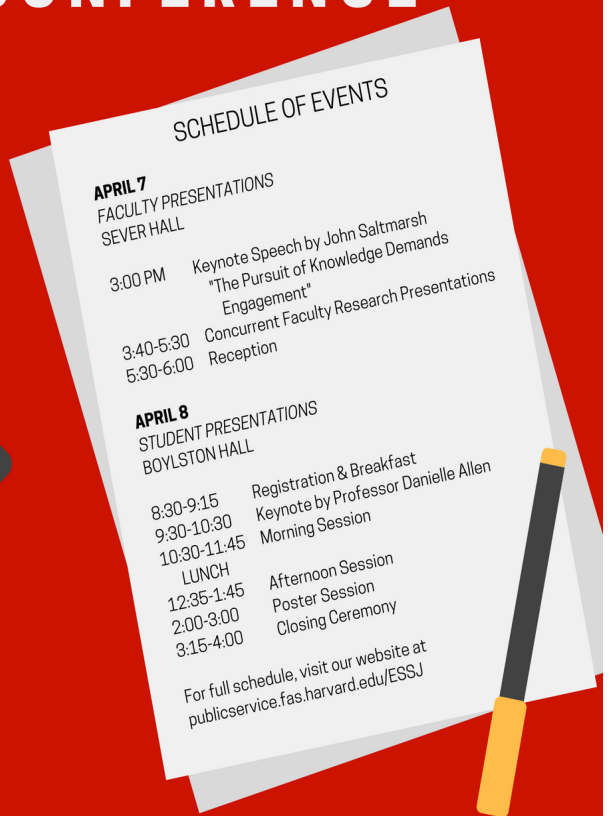




ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

APRIL 7 & 8, 2017
HARVARD UNIVERSITY



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 7

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS
SEVER HALL

- 3:00 PM Keynote Speech by John Saltmarsh
"The Pursuit of Knowledge Demands
Engagement"
- 3:40-5:30 Concurrent Faculty Research Presentations
- 5:30-6:00 Reception

APRIL 8

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS
BOYLSTON HALL

- 8:30-9:15 Registration & Breakfast
- 9:30-10:30 Keynote by Professor Danielle Allen
- 10:30-11:45 Morning Session
- LUNCH
- 12:35-1:45 Afternoon Session
- 2:00-3:00 Poster Session
- 3:15-4:00 Closing Ceremony

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Faculty Chair Welcome Statement

“Democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens. It must therefore foster and support a form of education, and access to the arts and the humanities, designed to make people of all backgrounds and wherever located masters of their technology and not its unthinking servants.” - From the “National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-209)”

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the third annual *Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Undergraduate Research Conference*! This year, students and faculty from seventeen institutions across the country will share their inquiries into challenges that face our world today. More than a conventional research conference, our meeting today is also a celebration of new scholarship in the service of society.

This event is inspired by the principles of engaged scholarship: to produce research that changes perspectives, breaks down barriers among disciplines, and shares scholarship in order to create stimulating collaborations among scholars, practitioners and activists who promote positive social change. Change is a worthy, intellectually challenging, and interdisciplinary project.

To this end, the research presented today challenges prevailing approaches to urgent issues. Recognizing the complexity of our world, these undergraduate scholars pursue research that questions existing frameworks of methodology and theory. As a result, they encourage the academy to critically assess the paradigms and lenses that frame our previous understanding and that guide our new questions.

In the current atmosphere of techno-optimism - where optimism survives the ravages of racism and general inequity -, a time when painstaking scholarship and reflection are dangerously under-valued, much of the public discourse regarding the goals of a good society has been frankly disappointing. We are therefore very pleased and proud to feature the work of young intellectuals who interpret a debilitating impatience with intellectual work as the stimulus to re-frame, to connect dots, and to weave thicker social fabrics.

Our own modest contribution to them and to the world they hope to achieve is to convene and to support the innovative and engaged scholarship of inspiring young colleagues. May our collaborations flourish and may they fuel the future scholarship and social advances that good scholarship can promote.

Thank you for joining us today.

Sincerely,

Doris Sommer, Faculty Chair

Schedule of Events

APRIL 8

8:30-9:15 AM **Registration & Breakfast** (*Boylston Hall*)

9:20-9:30 AM **Introduction:** Varsha Ghosh & Loc Truong
(*Fong Auditorium*)

9:30-10:30 AM **Welcome:** Doris Sommer, Ph.D.
Keynote Address: Danielle Allen, Ph.D.

