The Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program Proudly Announces the 2016 Undergraduate Writing Colloquium Winners

**HUMANITIES**

Pedro Piñera Rodriguez, “Playing with the Highline: Urban Space and Form”  
Written for Art of Infrastructure (AH 341), Professor Peter Christensen

Honorable Mention  
Kali Noonan, “Empire Building 101: What Not to Do,’ or Tropes of Gendered Empire and Colonization in Virgil’s The Aeneid”  
Written for Honors Seminar: Loving Dido (ENG 396), Professor Thomas Hahn

Kate Cowie-Haskell, “Niagara Falls: Sublime, Engineered, or In-Between?”  
Written for Visual Culture of Heritage & Identity (AH 385), Professor Janet Berlo

**NATURAL & APPLIED SCIENCES**

Roy Moger-Reischer, “Antennae Enable Male Copulation Initiation in American Oil Beetle (Meloe americanus)”  
Written for Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (BIO 225W), Professor Bob Minckley

Honorable Mention  
Sierra Cotrona, “Where did the people who first populated America come from, and how did they get here?”  
Written for Principles of Paleontology (EES 207), Professor Penny Higgins

Austin Bailey, “Triplet Lifetimes: Tuning Phosphorescence Longevity in Common Fluorophores”  
Written for Chemical Instrumentation (CHM 231), Professor David McCamant

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Jake Preston Sweely, “The Evolution of Marxist Foreign Policy Interpretations and Contemporary Chinese Application”  
Written for Africa Welcomes China in a New Global Economy (HIS 210), Professor Elias Mandala

Honorable Mention  
Kali Noonan, “Consequences of Gender-Nonconformity on a Binary Model of Gender in Psychological Research”  
Written for Social and Emotional Development (PSY 171W), Professor Laura Wray-Lake

**WRT**

Ann Yao Zhang, “In Defense of Almost: Scientific Progress and What We Leave Behind”  
Written for Human Happiness (WRT 105), Instructor Kate Phillips

Honorable Mention  
Valerie Yam “Father John Misty’s I Love You, Honeybear in Popular Music”  
Written for What We Talk About When We Talk About Music (WRT 105), Instructor Tyler Cassidy-Heacock

Maria Geba, “An Observed Affliction: Diagnosing Bipolar Disorder in Shakespeare’s Lady Macbeth”  
Written for “Devour Up My Discourse”: Rhetoric and Identity in the Renaissance (WRT 105), Instructor Samantha (Newmark) Dressel