

The 2019-2020 Haas Scholars

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Fallon Burner (History major)

“Healing Through Language: The History of the Weⁿdat Language and Waⁿdat Dialect”

Sponsor: Elena Schneider, History

Nicholas Carey (Molecular & Cell Biology and Statistics majors)

“The Role of ORF74 in Transmission of Kaposi’s Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus”

Sponsor: Fenyong Liu, Public Health

Michael Cerda-Jara (Sociology major)

“Still Marked? Criminal Record, Education, Race, and Employment in the Era of Mass Incarceration”

Sponsor: David Harding, Sociology

Sydney Belen Garcia (Psychology major, Gender & Women’s Studies minor)

“Not Just Words: Effects of Negative News Portrayals of Latinxs on Farmworker Stress”

Sponsor: Dacher Keltner, Psychology

Rafael Yamir Gómez-Carrasco (Cognitive Science and Ethnic Studies majors)

“World-Making Potentiality in the Spatialization of the Quotidian”

Sponsor: Raúl Coronado, Ethnic Studies

Voulette Raed Hattar (Ethnic Studies major, Public Policy minor)

“Safeguarding the Flame From Palestine to the U.S.: Palestinian Prisoners and Their Role in Social Movements for Racial Justice and National Liberation”

Sponsor: Keith Feldman, Ethnic Studies

Jamie Hein (Interdisciplinary Studies Field major)

“Caged: The Rising Use of Prison and Jail for Women’s Mental Health Care”

Sponsor: Victoria Robinson, Ethnic Studies

Angela Laureano (African American Studies major, Public Policy minor)

“Effective Prison to School Pipelines”

Sponsor: Amy Lerman, Public Policy and Political Science

Lupita Lua Cázares (History major)

“The Forgotten Afro-Mexicans: Independence and the Role of Women (1800-1830)”

Sponsor: Margaret Chowning, History

Simone Matecna (Economics and Peace & Conflict Studies majors)

“Financial Constraints on Student Learning: An Analysis of How Financial Stress Influences Perception and Cognitive Function in Children”

Sponsor: Frederico Finan, Economics

Mackhai Nguyen (Latin, Comparative Literature, and English majors)

“Non-Comedy and Non-Romance: Rape in the Citizen Marriage”

Sponsor: Kathleen McCarthy, Classics

Xiaoyu Niu (Mathematics major)

“Further Computations on Maeda’s Conjecture”

Sponsor: Sug Woo Shin, Mathematics

Daniel Quintana (Molecular & Cell Biology major, Toxicology minor)

“Layer-specific Activation in the Cortex and its Effects on Mouse Behavior.”

Sponsor: Hillel Adesnik, Molecular & Cell Biology

Hannah Maria Raslan (Global Studies major)

“Neoliberal Transformation and Transnational Migration in the Northern Triangle”

Sponsor: Rosemary Joyce, Anthropology

Alexandra Saba (Interdisciplinary Studies Field major)

“Neurodiversity and Identity Formation in Virtual Autistic Spaces”

Sponsor: Rakesh Bhandari, Interdisciplinary Studies

Sabrina Shireen Sellers (Sociology major)

“The Effects of Masculinity in Professional Ballet”

Sponsor: Jill Bakehorn, Sociology

Youn-Ju Suh (Comparative Literature and English majors)

“How English Literature Filtered Through the Empire of Japan Influenced the Formation of Modern Korean Literature in the 1930s”

Sponsor: David Marno, English

Bryan Truitt (Art Practice and Cognitive Science majors)

“Quipu: Debt, Archive, and Amnesia”

Sponsor: Jill Miller, Art Practice

Jehan Yang (Bioengineering major, Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences minor)

“Highly-Biomimetic Mechanical Hand for Robotics and Prostheses: Utilizing Artificial Muscles with Precise Controls Integration”

Sponsor: Grace Gu, Mechanical Engineering

Xinyi Zhang (Bioengineering and Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences majors)

“Enhancing the Resolution of RNA-Sequencing to Investigate the Propagation of Parkinson’s Disease”

Sponsor: Aaron Streets, Bioengineering