

Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

Honours Research Symposium

Friday, April 10, 2026, 9 am – 4 pm, Rowe 1007

9:00 Welcome and introductions

Session 1: Belonging: Understanding relationships and social networks

9:10 Tasha Moller LGBTQ IRL?: How members of online queer communities negotiate digital (dis)connection

9:30 Ceiran Munn Social Capital and Social Anxiety: Exploring the Networks of Young Adult Students

9:50 Heather Wardlaw Love at First Follow: The Role of Social Media in Modern Day Dating

10:10 Aaron Tripathi Friendship, Identity, and Transition: Reconfiguring Friendship Through Transgender Coming Out

10:30 15-minute break

Session 2: Being well and doing good: Values in social life

10:45 Leah Haines Responsible Fashion in The New York Times

11:05 Rachel Kimmelman Risk, Regulation, and Romanticism in Outdoor Rock Climbing

11:25 Kate Sawyer "It is my bliss": Aging Women's Perceptions of Exercise

11:45 Jadeyn Mulligan Punctuating Political Apathy: How News Coverage Ends the Sentence

12:05 Lunch break

Session 3: The other side of the story: Comparing/competing narratives

1:00 Saylor Perez-Haynes Narratives of Multispecies Assemblages: Human Engagement with Roadkilled Animals

1:20 Clover Aydogan Special or Restricted? Autistic People's Experiences of Special Interests

1:40 Erin MacNeil Listening to Their Voices: A Critical Reflection of Project VOYCE and what it Tells us About Children in Care

2:00 Jessica Watson Show Me How You Burlesque: Comparing Media Narratives and Insider Perspectives

2:20 15-minute break

Session 4: Leaders and followers: Making and challenging social identities

2:35 Mariana Carneiro Choosing Men, Losing Women: 'Pick Me Girl' Satire and the Enforcement of Intrafeminine Relational Accountability

2:55 Eve Dewing Leading Us Forward: What Leadership Development Programs at Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions Tell Us About the Leaders of the Future

3:15 Asha McDonald Thus Saith the Lord: Language, Power, and the Making of Divine Authority

3:35 Ruth McGill "I'm Crazy...That's Enough to Make Me a Hockey Fan": Authenticity, Performance, and Gender in Hockey Fandom

3:55 Wrap-up

All welcome!

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