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Announcement: AMS Honors Symposium

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Please join us the FRIDAY, April 22nd, 4:00-6:00 PM in Burdine 436A for the 5th annual AMS Honors Symposium. The evening will feature presentations by three AMS undergrads:

Liz Garlow:

“Manifesting Outward: A Prosopography of the Feminist Spirituality Movement in Central Texas” explores the creation of a women’s pagan community in Austin through interviews with founding members of various congregations and practices. Celebrating pluralism and inspired by the 1970s Women’s Liberation Movement, a generation of Texas women rejected mainstream faiths to create a religion and a community of which they wanted to be a part.



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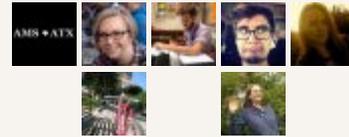
Molly Mandell:

My research in Cuba examines DIY culture, spawned by a lack of resources, on the island. Over four trips, I sought out and photographed Cuban “makers,” from taxi drivers who have kept their 1950s American cars in working condition with a slew of substitute parts to people using USBs to create a network of media and information sharing in lieu of the Internet. DIY culture amongst the Cuban people is much larger than pastimes or Pinterest projects; it is a way of life and a testament to the Cuban people’s resilience, self-reliance, and creativity. For my thesis, I am creating a photo book to published both digitally and physically. My hope is that by documenting DIY culture in Cuba, I am able to provide a more comprehensive understanding of modern, everyday Cuban life. As the United States and Cuba work towards restoring relations, there has been a flurry of media attention that continues to either demonize or romanticize the island 90 miles south of Florida. Ultimately, my goal is to provide an authentic glimpse into the lives of Cuban

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people. (Please note: Molly's work will take the form of a prepared 15-minute Powerpoint because she is in Copenhagen this semester.)

Max Mills:

My project is an investigation of the integration process of the Waxahachie Independent School District, a process that took roughly eighteen years after Brown v. Board was decided. With the use of public records such as school board minutes and community member interviews, a compelling narrative reveals the lengths to which a small Texas town went to maintain white supremacy. The project is also an attempt at preserving this history; as of this moment, there is no comprehensive history that details the desegregation process of Waxahachie ISD.

We hope to see you there!

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