

**UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL HONORS CONFERENCE
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
MARCH 23-25, 2017**

Thursday, March 23rd

- 3:00 PM **Conference Check-in** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)
- 3:00-5:00 PM – **Campus Tours, Honors Hall Tours, Service Project, and Campanile Climb**
- 5:30 PM **Welcome/Opening Session** (South Dakota Art Museum Classroom)
- 6:30 PM **Dinner** (South Dakota Art Museum Galleries)
- 7:30 PM **Social/Evening Activities** (SDSU Student Union – Lewis & Clark Room, Jack’s Place)

Friday, March 24th

- 7:45 AM **Coffee** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)
- 8:00 AM **Welcome** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)
- 8:30 AM **Session 1** (SDSU Student Union Rooms)
- USU 169 (Campanile)
- “Teaching Assistants: Building Bridges Between Instructors and Students”** – Bailey Buenger, Barbara Kleinjan, Valerie Kleinjan, Jordan Little, and Amanda Neubauer, *South Dakota State University*
- USU 250 (Dakota)
- “Ingham: A Creative Writing Project”** – Amie Adams, *Northwestern College*
- “Honors Creating Opportunities for Student Writers”** – Holly Yoder, Claire Jacobson, Alex Lemoine, and Bailey Zaputil, *University of Iowa*
- USU 255 (Pasque)
- “A Different Kind of Genius”** – Brady Carlberg and Andréa Mayrose, *South Dakota State University*
- “#YouAreWelcomeHere”** – Rocky Dailey, Belma Husic, Kylea Larsen, Yi Liu, Hara Mubashir, and Natalie Swanson, *South Dakota State University*
- USU 260 (State)
- “Genes and Health and Their Linkage to Tooth Decay and Cavities”** – Joseph Keryakos and Annika Van Oosbree, *Northern State University*
- “Phenotypic Effects of Probiotics on Xenopus Laevis Development”** – Annika Van Oosbree and Joseph Keryakos, *Northern State University*
- USU 269 (Walder)
- “Sun, Fun, and Service-Learning: Study Abroad in the Dominican Republic”** – Molly Enz and Anna Chicoine, *South Dakota State University*
- “Galapagos: Voyage of Honors”** – Melissa Wuellner, Kent Jensen, and Tim Nichols, *South Dakota State University*

9:30 AM

Session 2 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

"When and How to 'Fail' at Experiential Honors Teaching" – Melissa Wuellner and Rocky Dailey, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

"Learning to Engage: Honors Students' Use of Economics and Sociology to Connect with Ugandan Community" – Amber Georgakopoulos, Mitchell Foster; and Savannah Schneider, *University of Wisconsin-Stout*

USU 255 (Pasque)

"Making Calculus Honorable" – Dan Kemp, Vanessa Konynenbelt, Callie Sleep, Isaac Smithee, and Selene Tinklenberg, *South Dakota State University*

USU 260 (State)

"Dinglehopper" – Shelby Carlson and Brittany Patterson, *Scott Community College*

USU 269 (Walder)

"Honors & Social Media: Maintaining 'Presence' in Our Personal and Academic Lives" – Barbara Kleinjan, Rebecca Bott-Knutson, Alexandra Farber, Valerie Kleinjan, Abigail Meyer, and Amanda Muller, *South Dakota State University*

10:30 AM

Session 3 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

"Reaching Various Audiences with Student-Generated Media" – Ginny Walters and Sara Baranczyk, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*; Jessica Waldschmidt, *University of Iowa*

USU 250 (Dakota)

"A Brief Introduction to Hong Kong" – Audrey Hatlen, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

"Current and Future Challenges Facing Chinese Society" – Devin Jacobs, *South Dakota State University*

USU 255 (Pasque)

"Trying to Slow Down: An Interactive Presentation on Gifted Children in Standard Education" – Jessica Dolan, *Waldorf University*

"Experience Honors Common Read" – Kelly Kirnberger, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

USU 260 (State)

"The Matter of the Message and the Messages that Mattered: Media & the 2016 Presidential Election" – Rocky Dailey and Makenzie Huber, *South Dakota State University*

USU 269 (Walder)

"Rape and Sexual Assault Reporting by Male Victims" – Jordan Leith, *Bemidji State University*

"Safety, Sex, and Social Media: A Healthy Relationships Program" – Sydney Randall, *South Dakota State University*

11:30 AM **State Caucuses** (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

Illinois – USU 260 (State)

Iowa – USU 255 (Pasque)

