Abstracts and presenter info follow this schedule. The LSSU Political Science Club, the Political Science Senior Seminar students, and Dr. Gary Johnson invite you to attend presentations of Political Science senior theses in the Walker Cisler Center (dates, times, and rooms are listed below). There will be an opportunity to ask questions following each presentation. A brief reception with refreshments will take place after each day’s presentations.

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Patrick Brooks
Political Science—General
Oxford, MI
“Repairing the Physician-Patient Relationship: A Two-Step Plan for Revitalizing Michigan’s Primary Care System”
Abstract: Over the past decade, the United States system of primary care has consistently been ranked as one of the worst, most inefficient systems among all developed nations in the world. Though lawmakers have done their best to patch the system, it has continued to provide substandard outcomes for patients and providers, leading to skyrocketing costs. The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model, an organizational redesign of primary care, has show promise of improved care and lower cost. However, roadblocks still exist on the path to primary care redesign. My thesis explores why the primary care system fell into such a state of disarray, the ways in which the PCMH rectifies these problems, and proposes a plan to enhance PCMH transformation in primary care facilities across Michigan.

Mr. Brooks’ Laurels -
• Admitted—Harvard University Graduate School
• Admitted—University of California—Berkeley Graduate School
• Admitted—Emory University Graduate School and offered two scholarships
• Graduating magna cum laude

Anna Duffield
Political Science—General
Sunfield, MI
“Satisfying the Hunger: An Alternative to Government Funding for Nonprofit Food Program Organizations”
Abstract: Nonprofit food program organizations are essential in providing adequate nutrition for those experiencing food insecurity. In the past decade, federal funding for such organizations has been extensively cut. The largest cut will be seen in the years following the governmental sequester of 2013. Without federal funding, nonprofit organizations—and more specifically, nonprofit food program organizations—will be forced to scale back on employees and ultimately services. My thesis will examine budget supplementation strategies for nonprofit food program organizations and ultimately develop a plan that will utilize all of the major money generating techniques to sustain an organization independently from governmental aid.
Marily Galloway
Political Science—Pre-Law
Alpena, MI
“Presidential Recess Appointments: Abuse of Power or Political Adaptation?

Abstract: American presidents have always used their appointment powers to staff their cabinets and fill other positions in the federal bureaucracy. Within the past few decades, an increasing number of these appointments have been made through executive order or recess appointment. These appointments avoid the Constitution’s advise and consent clause. Are these appointments made simply to avoid the long, drawn-out confirmation process, or are they an inevitable result of more power being collected within the executive branch? My thesis will explore potential causes of this power shift, look at whether these appointments present a danger to the separation of powers in the federal government, and examine potential methods by which this presidential power could be curbed.

Ms. Galloway's Laurels -
• Graduating summa cum laude
• Taking a year off before attending law school

Derric Knight
Political Science—Public Administration
Detroit, MI
“Saving City Hall: Achieving Financial Sustainability for Michigan Local Governments”

Abstract: There are over 2800 local government in Michigan. Many of these governments are facing a financial crisis that threatens their missions and even their continued existence. This crisis is partly a product of the recent recession, but it is also partly a product of fundamental social, economic, and technical changes that have transformed the fabric of our state. This crisis calls for immediate action, action that allows local government to realize financial sustainability while still serving citizens. My thesis will examine how local governments can strive to achieve financial sustainability thorough collaboration, consolidation, and intergovernmental agreements.
Kristen Pop
Political Science—Pre-Law
Rochester, MI
“Spare Some Meds: Getting Mental Illnesses off the Streets”

Abstract: Thirty percent of America’s 630,000 homeless people suffer from a serious mental illness. Most of these people do not have adequate access to the health care and services they need. When programs are available, they are often under-utilized, either because the programs do not engage in follow-up or because the potential clients are afraid to seek help. My thesis will critically examine the programs available to those who are both homeless and mentally ill, suggest improvements in those programs, and propose the foundations for a new program that would assist the homeless mentally ill and help get them off the streets.

Rose Scheid
Political Science—Pre-Law
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Abstract: The United Nations Security Council plays a special role in international politics. Its mission is to maintain international peace and security. It is the only UN agency that can impose binding action on member states, using military force if necessary. The Security Council has sometimes been a highly effective arbiter of collective security, but it has also sometimes been nothing more than ineffective forum for empty talk. The Security Council must be reformed so that its sanctions and peacekeeping mission can be more effective in our contemporary age. My thesis will review major peacekeeping missions, analyze the various plans proposed to reform the Security Council, and explain why these plans have been unsuccessful. It will go on to propose a new solution for creating a more effective and representative Security Council.

