

# CONFLICT & RESOLUTION

Maryland Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference  
March 1-2, 2019  
Morgan State University

Friday, March 1 Morgan State University Student Center

11:30 – 12:30                      **Conference Registration**  
University Student Center second-floor lobby

12:30 – 12:40                      **Welcome**  
University Student Center 210

12:45 – 2:00                      **Session 1**

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**1 A. University Student Center 212**

**Chloe Colbert**                      Morgan State University  
The Queer Artist and the Identity Mountain

**Eliza Funk**                      Hood College  
Absurdism as a Call for Purpose

**Christine Roa**                      Notre Dame of Maryland University  
A Celebration of Existentialist Freedom in Sartre's *The Flies*

**Moderator: Allison Bartlett, Wor-Wic Community College**

**1 B. University Student Center 315**

**Mia De Jesus-Martin**                      Montgomery College, TPSS  
Democracy or Deception: U.S. Foreign Policy in South American Nations of the 20th Century

**Danny Rivas**                      Montgomery College, GT  
An Incomplete Transition: Socioeconomic Inequality and Justice Limits in El Salvador

**Nicolas Walenga**                      Montgomery College, TPSS  
Medical Diplomacy as a Strategy in the United States' Forever Wars

**Moderator: Greg Wood, Frostburg State University**

## 1 C. University Student Center 316

**Fiona McKee**

Frederick CC

Poisoning the Bay: How Industrial Agriculture Is Ruining Maryland's Watershed

**Leandra Moukoudi Ndoko**    Montgomery College, TPSS

Clean Water and Sanitation for Third World Women

**Beverley-Claire Okogwu**    Montgomery College, GT

Environment Modeling in Animation

**Uloaku Onwumelu**    Notre Dame of Maryland University

Development of In Vitro Species-Specific Environmental DNA (eDNA) Markers for *Kribia brevipinnata* (Cobitidae), South Korean Endangered Freshwater Fish

**Moderator: Craig Laufer, Hood College**

**2:00 – 3:00**

**Session 2 - Posters**

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**Ballroom A of the University Student Center (Second Floor)**

**Ashley Anderson**    Notre Dame of Maryland University

The Effect of One's Perceived Influence as a Voter on One's Likelihood to Vote

**Shannon Bernier**    McDaniel College

Thermochemical Analysis of Fuel Blends Using the Laser-Driven Thermal Reactor

**Myra Beyene, Ciarese DeTorres, Diana Liz-Cabrera, and Jessie Willingham**    Notre Dame of Maryland University

The DJ-MC Equation for Measuring Income Inequality

**Jade Dodge**    Morgan State University

The Function of Female Sex Hormones in Glucose Metabolism after Traumatic Brain Injury

**Amanda Fowler**    Morgan State University

Microglia phenotype varies regionally in a Mecp2-heterozygous mouse model of Rett Syndrome

**Anastazia Jablunovsky**    Hood College

Engineering Melting Temperatures of Carbohydrate Binding Modules Through Site-Directed Mutagenesis

**Maisha Khan**    Hood College

Development of an Assay for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of *Coxiella burnetii*

**Gina Sterling**    Hood College

"And?" How American Popular Culture Embraced Cynicism in the Digital Media Age

**Cari Witherow**    McDaniel College

The Impacts of Deer Population on Smaller Communities

**3:15 – 4:30**

**Session 3**

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**3 A. University Student Center 212**

**Brenna Mooney** Frederick CC  
The Case for Clarifying the Definition of Sexual Assault on College Campuses

**Jesse Rawlings** Wor-Wic CC  
The Mind is an Ocean: The Limits of IQ

**Jillian Steele** Frederick CC  
Adolescent Depression, Society, and Social Media: Deadly When Combined

**Sarah Wood** Wor-Wic CC  
Clinical Depression or Invalidated Grief?

**Moderator: Christina Devlin, Montgomery College**

**3 B. University Student Center 315**

**Ngozi Alia** Frostburg State University  
Comparing and Analyzing on a National Level Public Health Interventions between the Opioid Crisis and Crack Epidemic

