

**THINKING MATTERS 2014  
ORAL PANEL PRESENTATIONS**

		<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Faculty Mentor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
<b>Payson Smith 200</b>	<b>12:15 – 1:30</b>	<b>Leadership Session #1</b>				<b>Elizabeth Turesky</b>
		Jessica Pooley	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Disaster Preparedness in Rural Communities	
		Sonya Sampson	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Graduating from Central Maine Community College: An Examination of support structures to encourage persistence through graduation	
		Trevor Grondin	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Leader's Role: Defining the Spectrum of Employee Engagement	
		Brianne Masselli	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Stress, Burnout, and Trauma in Community Corrections	
		Grace Cooney Jarrid H. Jones	Social Work	Vincent Faherty	The Prevalence of Groupwork in Portland, Maine	
	<b>1:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>Leadership Session #2</b>				<b>Elizabeth Turesky</b>
		Lisa Marie Ellrich	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	SAT scores as a predictor of student success at University of Maine, Farmington	
		Melissa Skahan	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Teaching Transformation: Emerging Leaders at McAuley Residence	
		Alexandra Burns	LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	Succession Planning in Family-owned Businesses	
Elizabeth J. Neuts		LAC Leadership & Organizational Studies	Elizabeth Turesky	12 Years of No Child Left Behind: A Meta-Analysis and Closer Look at Leadership within the American School System		
<b>3:15 – 4:30</b>	<b>NO PRESENTATION</b>					

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<b>Payson Smith 201</b>	<b>12:15 – 1:30</b>	<b>Women and Gender Studies #1</b>				<b>Lucinda Cole</b>
		Jessica Benn	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Representations of Gender and Sexuality in the Young Adult Trilogy, <i>The Hunger Games</i>	
		Gabrielle DeRice	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Challenges Facing LGBTQ Representations in Children's Literature	
		Sam Torrey Fisher	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Art Space: The Politics of Space and the Production of Marginalized Thought	
	Carly Jacques	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Incarcerated Women, Nontraditional Vocational Training Programs, and Recidivism Rates		

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Payson Smith 201 Cont.	1:45 – 3:00	<b>Women and Gender Studies #2</b>				Lucinda Cole
		Samantha Lyman	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Immigration Reform: a Mainer's Perspective	
		Anne Meub	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Domestic Violence Policies in Rural Maine: Protective or Patronizing?	
		Paige Elizabeth Barker	Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Add Queers and Stir? A Queer, Ecofeminist Exploration of Food Justice	
	Melissa Fitta McGrath	Social Work	Vincent Faherty	Are Women Satisfied with their Childbirth Experiences? A Qualitative Content Analysis		
	3:15 – 4:30	<b>Women and Gender Studies #3</b>				Lucinda Cole
Caroline O'Connor		Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Out and Allied: The Performance		
Kelsea Anne Dunham		Women & Gender Studies	Lucinda Cole	Creating Queer Space Through Gender Performance		

Payson Smith 203	<b>BREAK ROOM WITH REFRESHMENTS</b>					
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Payson Smith 204	12:15 – 1:30	<b>Aquatic Ecology of Mites, Mosquitos, and Smelt in Maine</b>				Karen Wilson
		Margret Welch	Environmental Science	Joseph Staples	Mosquitoes Parasitized by Larval water Mites in Maine	
		Corey Bryant Karen A. Wilson	Environmental Science	Karen Wilson	Spatial and Temporal Diet Availability for Rainbow Smelt in the Penobscot River Estuary	
	1:45 – 3:00	<b>UROP #1</b>				Clare Bates Congdon
		Craig Richard Lessard	Computer Science	Clare Bates Congdon	Computational inference of candidate regulatory elements in the blastula stage of <i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i> development	
		Jennifer Ditano	Biology	Douglas Currie	Novel Sugar use in Mammalian neurons: an Intervention to Alleviate Damage Caused by Reactive Oxygen Species in Disease and Toxicology	
	Amy Webb Rachel Lasley-Rasher	Environmental Science	Karen Wilson	Feeding Habits of Juvenile Alewife in the Penobscot Estuary		
	3:15 – 4:30	<b>UROP #2</b>				David Champlin
Catherine G. Lobo S. Monroe Duboise, Naun Lobo, Karen Moulton		Applied Medical Science	S. Monroe Duboise	Functional Analysis of a Novel Cluster of Genes Conserved in Extremophilic Bacteriophages $\Phi$ 1N2-2 and $\Phi$ 1M2-2 from Alkaline Hypersaline Soda Lakes in Kenya's Great Rift Valley		
Raymond Borg		Chemistry	Meg Hausman	Synthesis of Biodiesel Derived from Microalgae Using Green Chemistry Techniques: Preparation of a Recyclable Sulfonic Acid Functioned Carbon Catalyst Derived from Glycerol and Starch		
Bailey Auspland	Chemistry	Lucille Benedict	Investigating the Levels of PAHs and Heavy Metals in Street Dust			

