

4:30-4:40pm

Deliberation by Judges

Prof. Gary Marker and PhD student Ariel Donnelly

[Audience coffee/tea break]

4:40-4:45pm

**Announcement of Best Research and Best Presentation Awards,
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URECA Conference *(Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities)*



**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
SBS N-320**

11:00am

Welcome from Profs. Eric Beverley, Alix Cooper, and April Masten

Session I (11:15am-noon)

Moderator: Prof. Eric Beverley

11:15-11:30am

Bartlett Polster, "Definitions of Disability in Medieval Southern Germany" (Prof. Eric Beverley)

11:30-11:45am

John Rodriguez, "Cross-Cultural Encounters in Early Spanish Florida" (Prof. Alix Cooper)

11:45 am-noon

Madison Buddine, "Historicizing the Safety of Rwanda Bill: Africa and International Refugee Systems" (Prof. Shobana Shankar)

noon-12:15pm Coffee/tea refill and stretch break

Session II (12:15-1:15pm)

Moderator: Prof. Alix Cooper

12:15-12:30pm

Eric Yang, "Building and Remembering the West: Reframing the 19th Century American West as an Urban Frontier" (Prof. Eric Beverley)

12:30-12:45pm

Jade Bowen, "Bridging the Divide: Scientific Exchanges, Espionage, and Disarmament in the Cold War" (Prof. Paul Kelton)

12:45-1pm

Ryan Makowski, "Dungeons and Dragons: How the Satanic Panic Changed the Game" (Prof. Paul Kelton)

1-1:15pm

Evan Baritz, "The Misunderstood Culture of Street Racing" (Prof. Paul Kelton)

1-2 pm LUNCH catered by History Department

Session III (2:15-3:15 pm)

Moderator: Prof. April Masten

2:15-2:30pm

Arwa Naveed, "The Columbian Exchange of Disease: European and Indigenous Medical Responses to Smallpox in Colonial America" (Prof. Alix Cooper)

2:30-2:45pm

Nathan Crennan, "The Bottom of the Barrel: Unsustainable Trends of Development in Los Angeles, in the Face of Water Scarcity and Climate Change" (Prof. Eric Beverley)

2:45-3pm

Tom Ruland, "Marching Through the Global War on Terror: Preserving the Tradition of Close Order Drill in the Age of Modern Warfare" (Prof. April Masten)

3:00-3:15 pm

Noah Gianno, "The Charging Giant: The Government Funded Growth of BYD" (Prof. Christopher Sellers)

3:15-3:30pm Coffee/tea refill and stretch break

Session IV (3:30-4:30pm)

Moderator: Prof. Eric Beverley

3:30-3:45pm

Leo Herrera, "Indigenous Resistance to Spanish Conquistadors in Colonial Colombia" (Prof. Alix Cooper)

3:45-4pm

Jack Bishop, "The Interconnected Realities within the Relations of Jews and Christians in Fifteenth-Century Spain" (Prof. Alix Cooper)

4-4:15pm

Tristan Corley, "From Kimonos to Uniforms: Urbanization and the Making of the Modern Woman in Tokyo" (Prof. Eric Beverley)

4:15-4:30pm

Fawzia Syed, "Can Oil Build Green Cities? Gulf Megaprojects and the Paradox of Oil-Dependent Sustainability" (Prof. Eric Beverley)