

POPsmARTs

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
APRIL 19, 2008 - UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Call for Papers: POPsmARTs Undergraduate Research Symposium

"Beyond Media Literacy: Critical Approaches in the Humanities and Creative Arts"

The POPsmARTs Undergraduate Research Symposium is the culmination of the Honors Humanities 2007-2008 event schedule. Over the past academic year, Honors Humanities students have heard distinguished scholars and students alike discuss critical and provocative issues in historical and contemporary popular culture. This symposium shifts the focus exclusively to the emerging scholarship and creative applications of undergraduate students from the University of Maryland and the surrounding D.C./Baltimore metro region. All of the past POPsmARTs forums have successfully engendered critical engagement with cultural texts, and this symposium allows students to share some of their own work in the field. Our conference theme is "Beyond Media Literacy: Critical Approaches in the Humanities and Creative Arts," and we are seeking paper and panel submissions from students that will exhibit work on the cutting edge of studies in popular cultures. We are especially interested in studies that move beyond "media literacy" and into a dynamic and dialogical discussion of culture's role in humanities and the world at large. POPsmARTs Undergraduate Research Symposium will consist of panel presentations, roundtable discussions, a keynote speaker (TBA) and the performance of creative arts projects. This April 19, 2008 event strives to reflect the various facets of cultural study and production, illuminating the exciting approaches students have taken to exploring the cultural landscape.

Submissions due March 25, 2008 by 5 p.m.

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In observance of Earth Day 2008, this conference will be environmentally friendly and a donation will be made to offset its carbon footprint.

Alternative formats of this document are available upon request.

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Proposal Requirements

- Individual paper proposals will be accepted from undergraduate students
- Topics should intersect with conference theme, generally speaking, and should fall within the realm of critical studies of culture (popular or otherwise); interdisciplinary projects encouraged
- Proposals should include name, email address, resume/C.V., paper title and abstract (no more than 500 words)
- Panel proposals (of up to three presenters) should include same as individual proposals PLUS description of panel theme/scope/purpose (250-500 words)
- Proposals will be accepted until Mar 25 via email: popsmarts2008@gmail.com
- We are looking for work-in-progress; projects and papers in various stages of development will be included!
- Panels will be chaired by graduate student respondents chosen by the selection committee
- More info: honorshumanities.umd.edu