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Payson Smith 206	12:15 – 1:30	<b>Ethical Dilemmas and Beliefs</b>				Leonard Shedletsky
		Deborah Rutter	Philosophy	Julien Murphy	Belief and Knowledge in Secular and Religious Life: A Justification for a Double Standard	
		Raisa Santos Luck	Communications & Media Studies	Leonard Shedletsky	The Cyberspace Dilemma: The Rights of the Bully versus the Safety of the Victim	
		Luke McMahan	Communications & Media Studies	Leonard Shedletsky	A Discussion of an Ethical Dilemma Faced by the Editors of CNET	
		Bradley Waterhouse	Communications & Media Studies	Leonard Shedletsky	Should Superman Kill?	
	1:45 – 3:00	<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>				Terry Shehata
		Michael Capponi Sarah Ferry	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Sustainable Practices for Everyday Life	
		Cecilia Smith	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Approach to Depict the History of the Marshland in Scarborough	
		Brittany Hill Kimberly Bagley	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Hay is for Horses, Better for Cows: An Innovative Response by Stonewall Farm to the Obstacles of Dairy Cow Feeding in New England	
		Amanda Thompson	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Composting Unit on USM Campus	
	3:15 – 4:30	<b>Activism and Community in Maine</b>				Travis Wagner
Kellany Trac Moore Tracy Michaud Stutzman		Tourism & Hospitality	Tracy Michaud Stutzman	Community Service Learning: Community Impact of BikeMaine 2013		
Laura Lyford		History	Leroy Rowe	Seeds of Liberty: The Abyssinian Meeting-house, Portland's Free African Community and the Crusade to End Slavery		
John Hatch		English	Eve Raimon	On Film and in the Streets: Maine Activism through the Lens of Maine Photographer Annette Dragaon		

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Payson Smith 207	12:15 – 1:30	<b>Education and Training</b>				Terry Shehata
		Lissa Luckey	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	The Waypoint Program: Boat Building for Girls and Women	
		Krystal Haislop	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Cyber Science: An Interactive and Virtual Platform for Improving STEM Education	
	Joe Cooper	Research Administration & Development	Terry Shehata	Saco Fire Department, 2014 Fire Act Grant Proposal		
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Payson Smith 209	12:15 – 1:30	<b>The Landscape of Modernity</b>				Donna Cassidy
		Katherine Bash	American & New England Studies	Donna Cassidy	Modernism, Industry, and Charles Sheeler's New England	
		Caroline O'Connor	American & New England Studies	Donna Cassidy	Kitsch and Art	
		Elizabeth Upham	American & New England Studies	Donna Cassidy	Art, Gender, and Autobiography: Molly Luce's <i>An Artist's Angle</i>	
	1:45 – 3:00	<b>Reading, Narrating, and Interpreting</b>				Ann Dean
		Madalyn Terry	English	Ann Dean	Reality Shaped by Fantasy: How Narration Affects Individual Identity	
		Victoria Morge Mulholand	English	Ann Dean	Author/Reader: How Writers, Readers, and Texts Commingle in the Act of Reading	
	3:15 – 4:30	<b>Increasing Employment for New Mainers in Portland's Hospitality Industry: Reports on a Class Service Learning Project</b>				Kreg Ettenger
		Colby Wieland Marielle DelCarmen Foss, Ashley Guppy, Jennifer Johnson, Amanda Leavitt	Tourism & Hospitality	Kreg Ettenger	<i>New Mainers in the Hospitality Work Force: Case Studies from Greater Portland</i>	
Haylee Munson Lauren Hapgood, Eric Hellstrom, Kimberly Jackson, Colin Patton, Paul Schauber		Tourism & Hospitality	Kreg Ettenger	<i>Exploring Managers' Perceptions of Employing New Mainers in Portland's Hospitality Sector</i>		
Alexis Wing		Tourism & Hospitality	Kreg Ettenger	New Mainers' Experiences and Perceived Barriers to Employment within the Hospitality Sector of the Greater Portland Area		