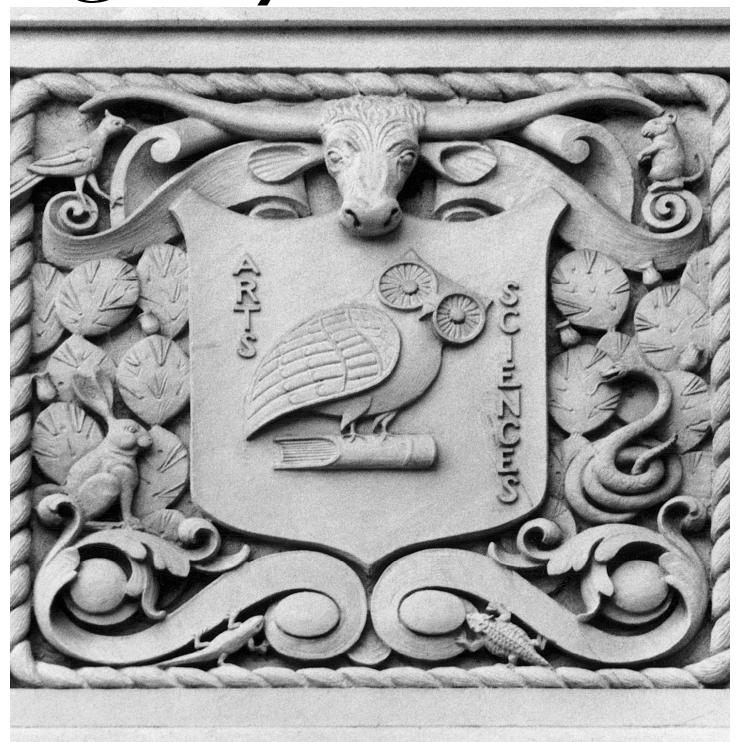
PLAN II FALL THESIS UNDOSUUND



NOVEMBER 15, 2015

#### PLAN II THESIS SYMPOSIUM



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Participant and Moderator Check-In

Please pick up a name tag and program at the Plan II table outside CLA 0.130, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments available next to the check-in table, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Compliments of Plan II Honors Program

# The Day at a Glance

## SESSION I

1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 1.1 Business, Government & Society CLA 0.130 Moderator: Rhonda Evans
- 1.2 Issues in Modern AmericaCLA 0.128Moderator: Fatma Tarlaci
- **1.3 Creative: Words/Film/Fashion** CLA 0.126 Moderator: Matt Valentine

### **SESSION 2**

2:45 - 4:15 PM

- 2.1 Education & Sports CLA 0.130 Moderator: John Hoberman
- 2.2 The Humanities & Our World CLA 0.128 Moderator: Brian Doherty
- **2.3 Identity: Language & Psychology** CLA 0.126 Moderator: Fatma Tarlaci
- 2.4 Health & Biological Sciences CLA 0.112 Moderator: Richard Reddick

## Alphabetical Student Index with Session Number

Batson, R. Austin; 2.1 Bayley, Graham; 2.3 Berthelsen, Philip; 1.1 Bhattacharjee, Gitanjali; 1.2 Cavanaugh, Brian P.; 1.2 Chacko, Priya; 2.4 Danaher, Conor; 1.1 Fan, Luther; 2.1 Haight, Amanda; 2.3 Heymann, Lauren; 2.4 Hinz-Trejo, Bianca; 2.2 Idonor, Ehigbor; 2.3 Jea, Irene; 2.3 Joselevitz, Ronit; 1.3 Kang, Ayesha; 2.1 Koepke, Courtney; 2.4

Leone, Lillie; 1.1 Lockwood, Haley; 2.4 Mahajan, Apoorva; 2.2 Malonis Jr., John Adam; 2.2 McClure, Charlotte; 1.2 Mery, Hannah; 2.2 Moore, Thomas; 1.1 Noe, Lillie; 1.3 Schochet, Melanie; 1.3 Scoully, Melinda; 1.3 Seo, Sage; 1.2 Simmons, Nathan; 1.3 Singhal, Aaryaman; 1.1 Stewart, Ashley; 2.4 Trejo, Sam; 2.1