Minnesota – USU 269 (Waldner)

Nebraska – USU 103 (Jackrabbit)

South Dakota – USU 169 (Campanile)

Wisconsin – USU 250 (Dakota)

12:00 PM **Lunch** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)

12:30 PM **Keynote Address by Dr. Molly Enz** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)

1:00 PM **Session 4** (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“Honors Equity Ambassadors: Creating Inclusive Learning Spaces” – Anne Dahlman, Nyairah Abdullah, Quentina Dunbar, and Ana Leyva, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*

“The Layers of Leadership: Finding Oneself at the Center of a Nesting Doll” – Ayoola Okuribido, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“Race Relations in the U.S. and Brazil After Slavery: A Comparative Analysis” – Bianca Pency Aba, *Graceland University*

“Afghanistan Refugee Crisis: The Untold Story” – Ravi Pancahgnula, *South Dakota State University*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“Oil Spill in the Niger Delta, Nigeria: Whose Responsibility is it to Clean it Up?” – Pontian Adogamhe, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

“Mathematical Model on Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus to Determine the Effectiveness of Treatment” – Michaella Crouch, *University of South Dakota*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Utilizing and Creating Infographics” – Megan Hondl, *University of Wisconsin-Stout*

“Boom! Pow! Using Graphic Novels in the Classroom” – Eric Revis and Lizabeth Gehring, *Wartburg College*

USU 269 (Walder)

“De-Polarizing the Honors Classroom: Cultivating Community, Diversity and Understanding Through the Honors Speech ‘Values’ Project” – Barb Kleinjan, Bailey Buenger, Rachel Goetz, Jenna Hayungs, Jordan Little, Brennen Schmitt, and Esther Swift, *South Dakota State University*

“What is Your ‘Why’?” – Cole McGehee, *South Dakota State University*

2:00 PM

Session 5 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“Developing Deeper Dialogue” – Chris Callahan and Andréa Mayrose, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“Leaders Shaping Leaders: How Intentionality Can Shape Future Student Leaders” – Christopher Kotschevar, Allyson Monson, and Courtney Remick, *South Dakota State University*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy” – Candy Hernandez, *Graceland University*

“An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Methadone as Treatment for Heroin Use Disorder” – Megan Newberry, *Bemidji State University*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Utilizing an Advising Syllabus in Honors” – Ginny Walters, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*

USU 269 (Walder)

“The Big Disconnect: Remaining Present in a Digital Age” – Valerie Kleinjan, Barbara Kleinjan, Camille Massmann, and Amanda Neubauer, *South Dakota State University*

3:00 PM

Session 6 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“SDSU Student Perception of Mental Health Disorder Prevalence on Campus” – Jack DeMoss, *South Dakota State University*

“Peer Mentorship: Meaningful for All” – Kira Loftesness and Christopher Kotschevar, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“Beyond the 38: A Look at the Life and Vision of Dr. Elden Lawrence” – Rocky Dailey, Nels Granholm, and Charles Woodard, *South Dakota State University*

“Planning and Teaching a Future-oriented Sustainability Honors Course” – Bill Knox, *Western Illinois University*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“Whose Space is it Anyway? Legal Issues in Space Exploration” – Brock Splittgerber, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

“Handy Pi: Cross-platform Data Manipulation and Visualization System” – Joseph Mammo, *University of South Dakota*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Growth Mindset and Goal-Setting in Higher Education” – Chelsea Sorensen, *South Dakota State University*

“Strengths-based Framework for Collaborative Leadership for Honors Directors and Assistant/Associate Directors” – Anne Dahlman and Ginny Walters, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*

USU 269 (Walder)

“First Year Fellowship: Fostering an Inclusive Community with Honors, Native American, and International Students” – Rebecca Bott-Knutson, Natalie Mook, Miranda O'Bryan, and Callie Sleep, *South Dakota State University*

“Students' Perspective on Global Citizenship Competency” – Katelynn Malecha, *Minnesota State University, Mankato*

4:00 PM **Ice Cream Social** (SDSU Student Union – Jack’s Place)

4:30 PM **Poster Show & IDEA Exchange** (SDSU Student Union – Jack’s Place)

6:30 PM **Dinner** (McCrary Gardens Education & Visitor Center)

7:00 PM **Keynote Address by Dr. Tim Nichols** (McCrary Gardens Education & Visitor Center)

7:30 PM **Student Social/Evening Activities** (McCrary Gardens Education & Visitor Center)

8:00 PM **Faculty Social** (The Ram, Downtown Brookings)