Ms. Scheid's Laurels -
- Admitted—University of Michigan Law School and offered financial aid
- Admitted—University of Minnesota Law School and offered financial aid
- Admitted—Michigan State University Law School and offered full-tuition scholarship
- Unsolicited invitation to apply—Harvard Law School
- Graduating from Honors Program
- Graduating summa cum laude
- Commencement speaker for LSSU’s 2014 Graduating Class
Gabriel Schmidt
Political Science—General
Troy, MI
“Eavesdropping in the Global Electronics Age: An Analysis of the National Security Agency’s Role in Twenty-First Century American Foreign Policy”
Abstract: The National Security Agency (NSA) is one of the major intelligence agencies of the U.S. government. Its principal mission is “signals intelligence” (SIGINT), which is the gathering of intelligence through the interception of signals. This may be done through clandestine means. The NSA is also responsible for protecting U.S. government information and communications systems. The internal documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden in 2013 provided an inside look at NSA’s massive and secret surveillance programs. They also prompted an intense international controversy and a national debate about what limits should be imposed on the NSA. Taking these developments into account, my thesis will analyze the role the NSA should play in our post 9/11 world.

Zachary Sternberg
Political Science—Pre-Law
Toronto, ON
“Governing the Ice: Essential Components of Successful General Management in the NHL”
Abstract: The General Manager of a National Hockey League team is the organization’s governor. It is up to him (or her) to coordinate the organization in a way that will lead to success on the ice. The GM builds a team by putting together a roster of players, hiring and overseeing a coaching staff, hiring and overseeing the scouts, and coordinating the entire operation. A successful team must have good players, a good coach, and a good staff, but it is ultimately the general manager who puts the entire package together. Some general managers succeed, while others fail. Those who succeed do so because of their skills and insights as leaders. My thesis will attempt to identify the key characteristics and strategies behind successful general management in the NHL.

Robert Swain
Political Science—General
Finance and Economics
South Lyon, MI

Abstract: Religious implications aside, marriage is a state-recognized secular institution that carries a host of legal and economic implications. People who are married in the eyes of the law receive benefits, including differential treatment in taxation and spousal rights of visitation, attorney, survivorship, and others. More and more states are today making it legal for same sex couples to marry. However, under a constitutional amendment passed in 2004 (Proposal 04-2), gay couples in Michigan are denied the opportunity of entering into this state-recognized relationship. This limitation—which is being challenged both legally and politically—has important economic implications for same-sex couples. There are surely also economic implications for the state itself. My thesis will assess the financial impacts on the State of Michigan of legalizing gay marriage.

Sarah Tamlyn
Political Science—Pre-Law
St. Ignace, MI
“Righting Judicial Wrongs: A Legislative Proposal for Compensating Michigan’s Wrongfully Convicted”

Abstract: There have been more than 1,250 wrongful convictions in the United States over the last 23 years. In many cases, the wrongfully convicted have spent years in prison, years in which they were away from their families, unable to establish careers, and unable to build any economic security. In some states, the wrongfully convicted are compensated for their losses. Unfortunately, Michigan provides no relief to those whose lives have been devastated by wrongful convictions. They must rely, instead, on the uncertainties of civil lawsuits. My thesis will propose a statutory alternative. It will focus especially on suggesting improvements to Senate Bill 61, a proposal that would provide compensation to Michigan’s wrongfully convicted.

Tyler Theel
Political Science—General
Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Abstract: Over the last thirty years, Americans who identify themselves as conservatives, Republicans, and religious have consistently reported higher rates of subjective self-happiness than their counterparts who identify themselves as liberals, Democrats, and irreligious. As an explanation, it has been suggested that Republicans and conservatives attend church more frequently, and given that religion indoctrinates its members, greater church attendance is a determinant of happiness. However, comparative study of other countries and the relationship among their religious, social, and political structures is inconsistent with this explanation. My thesis suggests a causal correlation of happiness with conservatism itself. In order to support this premise, I examine the meaning of conservatism and liberalism from an over-choice perspective, the influence of religion in American history, and provide an explanation for why there is a correlation in religious attendance and happiness in the United States and why there is not this correlation in others.

Mr. Theel's Laurels
• Admitted—Texas A & M University Graduate School and offered an assistantship with tuition and stipend
• Admitted—University of New Mexico Graduate School and offered an assistantship with tuition and stipend
• Graduating magna cum laude

Kalie Tyree
Political Science—Pre-Law
East Jordan, MI
“Saving Our Celebrations: Sensible Regulations for the International Fireworks Industry”
Abstract: Fireworks have long been a patriotic ritual in the United States. From the tradition of watching fireworks on the Fourth of July to counting down on New Year’s Eve, fireworks are integrated into our culture year round. In 2010, the United States adopted new laws governed by the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). These new laws now require EX Numbers to be obtained for every type of fireworks shell. These recent transportation regulations, as well as growing international markets, are seriously impacting the competitiveness of American firms in the global fireworks industry. A review of the literature was
conducted in order to determine the trends and indications for the future of this industry. Practical implications include exploring new strategies for counteracting regulations.

Ms. Tyree's Laurels -

- Admitted—Marquette University Law School
- Admitted—Michigan State University Law School
- Admitted—Chapman University Law School (California)
- Graduating from Honors Program
- Graduating cum laude