The PSU History Department and the PSU Challenge Program Present:
The 24th Annual Young Historians Conference
April 29, 2014

8:00-9:00 WELCOME & BREAKFAST
9:00-10:15 FIRST SESSIONS
10:30-11:45 SECOND SESSIONS
11:55-12:55 LUNCH
1:00-2:15 THIRD SESSIONS

8:15-9:00 CHECK-IN, BAGELS AND BEVERAGES SMSU 355 (Ballroom)
8:45 WELCOME: Professor Thomas Luckett, Chair, History Department

Session I: 9:00-10:15
SMSU 338: War Without Soldiers: Homefronts during WWII
Commentator: Professor Jennifer Kerns
1. Stephanie Lippincott (Lakeridge), Riveting Rosie’s Riveting Struggles: Women Shipyard Workers in WWII
2. Sophia Cantwell (St. Mary’s), The Power of the People in Influencing the British Government: The Kindertransport
3. Anna Kemper (Sunset), Japanese Internment: A Case Study of Japanese Family Internment Camps in the United States
4. Amelia Turnquist (Sunset), An Investigation into Nazi Propaganda Surrounding the German Youth

SMSU 328/329: Private Devotion, Public Discipline: Religion and the State in History
Commentator: Professor Patricia Schechter
1. Ashley Just (Clackamas), The Catholic Church: Shaping the Roles of Medieval Women
2. Sophie Goddyn (St. Mary’s), The Most Godless Region of the World: Atheism in East Germany

SMSU 327: Witnesses to Empire in the Pre-Modern World
Commentator: Professor Brian Turner
1. Taylor Shuman (Clackamas), Helots in Spartan Society
2. Sema Hasan (Riverdale), Alexander’s Empire
3. Acacia Zodrow (Grant), The Alexiad of Anna Comnena

Session II: 10:30-11:45
SMSU 338: Truth, Justice, and Propaganda: Media and the Law
Commentator: Professor David Horowitz
1. Katie Welgan (St. Mary’s), The Nuremberg Trials and Crimes against Humanity
2. Madeline Fraser (St. Mary’s), An Assessment of Ho Chi Minh’s Strategies for Gaining Support in the Vietnamese Revolution
3. Jamie Cannady (Lakeridge), Fair Trial in a Sensationalist Society: Charles Manson and the Tate-LaBianca Trial

SMSU 327: Consequences of Empire
Commentator: Professor David Johnson
1. Henry Ha (Clackamas), The Influence of Military Dominance on Political Corruption
2. Sameer Kapur (Sunset), An Investigation into the Arab-Israeli Conflict
3. Nadjalisse Reynolds-Lallement (Lakeridge), Upholding the Monroe Doctrine: American Foreign Policy in the 1954 Guatemalan Coup d’Etat

SMSU 328/329: The Power of Persuasion
Commentator: Professor Desmond Cheung
1. Claire Floyd-Lapp (Grant), Aristotle’s Rhetoric: The Power of Words and the Continued Relevance of Persuasion
2. Jonathan Huston (Riverdale), Copernicus’ Role in the Scientific Revolution: Philosophical Merits and Influence on Later Scientists
3. Zia Klocke (Sunset), An Investigation into Zionism’s Inner Leadership
Session III: 1:00-2:15

SMSU 327: Conceptualizing the Common Good: Politics and Diplomacy from Antiquity to the 21st Century
Commentator: Professor David Del Mar
1. Connor Reising (Grant), Aristotle’s Common Good: A Historical Analysis of Aristotle’s Politics
2. Braden Prillwitz (Sunset), An Investigation into Alliances and Diplomacy in the Cold War
3. Ethan Tan (Sunset), An Investigation into Israel’s Foreign Policy

SMSU 338: Postulation and Pustules: Thinking About Medicine and Experiencing Epidemic Disease
Commentator: Professor Jennifer Tappan
1. Megan Pedersen (Clackamas), We Owe It All to the Greek Philosophers
2. Iris Smith (Grant), The Contributions of St. Cyprian: Perspectives on Epidemiology and Early Christianity
3. Holly Swanson (Lakeridge), The Dangers of the Spanish Lady: War, Medicine, and Leadership as Contributing Factors to the Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1918-1919

SMU 328/329: Crafting Identities, Crafting States
Commentator: Professor Tom Luckett
1. Madeline Bell Hauenstein (Riverdale), Language as a Tool: The Use of Arabic in Spain under Islamic Rule
2. Brynn Bruder (St. Mary’s), The Prosperous Reforms of Maria Theresa
3. Daniel Eynis (Sunset), An Investigation into Argentina’s Economic History

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