Saturday, March 25th

8:05 AM **UMHC Executive Meeting** (SDSU Student Union – USU 169 Campanile Room)

8:10 AM **Coffee & Welcome** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)

8:30 AM **Session 7** (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“My Place in this World: Meaning-Making in Honors for Upperclassmen and Graduating Seniors” – Nicholas Lorang, Nicholas Arens, and Rebecca Bott-Knutson, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“Dreams are Stronger than Borders” – Azra Pita and Lejla Malkoc, *Graceland University*

“Peace Parks: Dissolving Borders, Fostering Ecotourism” – Jenna Pitstick, *Graceland University*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“Reading Between the Universes: Viewing *Watchmen* as Social Literature” – Gabrielle Calease Fox and Amy Nolan, *Wartburg College*

“The Honorary: Alumni Magazine Outreach” – Molly Flesher, *University of Wisconsin-Stout*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Creating the Engaged Social Innovation Major” – Sydney Hofferber and Jessica Waldschmidt, *University of Iowa*

“The Wicked Problem of Land Conservation: An Experiential Learning Project” – Rocky Dailey and Melissa Wuellner, *South Dakota State University*

USU 269 (Walder)

“Mental Illness Prevalence in Juvenile Justice Involved Youth” – Bianca Whitney, *Madison Area Technical College*

“What Anxiety Feels Like: A Raw and Personal Experience with Mental Illness” – Kylie Anderson, *University of Wisconsin-Stout*

9:30 AM

Session 8 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“Relevance of Liberal Arts for the Honors Students” – Evren Celik Wiltse, Marie-Pierre Baggett, Molly Enz, Nicole Flynn, Christi Garst-Santos, Greg Peterson, Maria Ramos-Garcia, and Graham Wrightson, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“The Pluralistic Nature of Privilege: Honors Intergroup Dialog on Diversity” – Rebecca Bott-Knutson, Shana Harming, Nicholas Arens, Elliot Carmany, Belma Husic, McKinley Lain, and Hara Mubashir, *South Dakota State University*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“Immersive Gaming and First Year Honors: Reacting to the Past” – Scott Breuninger and David Burrow, *University of South Dakota*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Meeting Students Wherever They Are: Understanding Student Development Theory to Tailor Honors Initiatives” – Toby Uecker, *South Dakota State University*

USU 269 (Walder)

“Looking for Love in All the Right Places: Honorable Friendships and Relationships” – Barbara Kleinjan, Bailey Buenger, Alexandra Farber, Sarah Ginsbach, Jacob Gubbrud, and Amanda Neubauer, *South Dakota State University*

10:30 AM

Session 9 (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

USU 169 (Campanile)

“I’ll Be There for You: Being a Friend for Mental Health” – Camille Klima, Shannon Hegland, Andréa Mayrose, and Karee Wicks, *South Dakota State University*

USU 250 (Dakota)

“The Decline of Child Care in Greater Minnesota” – Christopher Ross, *Southwest Minnesota State University*

“Our Kids Aren't Alright: The Intersection of Poverty, Behavior, and Special Education” – Rebecca Sloan, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

USU 253C (Herold Crest)

“A March into Madness” – Jonathan Sax, Amanda Dickinson, Barbara Kleinjan, and Peder Solberg, *South Dakota State University*

“Satire: Gulliver's Travels and the Present-day Application” – Zhishu Wang, *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*

USU 255 (Pasque)

“Raising Sexual Assault Awareness While Battling Greek Life Stereotypes” – Jacob Gubbrud and Nathan Bylander, *South Dakota State University*

“Strategic Plan Implementation within a Student Organization: A Plan for the Future, A Plan for Success” – Christopher Kotschevar, *South Dakota State University*

USU 269 (Walder)

“Running with the Beast” – Gabriela Lara, *Bemidji State University*

“Comparing Relaxation Techniques: Investigating How Meditation and Progressive Muscle Relaxation Affects Undergraduate College Students” – Eric Revis, *Wartburg College*

11:30 AM **Business Meeting** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)

12:00 PM **Closing and Awards** (SDSU Student Union – Volstorff Ballroom)

1:00 PM **Post-Conference Roundtable Discussions** (SDSU Student Union Rooms)

Dean/Directors – USU 103 (Jackrabbit)

Faculty – USU 260 (State)

Staff – USU 273 (Oakwood)

Students – USU 169 (Campanile)

3:00 PM **Official Conference Ending** (SDSU Student Union – USU 169 Campanile Room)

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