



What Makes the Humanities Human?

HUMANITIES STUDENTS'
Cherry Blossom
CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

THEATER ARTS ARENA, ROCKVILLE CAMPUS

Featured Speaker: Dr. Mary Furgol

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Program

WELCOME

We are excited to present the first ever Humanities Students' Cherry Blossom Conference. Today we will celebrate our students' excellent work in Montgomery College Humanities classes and reflect on the essential role the Humanities play in all of our lives.

INTRODUCTION

- 10:00 - 10:05** Welcome remarks by Professor Rebecca Eggenschwiler
- 10:05 - 10:10** Introductory remarks by Interim Vice President and Provost Joan Naake
- 10:10 - 10:25** Featured speaker: Dr. Mary Furgol

STUDENT PANEL- *THE POWER OF EXPRESSION*

10:30 - 11:20 a.m.

- 10:30 - 10:45** Eleazer Brunson, "Societal Change through Freedom of Expression," ENGL102, Takoma Park
- 10:45 - 11:00** Peter Winnard, "Locke and the Issue of Unjust Prerogative," POLI221, Germantown
- 11:00 - 11:15** Sophia Apergis, "Nonviolence," PHIL101, Rockville

STUDENT PANEL - *PERSPECTIVES THROUGH THE LENSES OF MYTH, PHILOSOPHY, AND RELIGIONS*

11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

- 11:30 - 11:45** Amie Fie, "An Exploration of Religious Fanaticism in the Work of Salman Rushdie," ENGL190, Rockville



11:45 - 12:00 Matt Kelley, "The Relationship between Platonic and Aristotelean Philosophy with the Teachings of Augustine, Aquinas, and Various Islamic Philosophers," PHIL101, Rockville

12:00 - 12:15 Maggie Patton, "How Did the World Begin?" ENGL122, Germantown

LUNCH, POSTER PERUSAL, AND STUDENT PRESENTATION

12:20-1:05 p.m.

Refreshments Provided

12:45 - 1:00 Amanda Livingston, "Social Culture in the Amhara Region of Ethiopia" Travel/Study Abroad Project

1:00 - 1:05 Afternoon Opening Remarks, Dean Sharon Fechter

STUDENT PANEL - *PURSUIT OF EQUALITY, RIGHTS, AND INDEPENDENCE*

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

1:05 - 1:20 Leann Bailey, "Male Circumcision: A Violation of Human Rights," GH101, Germantown

1:20-1:35 Landon Wilson, "The Emergence of Gender Identity in *The Awakening*," ENGL208, Rockville

1:35 - 1:50 Modupe Megbolugbe, "The Contradiction of Slavery and Freedom in Revolutionary America," HIST200, Rockville

1:50 - 2:05 Marguerite Fitch, "Passing the Blurry Lines of Race," ENGL208, Rockville

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The Montgomery College Humanities Advocacy Group promotes the Humanities and the value of a Liberal Arts education to students, colleagues, and administrators. We seek to raise campus awareness and support for Humanities disciplines, programs, and classes. We believe the Humanities are an essential part of any education.

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