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Senior Thesis Titles

Fall 2019

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Fighting Uphill: Three 2018 Congressional Campaigns Where Democrats Made Gains In Conservative America

Claudia Creed

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A Theatre Fit for the Modern Age: The Political Struggle over “Authenticity” and Literary Heritage at the Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre

Eva DiIanni-Miller

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After the Fall: Student politics at the University of Cape Town in the post Must Fall period

Zeynep Ertugay

Supervisor: Jeremy Siegman

Might as Well Sink Your Teeth Into It!: Discourses on Integrated Syrian-Turkish Education in Turkey

Spring 2020

Eloise Ackman

Supervisor: Peter Gordon

No Way Out?: The Concept of “Reification” in Western Marxist Thought

Nicholas Albert

Supervisor: Tom Wooten

If Not for Us, Then for Whom?: How Gentrification Shapes Perceptions of Recovery in Post-Katrina New Orleans

Atheena Arasoo

Supervisor: Tracey Rosen

(Un)pacific Relations: Imperial Divisions between Native Hawaiians and Micronesians in Hawai'i

Benjamin Austin

Supervisor: Sean Gray

The Role of the Court in Overruling Majoritarian Institutions: The Democratic Ethos, Partisan Gerrymandering, and Rucho v. Common Cause

Isabel Bernhard

Supervisor: Fernando Bizzarro

Controlling Alternative Sources of Power: Denuclearization and Democratic Consolidation in Brazil and Argentina, 1983-1994

Francisco Cernada

Supervisor: Nicole Newendorp

Whatever it Takes: Exploring the Identities and Informal U.S. Membership of Undocumented Latinx Students After the Rescission of the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals Program

Sunah Chang

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Just Do It Zen: The Kwan Um School of Zen, Orientalism, and Commodification in American Cultural Discourses

Hadley DeBello

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Trading on the Past: The Rise of the Yuanmingyuan Zodiac as Political Currency in Modern China

Samarth Desai

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The Case for a Hermeneutic Jurisprudence

Flora DiCara

Supervisor: Michael Hiscox

For The Record: A Study of Personal Data Disclosure and Electronic Healthcare Systems

Margot Dionne

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Dr. Wang Can Save This City: How One Man's Computer Company Became a Symbol of Hope in Postindustrial Lowell, Massachusetts

Eve Driver

Supervisor: Sheila Jasanoff

Narrating Apocalypse: Cape Town's "Day Zero" and the Politics of Climate Change Attribution

Vojta Drmota

Supervisor: Nicolas Prevelakis

Divergent Interpretations: The Meaning and Role of Direct Democracy in the Czech Far Right

Quinn Evangelakos

Supervisor: Leslie Finger

Civic Education in the United States: A Social Studies Thesis on Social Studies

Rory Farquharson

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Power and Resistance in Reimagining Photographic Representations of Racial Violence in the United States

Lilla Gabrieli

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All Atwitter: Examining the Fact and Fiction of Informal Counter Messaging

Kacey Gill

Supervisor: Ellis Monk

Taking Power: Body Modification in the Black Community

Lucy Golub

Supervisor: James Herron

Adopting Identity: The Liminal Position of Transracial Adoptees

Corey Gonzales

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Drop Out, Turn On, Tune In: Neoliberal Spirituality and the Turn to Ayahuasca Shamanism in Iquitos, Peru

Adam Harper

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The Exercise of Democracy: On Conflict and Character-Ethics

Segan Helle

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You Can't Squeeze Blood Out of A Turnip: Understanding Homeless Courts in the Age of Penalizing Poverty

David Hernández

Supervisor: Elizabeth Hinton

Fighting Crime with Compassion: An Analysis of Essex County's Mental Health Diversionary Program

Edith Herwitz

Supervisor: Andrew Gordon

State-Builders Seeking Status: American and Japanese Immigration Policy, 1866-1924

Francesca Hess

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Apartheid in America: Multi-Generational Impacts of Housing Discrimination and Structural Violence on Black Baltimoreans

Simone Huemer

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Their Job is to Make People... Know Them: An Exploration of Trust in the Police in East Harlem New York

Julia Huesa

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Small Languages Enlarge the World: Basque Language Learning, Usage, and Transmission Among Euskaldun Berriak (New Speakers)

Lily Jacobs

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Finding Freedom in "Freedom": Deflating and Expanding Frankfurt School Autonomy

Hayley Jaffe

Supervisor: Brandon Bloch

To Care in Hell: The Centrality of Relationships for Jewish Women in Auschwitz

Cameron Jones

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The Burden of Becoming God: The Creation of Truth and Value According to Friedrich Nietzsche's Will to Power

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Religion or Re-Election: How Muslim-Americans Running for Office Reconcile Their Islamic Values with Their Political Decisions

José Larios

Supervisor: Katherine Merseth

Single Stop: A Modern Anti-Poverty Intervention at Bunker Hill Community College

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The Puzzle of Administrative Law: Reconciling Liberty and Necessity in a Post- Gundy World

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Checking Our Privilege: Cultural Capital and the Myth of Meritocracy in American Higher Education

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Calling the Great Equalizer into Question: Analyzing Exam High School Systems in New York and Chicago

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Is Science Meaningful?

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Contested Terrain: Suzhi Discourse, Capitalism, and the Culture of Modernity in Contemporary Shanghai

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Rural Hoosiers: Theorizing the Rural Identity through an Investigation of Political Behavior and Rural Culture in Indiana

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Front-of-Package Nutritional Labelling in the UK and Ecuador: Comparative Case Studies of the Policy Process

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Powerful Non-State Actors and The Scope of Justice

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Slaves & Saviors: An Ethnographic Study of a Safe Home for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

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Power without Responsibility: Audience Measurement from 1920

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All Our Trespasses: Building a Model for Forgiveness

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Just Work?: Redistribution, Recognition, and the Future of Employment

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Subversion and Subordination: The Materialization of the YouTube Beauty Community in Everyday Reality

Alexander Zhang

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What Is Real? What Is Fake?: Transitional Chinese Hip-Hop Culture and the War of Authenticity