

**11:00 a.m. – 12: 51 p.m. @ Faculty Lounge (Room D-121A & B)**

**Mentor:** Professor Francisco Moreno – Sociology

**Judges:** Faith Silva – Student

Patricia Fernandez – Supervisor, Digital Print/Mailroom

Oscar Preciado – Professor, English



**11:00 a.m. The Stigma Associated with Marijuana Use and its Effects on Society**

Hannah Glasoe

Major: Sociology

Focus: Reevaluate the stigma associated with Marijuana use and critically analyze how the policies enforced have become harmful to society.

**11:06 a.m. Well-being: The Role of Religion/Spirituality in a Changing World**

Olesya Klymishen

Major: Psychology

Focus: Analyze the relationships between religiousness/spirituality and well-being of individuals.

**11:12 a.m. Turning On the Red Lights**

Steven Lira

Major: Biology

Focus: Reanalyze the idea of prostitution and define the cases of rejection in which moral and ethical majorities have caused the absence of safety and human rights to people who engage in it.

**11:18 a.m. The Absentee Father**

Tamara Thames

Major: Criminal Justice

Focus: Negative impact of absentee fathers on children’s development and social involvement.

**11:24 a.m. Nestle- One More Example of Globalization**

Jose Mondragon

Major: Sociology and Community Studies

Focus: Analyze the impact of Globalization on society through the deconstruction of a favorite product.

**11:30 a.m. Conversation Stopper: Censorship as an Impediment to Social Growth**

Joel Morris

Major: Political Science

Focus: An introduction to censorship and its effects, including first amendment awareness and personal responsibility to safeguard our ability to converse meaningfully.

**11:36 a.m. The Importance of Parental Involvement in Their Children’s Education**

Laura Ortiz

Major: Psychology

Focus: Positive effects parental involvement has on a child’s education.

**11:42 a.m. Rap Music’s Influence on Young Minds through the Glorification of Criminal Enterprise**

Edgardo K. Pascua Jr.

Major: Psychology

Focus: Influence of “gangsta” rap music on today’s youth.

**11:48 a.m. The Reality of Inequality Towards the Homosexual Community in the United States**

Erica Perez

Major: Criminal Justice

Focus: Discrimination towards the Lesbian Gay Bi Transgender (LGBT) community.

**11:54 a.m. The Modern Day Outbreak of Teen Depression, Suicide and Destructive Ways to Cope**

Suzanne Picciero

Major: Psychology

Focus: Teen depression and destructive ways to cope.

**12:00 p.m. Media Analysis: Constructing Gender**

Naomi Salas

Major: Political Science

Focus: Evaluation of the popular media through a gender/ race/ sexuality analysis.

**12:06 p.m. Ransomed Kidnappings and Subsequent Murders in Mexico Affect Those in the United States**

Alfa Santos

Major: English/Literature

Focus: Analyze ransomed kidnappings and the increasing murders in Mexico and its effects on U.S. citizens.

**12:12 p.m. Let's Take a Load Off Our Children**

Krystal Savage

Major: Child Development

Focus: Epidemic of childhood obesity and its need to come to an end.

**12:18 p.m. Institutional Racism in Journalism**

Sedna Villavicencio

Major: Chicano Studies

Focus: Present the history of racism in journalism from the beginning of the printing press and its consequences.

**12:24 p.m. A.I.G. Bailout Scandal**

Grant da Silva

Major: Spanish

Focus: A.I.G. government bailout and its ensuing scandal.

**12:30 p.m. Sex in the Media**

Alyssa Simperts

Major: Sociology

Focus: Dense sexual content in the mass media.

**12:36 p.m. A Disease the Doctor Can Not Cure: HIV/AIDS**

Nikia S. Torrence

Major: Business-Accounting

Focus: Explore HIV/ AIDS within the United States and worldwide.

**12:45 p.m. Globalization, Population Growth & Sustainability  
(The Views of 3 Generations)**

John O'Connor

Major: International Conflict Resolution

*Mentor:* Professor Kay Pittman – Physical Science

Focus: An examination of how 3 different generations (Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Generation Y) view some of the current major issues related to the concepts of globalization, population growth and sustainability.