## Session One 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

## 1.1 Business, Government & Society<br/>MODERATOR: RHONDA EVANS, GOVERNMENTCLA 0.130

Philip Berthelsen	Information Breach Crises: Analyzing the Causes of Information Breach Incidents in Federal Agencies <i>Supervisor: Huseyin Tanriverdi, Information, Risk, Operations Management</i>
Conor Danaher	Privilege & Procedure: Analyzing Business Group Lobbying in the Australian Senate <i>Supervisor: Rhonda Evans, Government</i>
Lillie Leone	The Contemporary Purposes of the Past: Evaluating the Use of Cultural Heritage as a New Paradigm for Socio-Economic Development <i>Supervisor: Catherine Weaver, LBJ School of Public Affairs</i>
Thomas Moore	The Greatest Good: How Impact Metrics Help Donors Give More Efficiently <i>Supervisor: Keith Brown, Finance</i>
Aaryaman Singhal	Supporting Those Driven by Prosocial Motivations: A Study of Social Entrepreneurs <i>Supervisor: Ethan Burris, Management</i>

### 1.2 Issues in Modern America

#### CLA 0.128

MODERATOR: FATMA TARLACI, PLAN II HONORS

Gitanjali Bhattacharjee	Too Hot to Handle? Austin's Surface Urban Heat Island Supervisor: Lance Manuel, Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering
Brian P. Cavanaugh	Determinants of Great Cities: What Drives Cities' Success and an Outlook for Dallas <i>Supervisor: Jay Hartzell, Finance</i>
Charlotte McClure	A Rebellious Persistence: Lifestyles and Motivations of Small-Scale Farmers in Texas <i>Supervisor: Gregory Knapp, Geography</i>
Sage Seo	Mutation in the Name of Love: A Perspective on Pure-Breeding and English Bulldogs <i>Supervisor: Janet M. Davis, American Studies</i>

#### 1.3 Creative: Words/Film/Fashion

MODERATOR: MATT VALENTINE, PLAN II HONORS

Ronit Joselevitz	Mexican Cultural Identity Through Talavera Poblana: A 2017 Resort Collection by Ronit Joselevitz Supervisor: Susan Deans-Smith, History
Lillie Noe	Organic Machine: Vintage Fashion Meets Modern Techniques Supervisor: Ann Reed, Textiles and Apparel
Melanie Schochet	B Plus: A Situation Comedy Supervisor: Tom Willett, Radio-Television-Film
Nathan Simmons	Gweilo Supervisor: Tom Willett, Radio-Television-Film
Melinda Scully	The Last Earth Mother: A Novella Supervisor: Oscar Casares, English

# Session Two 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

#### 2.1 **Education & Sports** CLA 0.130 MODERATOR: JOHN HOBERMAN, GERMANIC STUDIES R. Austin Batson Improving Technology Integration in the Classroom

	Supervisor: Walter Stroup, Curriculum & Instruction
Luther Fan	The Problem with Hoop Dreams: How Socio-economic Backgrounds Affect the Odds of Playing in the NBA <i>Supervisor: John Hoberman, Germanic Studies</i>
Ayesha Kang	Measuring the Effects of Grade Retention on Students: Implications for Texas Policy <i>Supervisor: Jennifer Holme, Educational Administration</i>
Sam Trejo	What's Your Major? An Econometric Analysis of the College Major Choice of Disadvantaged Students <i>Supervisor: Gerald Oettinger, Economics</i>