10:30-11:45 AM **Research Presentations: Morning
Session** (*Concurrent in Boylston Hall*)

Session 1A - Room 103: Governance, Activism, and
Counter-Terrorism: Addressing Marginalization (*page 6*)

Session 1B - Room 104: Ethnic Cultures: Stigma &
Representation (*page 7*)

Session 1C - Room 105: Equity, Access, & Community (*page 8*)

12:00-12:30 PM **Lunch** (*Ticknor Lounge*)

12:30-1:45 PM **Research Presentations: Afternoon
Sessions** (*Concurrent in Boylston Hall*)

Session 2A - Room 104: Questioning Systems & Services (*page 9*)

Session 2B - Room 105: Gender: Selectivity & Exclusion (*page 10*)

2:00-3:00 PM **Poster Presentations** (*Boylston 103, 104, 105,
Fong Auditorium & Ticknor Lounge, pages 11-15*)

3:15-4:00 PM **Closing Ceremony & Distribution of Prizes**
(*Fong Auditorium*)



Faculty Chair
Doris Sommer, Ph.D.

*Ira Jewell Williams Professor of Romance
Languages and Literatures*

*Director of Graduate Studies in Spanish,
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Doris Sommer, Director of the Cultural Agents Initiative at Harvard University, is Ira and Jewell Williams Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and of African and African American Studies. Her academic and outreach work promotes development through arts and humanities, specifically through “Pre-Texts” in Boston Public Schools, throughout Latin America and beyond. Pre-Texts is an arts-based training program for teachers of literacy, critical thinking, and citizenship. Among her books are *Foundational Fictions: The National Romances of Latin America* (1991) about novels that helped to consolidate new republics; *Proceed with Caution when Engaged by Minority Literature* (1999) on a rhetoric of particularism; *Bilingual Aesthetics: A New Sentimental Education* (2004); and *The Work of Art in the World: Civic Agency and Public Humanities* (2014).

Professor Sommer serves as: Co-Chair of Hispanic Seminar, Mahindra Center; co-Chair of Humanitarian and Cultural Initiative, Mahindra Center. Professor Sommer also serves in the DRCLAS; American Studies; EMR; Public Service; Public Health; SAI; MLA Working Group on K–16 Alliances Committees, and is an Editorial Board Member of *Cuadernos de Literatura*; *transmodernity*; *habanaelegante*; and the *Modern Language quarterly*.

Professor Sommer has enjoyed and is dedicated to developing good public school education. She has a B.A. from New Jersey’s Douglass College for Women, and Ph.D. from Rutgers University.



Keynote Speaker
Danielle Allen, Ph.D.

James Bryant Conant University Professor

Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University

Danielle Allen, James Bryant Conant University Professor and Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, is a political theorist who has published broadly in democratic theory, political sociology, and the history of political thought. Widely known for her work on justice and citizenship in both ancient Athens and modern America, Allen is the author of five books: *The World of Prometheus: The Politics of Punishing in Democratic Athens* (2000), *Talking to Strangers: Anxieties of Citizenship since Brown v. Board of Education* (2004), *Why Plato Wrote* (2010), *Our Declaration* (2014), and *Education and Equality* (2016). She is also co-editor with Robert Reich of *Education, Justice, and Democracy* (2013) and with Jennifer Light of *From Voice to Influence: Understanding Citizenship in a Digital Age* (2015). A 2001 MacArthur Foundation Fellow, she is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Society of American Historians. She is also a contributing columnist for The Washington Post.

Professor Allen was educated at Princeton (A.B., 1993), Cambridge (Ph.D., 1996) and Harvard (Ph.D., 2000). Before taking up the Directorship of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, she was UPS Foundation Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) and before that, served as Dean of the Division of Humanities and Professor of Political Science, Classical Languages and Literature, and of the Committee on Social Thought, at the University of Chicago.

Research Presentations

SESSION 1A

Governance, Activism, & Counter-Terrorism: Addressing
Marginalization

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Location: Boylston 103

Chair

Mika Esquivel '18, Harvard College

Judges

Jasmine Wadell, Christopher Winship, Leslie Hinkston

R31

Fighting (Counter) Terrorism: The Failure of Transnational
Advocacy Networks in Sri Lanka

Madhavi Narayan, Harvard University

R17

Intersections of Student Activism: Black Queer Womxn's
Imagination and South Africa's 2015-2016 Protests

Khadija Khan, Georgetown University

R32

The Politics of Humanitarianism in the Borderlands: The
Government of Migration and the Reinforcement of Marginality

Emily Cunniffe, Brown University

R25

Settling for Disaster: The Construction and Governance of Urban
Environmental Risk in Lima's Informal Settlements

Ximena Carranza Risco, Brown University

Research Presentations

SESSION 1B

Ethnic Cultures: Stigma & Representation

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Location: Boylston 104

Chair

Isa O'Sullivan '18, Harvard College

Judges

Kimberly Rollings, Manja Klemencic, Doris Sommer

R4

“The Arabic Hour” Archiving an Arab-American Counterpublic

Noah Elias Habeeb, Tufts University

R36

How Stigma Impacts Mental Health: The Minority Stress Model and Unwed Mothers

Juhwan Seo, Harvard University

R8

mirARTE: Art, Resistance and Life in East Los Angeles

Clara Mejia Ora, Georgetown University

R42

The Watchdog: Gossip as a Barrier to Contraceptive Care

Christina Parajon, Harvard University

Research Presentations

SESSION 1C

Equity, Access, & Community

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Location: Boylston 105

Chair

Sasinat Chindapol '19, Harvard College

Judges

Alex Miller, Allan Hance, Jennifer Rosales

R35

The Hybrid Elite: Career and Family Aspirations of Upwardly Mobile Harvard Graduates

