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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

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

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

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

- Catherine McClain – Cosumnes River College “The Impact of Nonverbal Communication in Politics”
- Rick Westberry – Cosumnes River College “Pulling the Strings of American Values”
- Colby Miyose – University of Nevada Las Vegas “Ronald Reagan’s ‘A Vision for America’”
- Danielle Vidulich – California State University, Chico “Argumentative Literature Review: SLAPped Silly”

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

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

- Sarah Layne – University of the Pacific “Toddlers and Tiaras: Glitz and Grade School”
- Maricel Alamares – California State University San Marcos “*The Hunger Games*: Inspiring Hegemonic Disenchantment”
- Michelle Carr – California State University, Long Beach “A Pentadic Analysis of *The Hunger Games* Trilogy”
- Rebecca Dymit – College of Saint Benedict “Representation in the Harlem Renaissance”

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

Chair and Respondent - Greg Dickinson, Colorado State University

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

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

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

- Soraya Karimiyanha – University of San Francisco “Communicative Pathways to Rehabilitation”
- Sarah Mangano – University of San Francisco “Understanding Addiction Through the Other Side of the Spectrum”
- Elise Vue – University of San Francisco “Roommate Communication During Conflict”

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

Chair and Respondent - Ann Darling, University of Utah

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

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

- Stanislav Fomenko – Cosumnes River College “Mormonism in the 2012 Republican Presidential Campaign”
- Lizbet Hernandez – Cosumnes River College “An Analysis of Spanish to English Commercials used in the 2012 Election”
- Mark McMillen – Cosumnes River College “Analyzing the Politics of Race and Rhetoric in the Obama Administration”
- Amira El-Khaouli – California State University San Marcos “Audience, Metaphors, and the 1995 State of the Union Address”

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

Chair and Respondent - Deanna Dannels, North Carolina State University

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

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

Chair and Respondent – Tracey Holden, University of Delaware

- Britta Cusick – University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire “Reentry Experiences of Study Abroad Sojourners”
- Chelsea King – University of the Pacific “Text Messaging While Driving”
- Mitchell Miller – California State University Sanislaus “Student Club Operation and Leadership Practices”
- Kyle McNamara – University of Colorado “Dialogue and Deliberation in Boulder, CO”

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