Fifteenth Annual Thesis Conference
21 April 2012—9:00 am, Jefferson Scholars Foundation

Brief Welcome
Prof. Michael J. Smith, Program Director

Panel One—9:00 am

Maj-Britt Frenze
Hedgehogs in Conversation: Suffering and Guilt in Dostoevsky’s The Brothers Karamazov

Emma Murphy
Dorothy Day and The Integrated Life

Eman Niazi
The Golden Lyric: Reflections in the Service of Iqbalianism

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Two—10:10 am

Matthew Diton
Covering the Shifting Sands: American Media and the Arab Spring

Lily Bowles
Forging the “Field” of Social Entrepreneurship

Evan Avery Shields
Minority Entrepreneurship & Economic Development: Toward A Theoretical Model of Capital Access

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a very short break

Panel Three—11:20 am

Matthew Lee Cofer
The One and the Ninety-Nine: An Examination and Analysis of Rising Income Inequality in the United States

Duan (Kate) Duan
Understanding the China Bubble

Alex Eschenroeder
Currents and Sub-Currents: The Long Trek to Comprehensive Health Care Reform in America and The Promise of Patient Centered Care

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a lunch recess.

Please note the time to reconvene:
1:30 pm, sharp.
Panel Four—1:30 pm

Marvin Allen Richards Jr.
Privilege, Power, & Appropriation: The Essence of ‘Authentic’ Performance

Annacrizelda Funtelar
Race, Culture, and History: An Examination of the Political Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois and Franz Boas at the Turn of the Century

Sarajaneé Davis
Black Power, Student Activism, and the Development of Black Studies

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Five—2:40 pm

Mark Duerksen
Monumentalizing Africa’s Momentous Decade: Building a Nation and Monuments in Uganda

Rehema Wachira
Politicizing Education: Kenyan Lessons on Institutional Reform

Tatiana Matthews
On Education Reform: The Transcendentalists, John Dewey, and the Harlem Children’s Zone

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Six—3:50 pm

Victoria McLaughlin
Anonymous: What do we have to fear from hacktivism, the lulz, and the hive mind?

Andrew Seidman
Why Public Service Journalism Will Endure: Reflections on the American Newspaper Industry, 1945-present

Panel Seven—4:45 pm

Pemberton Heath
Climate Change in Historical Perspective: A Comparison through Economic and Ethical Frameworks

Deeva Shah
Genes and Ownership: The Controversy Over Intellectual Property Rights and Patenting Isolated Human DNA

Brief commentary and discussion

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