



“Words Matter: Empowering Students”
Frederick Douglass Institute Collaborative
Student Research and Art Conference
East Stroudsburg University
Saturday April 8, 2017

Event Location: Hoeffner Sci. & Technology Center (Sci-Tech), East Stroudsburg University

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Saturday, April 8th

8:00 a.m.-9:00am Check In & Continental Breakfast

Hoeffner Sci. & Technology Center, Lobby

9:00 am-9:50 am Session A

Room: Sci-Tech 144

- Kylee Stimson, Kutztown University, “Breaking a stereotype: Crime Rates among Immigrants”
- Trevor Royer, Paul Decembrino, and John Patrick Dougherty, Kutztown, “Examining National Parks to Understand Military Contributions of European Immigrants”
- Quinton Collins and Reco Oxondine, Millersville, “Whitewashing: Everyone is Really White”

9:00 am-9:50 am Session B

Room: Sci-Tech 146

- Christian Colon, East Stroudsburg University An Analysis of Adam Benforado's Work "Unfair, The New Science of Criminal Justice"
- Brandon Bott, Brody O'Connell and Nicholas Lento, Kutztown, “Words of Washington: Studying Valley Forge as a Reflection of Self”
- Sierra Sprouse, Jenna Robinson, and Ryann Dougherty, Kutztown, “Words of Courage: Quest to Find Those Who Have Paved the Road before Us”

10:00 am-10:50 am Session A

Room: Sci-Tech 144

- Marcus Narcisse, East Stroudsburg University, “Special Education and Accommodating Students with Disabilities The Right Way Regardless of Race”
- John Johnson, Millersville, “Possessed: The Plight of the Mentally Ill in Developing Countries”

- Addarr Shakour and Deitra Harper, Millersville, “Depression in Black and White: The Impact of Cultural Differences in Symptomatology”

10:00 am-10:50 am Session A

Room: Sci-Tech 146

- Eugene Thomas and Shainne Hargrove, Millersville, “Stay Back: Colorism and Linguistic Perception in the African American Community”
- Trevor King and Allyssa Everts, Kutztown, “LGBTQ Americans: We Are All Created Equal”
- Nyell Brown, Lotus Datts and Miles Small, Kutztown, “Arc to Equality: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Dream is Alive in our National Parks

11:00am—11:50am Session

Room: Sci-Tech 144

- Erin Palmer, Kutztown University, “Reproductive Rights in American Feminism across Racial and Class Lines.”
- Sara Donaldson, Clarion University, “The Seven Sisters: Women’s Fight for Equality in College Education”
- Brittney Brown, Millersville, “Does My Vote Count? Inequality in International Electoral Politics

11:00am—11:50am Session

Room: Sci-Tech 146

- Rachel Whitaker, East Stroudsburg University, “Why I’m Scared to be a Minority”
- Legeia Thomas-Fleetwood, Kutztown, “Positive Practices of African American Male Parenting Practices”
- Elena Moreno, Emily Nisky, Kutztown, and Alix Newton, Kutztown, “Turning the Light of Truth On: Examining Women’s Rights and Our National Parks”

12:00 pm Lunch

Lunch is cafeteria style at Dansbury Commons. Conference participants may the word “Frederick Douglass” at the cashier’s desk to be admitted at no cost.

1:30 Keynote Address and Dance, Beers Hall

Afro-Colombian Dance Ensemble of Slippery Rock University, Melissa Teodoro, director.

Dancers: Patricia Kohler, Kaila Belinda, Djenne Boutrin, Katie Vrankin, Victoria Lowrey, Carline Ready, Natalie Goforth, Maria Strinisha, Kacei Womac, & Samuel Elizondo.

Dr. Veronica Watson, “Words Matter: Empowering Students through Research and Art”

Dr. Watson is author of *The Souls of Black Folk: African American Writers Theorize Whiteness* (U Mississippi, 2015). She teaches English at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