**Francisca Baidoo** Montgomery College, TPSS  
Why Digitize? The steps, technology, and benefits of digitization

**Philip Dudeck** Mount St. Mary's  
Electoral Systems and Number of Parties: Possibilities for Increasing Party Representation in the United States

**Graham Ovington** Montgomery College, GT  
Modern Factionalism: The Danger from Within

**Moderator: Erin Watley, McDaniel College**

**3 C. University Student Center 316**

**Yomaris Pichardo** Montgomery College, GT  
The Effects of Gentrification in Wheaton, Maryland

**Ollie Schnitzer** Frostburg State University  
*Malcolm in the Middle* and How it Uses Unconventional Roles of Women and Sex to Express Third-Wave Feminist Views

**Lorelie Soriano** Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Racism and Trauma: Implications for Public Health of Urban Minority Communities

**Moderator: Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore**

**4:45 – 5:30**                      **MCHC Organization Meeting**  
University Student Center 210

**5:45 – 6:15**                      **Presentation of MCHC Awards**  
Ballroom C of the University Student Center (Second Floor)

**6:15 – 8:00**                      **Dinner / Keynote Address**  
Ballroom C of the University Student Center (Second Floor)

## **Saturday, March 2 Morgan State Business School**

**8:30 – 9:00**                      **Conference Registration for Saturday arrivals**  
Graves School of Business and Management Lobby

**9:15 – 10:15**                      **Session 4**

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### **4 A. Graves 104**

**Marie-Aleandre Adom**                      Montgomery College, GT  
Overview of Congenital and Acquired Cortical Blindness, and Research on Possible Treatment

**Kristina Pickering**                      Notre Dame of Maryland University  
DNA Adversity: The Role of Rosalind Franklin in Discovering its Structure

**Kaitlyn Scott**                      Frederick CC  
Generating a Powerful Campus: Reducing Frederick Community College's Dependence on the Power Grid

**Moderator: Lucy Laufe, Montgomery College**

### **4 B. Graves 110**

**Christian Ahearn**                      Frederick CC  
Rise to Freedom: Measuring the Transition of Post-Soviet Bloc Countries

**Taylor Harley**                      Montgomery College, GT  
The Effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council: A Case Study of Syria

**Veronica Uribe**                      Montgomery College, TPSS  
Child Labor in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Moderator: Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore**

**4 C. Graves 112**

**Nathaniel Bald**                      Mount St. Mary's  
Independence for Some?

**Katherine Martínez**                      Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Men Hollering Creek: Dismantling Machismo in the Borderlands of Sandra Cisneros's *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*

**Angelica Derossi**                      Frederick CC  
The Consequences of Hidden Sexist and Gendered Language in US College Textbooks

**Moderator: Erin Watley, McDaniel College**

**10:30 – 11:30**

**Session 5**

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**5 A. Graves 104**

**Sethatevy Bong**                      Montgomery College, GT  
Essential Role of Diet: Preventing Cardiovascular Disease with Optimal Food Consumption

**Madison Fick**                      Frostburg State University  
Legalization of Recreational Marijuana: The Effects on Crime Rates

**Christopher Lee**                      Montgomery College, TPSS  
Exploring the Origins of American Climate Change Skepticism

**Moderator: Bruce Frederick Community College**

**5 B. Graves 110**

**Maryam Iftikhar**  
**Anna Wadu**  
**Marhaennia English**  
**Sainabou Jallow**  
Montgomery College, GT

Transitional Justice Around the Globe (Panel)

**Moderator: Joan Naake, Montgomery College**

**5 C. Graves 112**

**Kyle Donk**  
The Real El Dorado

Frederick CC

**Michelle Karlsberg**  
The Scientific and Moral Implications Behind Terraforming Mars

Montgomery College, GT

**Keira Mull**  
One Identity For Another: Life in the System

Notre Dame of Maryland University

**Moderator: Chris Jones, Harford Community College**

**11:45 – 12:00**

**Graves School Auditorium**

**Closing**