#### 2.2 The Humanities & Our World

#### CLA 0.128

MODERATOR: BRIAN DOHERTY, ENGLISH

Bianca Hinz-Trejo	At War with Peace: On Violence and Peacemaking Rhetoric Supervisor: Rasha Diab, Rhetoric and Writing
Apoorva Mahajan	Bodies of Knowledge: The Humanities as a Vehicle and Vessel for Social Mobility Supervisor: Paul Woodruff, Philosophy
John Adam Malonis Jr.	Carry the Ghost: Songwriting and the Grieving Process Supervisor: George Christian, English
Hannah Mery	Music as a Form of Protest in the Middle East: Challenging Social and Political Norms in Lebanon <i>Supervisor: Brian Doberty, English</i>

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#### 2.3 Identity: Language & Psychology

#### CLA 0.126

MODERATOR: FATMA TARLACI, PLAN II HONORS

Graham Bayley	Regional Nationalism: Texas and Catalonia Supervisor: Jeremi Suri, LBJ School of Public Affairs
Amanda Haight	Beyond Case Marking in the Interpretation of German Prepositional Phrases Supervisor: John Beavers, Linguistics
Ehigbor Idonor	Je te compterais mes histoires: A Play of Postulations about the Language Bioprogram Hypothesis <i>Supervisor: Catherine Echols, Psychology</i>
Irene Jea	Conceptualizing Death: How Individual Differences Impact Belief in the Afterlife Supervisor: Cristine Legare, Psychology

#### 2.4 Health & Biological Sciences

#### CLA 0.112

#### MODERATOR: RICHARD REDDICK, PLAN II HONORS

Priya Chacko	The Human Thermoregulation Simulator Supervisor: Kenneth Diller, Biomedical Engineering
Lauren Heymann	A Comparative Biogeochemical and Trophic Analysis of Marsh and Mangrove Habitats in the Gulf Of Mexico <i>Supervisor: Ken Dunton, Marine Science</i>
Courtney Koepke	Recognitive Polymer Shells on Surface-Modified Gold Nanomaterials for Biosensing Applications <i>Supervisor: Nicholas Peppas, Biomedical Engineering</i>
Haley Lockwood	Smart Toilet Technology: Application, Valuation and Feasibility of a Disruptive Innovation Framework for Advancing Personalized Medicine <i>Supervisor: Lee Walker, Plan II Honors</i>
Ashley Stewart	Genome-Wide Association and Depression: The Search for Sad Genes Supervisor: Janine Fischer, Molecular Biosciences

## Session Moderators

We are very grateful to those who served as session moderators at this symposium

Brian Doherty Rhonda Evans John Hoberman Richard Reddick Fatma Tarlaci Matt Valentine

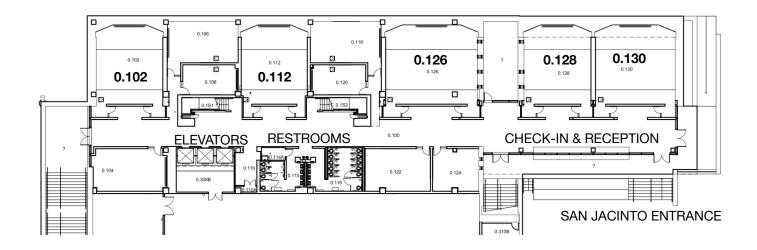
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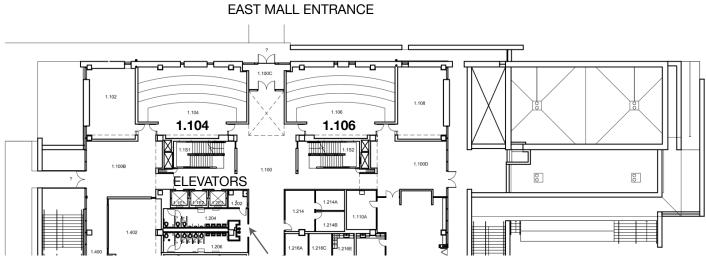


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#### CLA BASEMENT ROOM LOCATIONS

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