	Hearing Horace: The Alcaic Stanza in the Grammatici Latini and Horace's Odes 1.9
	Cascades A	Fayez, Rana	Communication and Popular Culture	Virginia Tech	Ethnic Identity in Punk Rock
	Cascades B	Ficklin, Jarrod	Linguistics	Hampden Sydney College	SIGNificance of SIGN Language: Incorporating ASL into Foreign Language Departments and Linguistic Studies
	Drillfield	Harris, George Thompson, Tyler	Engineering Technology	Elizabeth City State University	A Hybrid Solution for Renewable Energy
	Smithfield	Gordon, Caty Ellen	English	Virginia Tech	Thorn Hill
10:10	DuckPond	Gibson, Nadine	History	Virginia Tech	The Richmond Sit-ins
	Cascades A	Robinson, Reeder	Biochemistry	Virginia Tech	Group 5 Bacterial Multicomponent Monooxygenases
	Cascades B	Kern, Brian	History	Hampden Sydney College	Barbara Johns: The Forgotten Hero of the Civil Rights Movement
	Drillfield	Owusu-Boamah, Yaw	Materials Science	Virginia Commonwealth University	Fabrication and Characterization of NanoScale Inhomogeneous Metal/Semiconductor Contacts
	Smithfield	Grady, Caitlin	Engineering, Environmental Science, Water Resources	Virginia Tech	Analysis of Water and Energy Conservation of Rainwater System on a Single Family Home

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10:30	DuckPond	Snelling, Trevor	English	Virginia Tech	Tomorrow is Coming
	Cascades A	Hagerup, Christine	English/Linguistics	Virginia Tech	A Rhetorical and Discursive Analysis of Third-Graders' Conceptions of Soldering
	Cascades B	Laakso, Jyri	Psychology	Hampden Sydney College	Relationship of Emotional Intelligence in One's Psychological Well-being in Male College Students
	Drillfield	Evans, Shavonda Patel, Megha	Biology	Elizabeth City State University	TRAIL as a Universal Drug For Cancer Treatment
	Smithfield	Hardwick, Elizabeth	English	Virginia Tech	Blood Trickling Down Into Children's Literature: An Examination of Vampirism
10:50	DuckPond	James, Victoria	English	Virginia Tech	An Examination of the Relationship between Power and Love within English Literature
	Cascades A	Klassen, Michelle	Current Issues	Virginia Tech	Hillbilly Heroin: OxyContin in Appalachia
	Cascades B	Little Jr., Michael Anthony	Music Business/Radio	Hampden Sydney College	Radio's Monopoly: The Clear Channel Empire
	Drillfield	Smithberger, Erin	Human Nutrition, Food and Exercise	Virginia Tech	Response of non-transformed and transformed breast epithelial cells to exogenous sphingoid bases
	Smithfield	Mendyk, Ellen	International Studies	Virginia Tech	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
11:10	DuckPond	Minner, Lisa	Literature	Virginia Tech	A Story of the Future Inspired by Speculative Fiction Novels
	Cascades A	Minogue, Tom	American Literature	Virginia Tech	The Paradox of Freedom and Liberty: Comparing Winthrop and Lawrence
	Cascades B	Taylor, David	Organic Biology	Hampden Sydney College	Proline-based Catalysts in Chiral Selectivity
	Drillfield	Black, Nathan	Creative Writing	Virginia Tech	Shellfish Psychology
	Smithfield	Mouser, Amanda	History	Virginia Tech	History of the History Department at Virginia Tech

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	Cascades A	Patel, Shyam	English Literature	Virginia Tech	The Construction of Prospective Tragedy in Beowulf
	Cascades B	Schaefer, Josh	Public Policy	Hampden Sydney College	Water Conservation: Are We Prepared for the next Drought in the Southeast?
	Drillfield	Cromer, Michael "Kyle"	Biochemistry	Virginia Tech	Examination of Fe-S Cluster Biosynthesis Pathways in <i>A. fulgidus</i>
	Smithfield	Tardiff, Alex	Classical Studies	Virginia Tech	The Historiography of Marcus Atilius Regulus
11:50	DuckPond	Taylor, A. Mikhelle	Interdisciplinary Studies	Virginia Tech	"Iyeska" Architecture: Intercultural Dialogue in Community Design
	Cascades A	Sellers, Andrew	Psychology	Hampden Sydney College	Tobacco Use in College Athletes and Extraversion
	Cascades B	Sedlar, Corey	Psychology	Hampden Sydney College	Alcohol Use on College Campuses: Athletes vs. non-Athletes
	Drillfield	Ellrod, David	History	Virginia Tech	Medical Successes and Failures in Response to Epidemic Disease in the American Civil War
	Smithfield	Vasiliauskas, Audra	African American Literature	Virginia Tech	The African Diaspora, Black Pride, and Unity Among the Races: An Exploration of the Future in Langston Hughes's "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"