

Honors in the Digital Age

MCHC annual conference 2022

Conference Schedule

Friday

12:00 Meeting Room open for conversation and networking

12:15 Welcome

12:30-1:45 Session A

Crime & Justice I, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Erum Marfani, Frederick Community College

1. Delanie Blubaugh, Frostburg State University
“Felon Disenfranchisement: Five Million Denied is Five Million Silenced”
2. Charlotte Dohne, Frederick Community College
“How Have Death Penalty Executions Changed Over Time?”

The Arts & Popular Culture, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Chris Jones, Harford Community College

1. Faith Kiser & Alyssa Loe, Hood College
“Pop Culture of North Africa”
2. Grace Williams, Montgomery College
“Cruel Sister’s Swan Song: An Analysis of *The Twa*”
3. Elizabeth Peters, Frederick Community College
“Art and Computer Science”

Global Politics, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Alison McCartney, Towson University

1. Jordan McConville, Towson University
“What is Keeping the Kurds from an Independent State?”
2. Eve Elias Stowell, Montgomery College
“Ghosts of the Future: Drawing Linkages Between Climate Change Denial and Lost Cultural Heritage Through Forced Migrations”

The Human Mind, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore

1. Jared Gallamoza, Harford Community College
“The Horrors of Factitious Disorder: Why Doctors and Mental Health Specialists Need to Work Together to Identify Individuals Who Fake Having Illnesses”
2. Sai Jallow, Hood College
“Rationalizing Divination as Analysis Paralysis Prevention, Blame-Diffusion, and Legitimized Randomness in Decision-Making”

Issues in Economics, Breakout Room 5

Moderator: Rich Fulton, Frederick Community College

1. Peyton Ambush, Frederick Community College
“The Impact of Fast Fashion on Our Environment, Economy, and Society”
2. Sienna Carey, Frederick Community College
“Where Did All the Workers Go?”

2:00-3:15 Session B

Issues in Education, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Terry Cooney, Towson University

1. Sydney Baucum, Towson University
“Transferable Skills: Preparing Sport Management Students for Careers within & outside the Sport Industry”
2. Jason Johnston, Montgomery College
“Haptic Feedback Effectiveness in Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality”
3. Dani Tirado, Frederick Community College
“Schools/Libraries: Challenge Books Should Not Be Banned”

Issues in Behavioral Health, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Andrée Betancourt, Montgomery College

1. Patrick Chamoun, Frederick Community College
“The Consequences of Microdosing Psychedelics”
2. Colleen Scafide, Frederick Community College
“The Effects of Childhood Trauma on Brain Development”
3. Samantha Santoro, Towson University
“Towson University and ADHD: Improving Access to Student Resources”

Medicine for Everyone, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Lucy Laufe, Montgomery College

1. Loreli Serrano, Frederick Community College
“A Disorder of Unknown Origin: Visual Snow Syndrome”
2. Famous Yamoah, Montgomery College
“Ocular Manifestations of Some Systemic Diseases”
3. Kristina Pickering, Notre Dame of Maryland University
“Establishing the *Gromphadorhina portentosa* as a model organism for studying *Burkholderia cepacia* complex to further study cystic fibrosis”

Environmental Studies, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Kara Rogers Thomas, Frostburg State University

1. Phoebe Calkins, Towson University
“Great White Sharks and the Marine Ecosystem”
2. Natalie Kinnear, Towson University
“Bottled Water: Selling Plastic”
3. Maya Berry, Frederick Community College
“An Economic Approach to the Climate Crisis: Reducing Carbon Emissions through Incentives”

Between Two Worlds, Breakout Room 5

Moderator: Vicki Hong Smith, Community College of Baltimore County

Maya Chebet, Quency Colindres, Xenel Islam & Aracely Torres

Community College of Baltimore County

“In Telling their Stories, Writers in ENGL 101 Honors for International Students Find an ‘I’”

3:15-3:45 Break/Breakout Rooms open for Speed Dating

3:45-5:00 Session C

Crime & Justice II: The Media, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Sally Farley, University of Baltimore

1. Danielle McNerney, Towson University
“Racial Stereotyping and the Media’s Influence on Biased Conviction Outcomes”
2. Nina Metz, University of Baltimore
“Social Media and Law Enforcement”

Gender Studies, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Alison McCartney, Towson University

1. Grace Larocque, Towson University
“Taliban Rule and Women’s Long-Term Decision-Making Power in Marriage”
2. Prisca Calkins, Towson University
“Gender Inequality: The Effects of Water Scarcity and Fast Fashion”
3. Raquel Sobczak, McDaniel College
“Second Wave Feminism and SBC Reactionary Doctrine and Theology”

Issues in Public Health, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Chris Jones, Harford Community College

1. Lynsey Beamon, Harford Community College
“Substance Abuse Treatment in Harford County: Naïve or Neglect?”
2. Lexi Cioffi, Towson University
“Medical School Tuition and Out-of-Pocket Healthcare in the US”
3. Charlotte Wintle, Frederick Community College
“High Costs and Extended Wait Times: What Can the United States and United Kingdom Healthcare Systems Learn From One Another?”

