Disability Studies Conference 2024

Conference Schedule

10:00-10:45am, Highland Commons B116 - Panel: Disability, Rhetoric & Media Analysis

Ben Fraser, Ph.D. “Down Syndrome Culture”

Lea Merle Bachmann “Unveiling Hidden Pain: Colorful Visual Depictions of Depression in Germanophone Picture Books”

Maria Hernández-Etura “‘El Cuerpo de Cristo’. Unveiling the Intersections of Severe Mental Illness, Caregiving, and Gendered Trauma.”

11:00-11:45am, Highland Commons B116 - Panel: Identity Formation & Narrative

Sav Schlauderaff, M.A. “Cyborg Storytelling: existing at the intersections of art, poetry, and science”

Janelle Capwell-Giles “Hearing Me: Reflections on Hard of Hearing Identity Formation and Accessibility”

Melanie McKay-Cody, Ph.D. “Indigenous Deaf Peoples - A Study Through the Lens of an Indigenous Deaf Anthropologist”

12:00-1:00pm, Disability Cultural Center & Highland Commons Courtyard - LUNCH, Poster & Art Viewing Session

1:00-1:45pm, Highland Commons B116 - Presentation: “Effective Communication Strategies: Working with Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Individuals”

Kimberly Minard & Christy Abrams - the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

2:00-2:45pm, Highland Commons B116 - Panel: Disability, Access & Education

Kathleen J. Kennedy, DBA “Increasing equity and access with personalized AI learning support”

Carlos Garcia Ramirez “Improving Social Emotional Skills with Music”

Joslyn Torres, Abigail Austin, & Jasmine Greer “Empowering Collaboration: Navigating IEP/504s for Inclusive Education”

3:00-3:45pm, Highland Commons B116 - Panel: Intersectionality & Impacts of Ableism
Aubrey Hirst “Exploiting Her Vulnerability: The Temporal Harm of Sexual Violence Towards Autistic Women

Faith Johnson “Heal-THY Brain: The Intersectionality of Race, Sleep, Socioeconomic factors in ADHD”

4:00-5:00pm - TRACK A, Highland Commons A270 - Disabled Students for Justice Panel Discussion “Change Starts with Understanding”
   Siena Coronado, Shawn Yang, Leo Jacobson, Natalie Hurtado, and Lou Smith
4:00-5:00pm - TRACK B, Disability Cultural Center - Poster & Art Viewing session

5:00-5:30pm, Highland Commons A270 - Hybrid Q&A session - pre-recorded video submissions
   Maria Lepore-Stevens, EdD, CAPE, COMS “'Being Yourself': Self-Determination at a Summer Sports Camp for Youth with Visual Impairments”
   Siena Coronado “The Chicana Model of Disability”
   Sabina Iturralde “Understanding the Impact of Film, Television, and the Media on Perspectives about Disability”
   Jennifer Ward, EdD, NBCT “Disability and Displacement: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Disabled Refugees”

5:30-6:30pm, Highland Commons Courtyard (Disability Cultural Center dependent on weather) - DINNER & Closing Remarks

Art & Poster Presentations
Cicada Lune. Art Installation. “DEGENERATIVE”
Shankara Narayanan, Annalysa Lovos and Jamie Edgin. Poster. “Sea Hero Quest, Spatial Navigation and the Hippocampus in Youth with Typical Development and with Down Syndrome”
Name: Ella Randolph. Poster. “How Swimming Affects Gist vs. Explicit Memory”