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Events

8:45-1:45	USRC	Ponderosa B Bonanza A-C
2:00-3:30	Graduate Student Workshop	Ponderosa A
3:40-5:00	Graduate Programs Open House	Ponderosa B

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**8:30-9:00 – Morning Reception and Welcome by Christina Yoshimura,
University of Montana - Ponderosa B**

9:15-10:15, Connections and Computers, Bonanza A

Chair and Respondent – Elenie Opffer, California State University, Sanislaus

- eKatie Hanson and Eric Trockman – California State University San Marcos “Grief Work and the Utilization of Online Discursive Surfaces”e
- eKayla Benson and Marissa Lindahl – University of Colorado Boulder “Gender and Self-Disclosure on Facebook”e
- eScott Laczko – California State University, Chico “Threats Over Computer-Mediated Communication”e
- eMichelle Clark – Cosumnes River College “The Wrong Side of Right: A Cybere Ethnography of LGBT Conservatives”e

9:15-10:15, Communication and Politics, Bonanza B

Chair and Respondent – David Zuckerman, California State University, Sacramento

- eCatherine McClain – Cosumnes River College “The Impact of Nonverbal Communication in Politics”e
- eRick Westberry – Cosumnes River College “Pulling the Strings of American Values”e
- eColby Miyose – University of Nevada Las Vegas “Ronald Reagan’s ‘A Vision fore America’”e
- eDanielle Vidulich – California State University, Chico “Argumentative Literature Review: SLAPPED Silly”e

9:15-10:15, Analyzing Entertainment, Bonanza C

Chair and Respondent – Larry Frey, University of Colorado, Boulder

- eSarah Layne – University of the Pacific “Toddlers and Tiaras: Glitz and Gradee School”e
- eMaricel Alamares – California State University San Marcos “*The Hunger Games*: Inspiring Hegemonic Disenchantment”e
- eMichelle Carr – California State University, Long Beach “A Pentadic Analysis of *The Hunger Games* Trilogy”e
- eRebecca Dymit – College of Saint Benedict “Representation in the Harleme Renaissance”e

10:30-11:30, Communication and Public Spaces, Bonanza A

Chair and Respondent - Greg Dickinson, Colorado State University

- eCaitlin Berube-Smith - Colorado State University “The Dictation of Space Within the Denver Art Museum”e
- eKacey Bull – Colorado State University “Peace in Magnificence”e
- eRobert Cochran – Southern Oregon University “Beyond the Entrance Gates of American Zoos”e

10:30-11:30, Relational Communication, Bonanza B

Chair and Respondent – Erin Sahlstein, University of Nevada Las Vegas

- eSoraya Karimiyanha – University of San Francisco “Communicative Pathways to Rehabilitation”e
- eSarah Mangano – University of San Francisco “Understanding Addicione Through the Other Side of the Spectrum”e
- eElise Vue – University of San Francisco “Roommate Communication Duringe Conflict”e

10:30-11:30, The Influence and Effect of Gender, Bonanza C

Chair and Respondent - Ann Darling, University of Utah

- eAlexandra Mesghina – Cosumnes River College “Impact of the Republican Party Among Women Voters During the 2012 Election”e
- eGun Jun David Yoon – University of California, Los Angeles “Analysis of Kkot-Mi-Nam Phenomenon in Korea”e
- eJoelle Mestemacher - California State University San Marcos “The Cultivation of Professorial Credibility and its Moderation by Gender in the College Classroom”e
- eStephanie Martin – California State University San Marcos “Margaret Sanger: The Ungrateful yet Successful Child of Chance”e

11:30-12:15 - Break

12:15-1:15, Communication and the Presidency, Bonanza A

Chair and Respondent – David Henry, University of Nevada Las Vegas

- eStanislav Fomenko – Cosumnes River College “Mormonism in the 2012e Republican Presidential Campaign”e
- eLizbet Hernandez – Cosumnes River College “An Analysis of Spanish to English Commercial used in the 2012 Election”e
- eMark McMillen – Cosumnes River College “Analyzing the Politics of Race and Rhetoric in the Obama Administration”e
- eAmira El-Khaoui – California State University San Marcos “Audience, Metaphors, and the 1995 State of the Union Address”e

12:15 -1:15, Rhetoric and Media, Bonanza B

Chair and Respondent Deanna Dannels, North Carolina State University

- eSteven Slasten – University of San Francisco “A Look at the Cycle of Redemption in the Rhetoric Surrounding the Suicide of Tyler Clementi”e
- eChelsea Daniels - California State University San Marcos “Corporations Can Make Apologies”e
- eSamantha Langlois – University of the Pacific “Media, Gender and Self-Image”e

12:15-1:15, Campus and Student Issues, Bonanza C

Chair and Respondent – Tracey Holden, University of Delaware

- eBritta Cusick – University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire “Reentry Experiences of Study Abroad Sojourners”e
- eChelsea King – University of the Pacific “Text Messaging While Driving”e
- eMitchell Miller – California State University Stanislaus “Student Club Operation and Leadership Practices”e
- eKyle McNamara – University of Colorado “Dialogue and Deliberation in Boulder, CO”e

1:15-1:45, Afternoon Reception and Top Paper Award by Christina Yoshimura, University of Montana - Ponderosa B