Building Community in the Digital Age, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Bruce Thompson, Frederick Community College

Abigail Bolcik, Katie Burkhart, Patrick Chamoun, & Kevona Walker
Frederick Community College

“Digital Connections: How-to Videos for Honors Students”

Just Science, Breakout Room 5

Moderator: Carole Wolin, Montgomery College

1. Jaelyn Bryant, Frederick Community College
“Microbial Effects in Beef Cattle Through the Lens of Residual Feed Intake”
2. Piper Fair, Montgomery College
“Gizzards in Fishes”
3. Ali Werlang, Frederick Community College
“Wasps: Universally Hated, Vitally Important”

5:00-5:30 Happy Hour: Meeting Room open for conversation and networking

Breakout rooms open for Speed Dating

5:30-6:30: “Why Is Honors So White?”

Betsy Yarrison and members of the MCHC Executive Board

6:45 Awards Presentation, MCHC Executive Board

7:30: Student caucus and networking meeting (all welcome)

Maryam Iftikhar, Maria Elena Silva & the MCHC Student Engagement Team

Saturday

8:00 Meeting Room open for conversation and networking

8:30-9:45 Session D

Memoir: Literary and Personal, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Kara Rogers Thomas, Frostburg State University

1. Nida Khan, Montgomery College
“Tara Westover’s *Educated*: When Familial Obligation Becomes a Wicked Problem”
2. Christopher Saca, Montgomery College
“I Am a Survivor.” Everyday Resilience through the Forced Creation of a Black Male Street Identity in *The Other Wes Moore*
3. Abigail Wellings, Frostburg State University
“Studying Abroad Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Political Philosophy, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Lucy Laufe, Montgomery College

1. Rebecca Halaney, McDaniel College
“Words of Mass Destruction: The Turner Diaries and the Rhetoric of Terrorist Fiction”
2. Bailey Lehfeltdt, Montgomery College
“Political Polarization and Moral Philosophy”
3. Maryam Iftikhar, Hood College
“Understanding Demographic Trends Through the Lens of Cultural Anthropology”

Issues in Psychology, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Alison McCartney, Towson University

1. Melissa Brown, Towson University
“Water as an Antidote”
2. Makaylie Doody, Frederick Community College
“Hugs and Kisses: The Power of Human Intimacy”
3. Kimberly Ortiz, Trinity Washington University
“Influence of Physician Race-Ethnicity on Hispanic and Latino/a Patients with Disabilities Experience with Ableism”

Global Politics, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Joan Naake, Montgomery College

1. Walter Donoughe, Towson University
“Problems Without Passports: How Globalization Threatens the World Health Organization's Functionality”
2. Aisha Sowe, Montgomery College
“Post-Jammeh Era: The Fight for The Gambia and Justice”
3. Pankhuri Kabthiyal, Hood College
“Reagan and AIDS”

Ancient Studies, Breakout Room 5

Moderator: Darryl Peterkin, Morgan State University

1. Jessica Beitler, Montgomery College
“Athens as Hero: Learning from the Nationalism of Sophocles’ Oedipus of Colonus”
2. Brian Des Roches, Montgomery College
“Greek Mythology as an Enforcer of Inequality in Ancient Greek Society”

Difficult History, Breakout Room 6

Moderator: Michelle Prendergast, Montgomery College

1. Zach Ruggerie, McDaniel College
“The Reconciliation Process of Civil-War-Divided Families”
2. Gabriella Burleson, Frederick Community College
“The Journey of Reconciliation: Challenging Segregation in the 1940s”

10:00-11:15: Finding Justice: Celebrating Truth and Reconciliation in Maryland

Moderator: Adrienne Washington, Community College of Baltimore County

Faculty will share an innovative teaching strategy used to introduce students to the history of lynching and wrongful conviction in Maryland. By incorporating undergraduate research, courageous conversations, faculty and library mentors, and field experts, students were able to tell the stories of the victims of racism, classism and reflect on their legacies. Students will share their experiences learning about stories of Invisible History in Maryland and how they were transformed along the way.

11:30-12:45: Honors the Hard Way: Our Students Tell Their Stories

Moderator: Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore

Riana Caldwell, Hood College; Sai Jallow, Hood College; Gabriella Moreland, University of Baltimore; Ruth Robinson, University of Baltimore; Nikki Singleton, University of Baltimore

Honors students from across the state share their stories of the struggle to achieve academic excellence in challenging and rapidly changing times.

12:45 Conference Wrap-Up

Student Engagement Team 2022

Aisha Sowe - Montgomery College
Avery Dixson - University of Baltimore
Brittany Arroyo - Harford Community College
Chelsea Bean - University of Baltimore
Grace Larocque - Towson University
Jeba Chowdhury - Community College of Baltimore County
Jessica Delos Santos - Harford Community College
Joliesse Gray - Notre Dame of Maryland University
Kristina Pickering - Notre Dame of Maryland University
Maria Elena Silva - Hood College
Maria Quiñonez - Community College of Baltimore County
Maryam Iftikhar - Hood College
Nida Khan - Montgomery College
Olivia Campbell - Hood College
Sai Jallow - Hood College
Samantha Santoro - Towson University
Tumi Olanrewaju - Community College of Baltimore County