Natalie Torres, Harvard University

R39

In the Hustle Together? Sociopolitical Attitudes and Political Cooperation between Blacks and Latinx in Detroit

Yesenia Jimenez, Harvard University

R29

Mitigating White Flight and Making Test Score Gaps Tighter: Evidence from the end of School Integration in Seattle

Charles Weber, Harvard University

Research Presentations

SESSION 2A

Questioning Systems and Services

12:35 PM – 1:45 PM
Location: Boylston 104

Chair

Maria Tirnovanu '20, Harvard College

Judges

Kevin Escudero, Katherine O'Dair, Dwight Fee

R19

The Technopolitics of Mapping Food Access in US Urban Spaces

Sydney Giacalone, Tufts University

R7

Revealing What Recidivism Hides: Punishment, Surveillance, and Bias in Evaluating Adult Drug Court in Maine

Claire Camille Brown, Bates College

R30

Burned Out Junkies: Consequences at the Frontline of the War on Drugs

Andrew Franquiz, Framingham State University

R2

The Plea Bargaining Process: How the Use of Mandatory Minimums Can Disproportionately Affect Low-Income Defendants

Chloe Warnberg, Duke University

Research Presentations

SESSION 2B

Gender: Selectivity & Exclusion

12:35 PM – 1:45 PM

Location: Boylston 105

Chair

Maria Perez Franco '20, Harvard College

Judges

Alex Miller, Christopher Winship, Jasmine Wadell

R43

Blackened Fertility: The Lasting Discourse of African-American Female Reproduction After the Civil Rights Movement

Osaremen Okolo, Harvard University

R5

The Female Impact: Gendered Effects on Congressional Behavior Over Time

Anna Weissman, Tufts University

R12

Booze, Brands, and Boys: The Politics of Selectivity and Exclusion in an American Sorority

Isabel Fine, Wesleyan University

Poster Presentations

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Boylston 103

Judges

Rochelle Jackson-Smarr, Katie Derzon, Jori Ketten

R26

Youth Visual Ethnography in Colombia: Documenting the Transition from a Culture of Violence Towards One of Peace
Norma A. Fuentes, University of Massachusetts Boston

R40

A Minority's Lived experiences beyond the City Lights
Raquel J. Capellan, Susquehanna University

R41

Living within Contradiction: Mixed Race Experiences and a Differential Response
Asha Nidumolu, Tufts University

Poster Presentations

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Boylston 104

Judges

Katherine O'Dair, Ileana Casellas-Katz, Anu Vedhanthan

R1

Concordance in Peer Victimization-Related Beliefs across Parents and In-Service and Preservice Early Childhood Teachers

Tamera Denise Toney, George Mason University

R3

Unincorporated and Unprotected: East Porterville and the California Drought

Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez, Harvard University

R10

Progressive Activism and the Problem of White Dominance: A Study of Segregated White Organizing for Racial Justice On and Off Campus

Farris Peale, Harvard University

Poster Presentations

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Boylston 105

Judges

Lesley Hinkston, Jennifer Rosales, Nicole Noll

R11

Who Funds Worker Centers? An Analysis of Their Funding Streams

Jonathan L Kim, Cornell University

R13

Conflict Transformation in Pakistan: Role of Sufi Shrines

Syeda Rumana Mehdi, Bennington College

R14

An Investigation of Class-in-Race Inequality

Mara Roth, Harvard University

Poster Presentations

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Ticknor Lounge

Judges

Kimberly Rollings, Kevin Escudero, Connie Mick

R16

The Smart After School: How Equitable Programs Encourage Equitable Access For Low Income Students and Students of Color
Kelsey Conti, Smith College

R21

Think With Your Fork: Five Areas of Intervention in Kimball Dining Hall
Kristin Lane, College of the Holy Cross

R22

Transportation Vulnerability: Developing a Data Collection for Transportation Barriers Among Free Clinic Patients of San Bernardino County
Phong Khai Hong, University of California, Riverside

R24

A Muslim Vote in France? Ethnoreligious and Socioeconomic Identity Factors
Mario Zapata, NYUAD

Poster Presentations

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Fong Auditorium

Judges

Nicole Young, Dwight Fee, Susan Lynskey

R28

Dis-Oriented: Harvard's 2016 Production of 'The Mikado'
Ashley Zhou, Harvard University

R33

The Politics of Madvillainy: Hip Hop as Structurally-Oriented
Queerness
Bennett Brazelton, Tufts University

R34

Innocent Until Proven Poor: The Relationship between Race,
Poverty, and Crime in the United States
Kayara Burnett, University of Massachusetts Amherst

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