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**44 Axelle Gouverneur
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Improving Diversity in Bowling Green

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Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dr. Susana Peña, Director,
School of Cultural and Critical Studies

10-10:45 a.m.
Keynote Address
Barbara Waddell, Director,
Office of Equity and Diversity and
Title IX Coordinator
“Open My Eyes”

10:45-11 a.m.
Break and Refreshments

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Poster presentations

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Toward Government Spending in the
United States*

2 Kelly Blakely
Ashanti King-Johnson
Gabrielle McGill-Kapper
Brooke Miller
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Racial Disparities within Medicaid

3 Kelly Brake
Samantha Brownlee
Erica Luthman
Jessica Mason
Gabrielle Sassano
Shelby Yacchari
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*An Evaluation of United States Drug
Incarceration*

4 Ryann Daniels
Tess Lohse
McKenzie Martin
Kaitlyn Rehbeck
Jordan Temple
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*Reintegration Issues Within Veterans and
Their Families*

5 Lauren Ross
Tiffany Gerken
Heather Paramore
Jessica Darling
Jade Callum
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Sex Trafficking: A Social Injustice

6 Vivian Carney
Elle Garrick
Marissa Lindsley
Zack Heeter
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
SOWK3120 Social Welfare Institutions
*Discrimination of LGBT Members in the
Workplace*

7 Chelsea Kennedy
Katie Molina
Kendra Vermillion
Hillary Routt
Michael Zeck
Caitlyn Neumann
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
SOWK3120 Social Welfare Institutions
*Euthanasia Awareness and Legalization
in Ohio*

8 Gracie Henry
Jennifer Cook
Arika Speicher
Megan Sommers
Tiara Jackson
Emily Metzger
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Lack of Services for Adults with Autism

9 Andriel McBrayer
Meghan Bishop
Iyonna Thompson
Margaret Scott
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
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10 Destiny Norris
Miranda Wagnitz
Jessica Ricker
Monica Gupta
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
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Foster Care and the Transition to Adulthood

11 Claire Sherman
Bridget Dewulf
Rachel Burrer
Hope Brickner
Erica Kavalauskas
Angela Gurchak
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
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*Pharmacological Treatment Options for
Heroin Addiction*

12 Elizabeth Wagner
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
CURS Summer Project
*Person-Centered Care and the Effect of a
Personalized Playlist on Older Adults
with Dementia*

13 Heather Paramore
Mentor: Hee Soon Lee, Social Work
Honors Project
*Northwest Ohio Community Readiness to
Serve Sex Trafficking Survivors*

14 Christel Ciolino
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Mentor: Lynne Hewitt, Communication Sciences
& Disorders
Communication Sciences & Disorders
*University Students’ Knowledge of Autism
Spectrum Disorders*

15 Madison Rosenthal
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EIEC 2210 Cul and Ling Diversity in ECE
Foster Children and Education

16 Stephanie Wonnell
Mentor: Mariana Mereoiu, Special Education
EIEC 2210 Cul and Ling Diversity in ECE
*Transgender Children: Who They Are and How
We Can Help Them*

17 Emily Brad
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*Culture Portrayed in Television - Effects
on Education*

18 Jenna Reneau
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19 Paige Lepowsky
Christa Lunger
Stephanie Werth
McKenna Gabriel
Allison Laber
Gabby Dugger
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Honors Project
*Not Safe for Women (NSFW): Sexual Assault of
Women in the Sex Trade*

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Nathan Higgins
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Islamophobia in Education

21 Emily Clark
Lisa Gemmer
Olivia Henderson
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Kelsie Mothersead
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Cultures*

22 Becca Ebert
Mia Eberts
Cary Flanders
Julia Gallatin
Joey Goldblum
Courtney Kemmerling
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*The Effects of Physical Disabilities on the
College Experience*

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Mentor: Lisa Hanasono, Media & Communication
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Civic Engagement*

24 Dew Ashby-King
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Media & Communication
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Social Media*

25 Hunter Marcuson
Kevin Roberts
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Media & Communication
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26 Dominique Seo
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Desegregation in Chicago*

27 Cooper Clarke
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28 Dakota Patton
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Sciences
Family & Consumer Sciences
*Crossroads: Starting the Conversation and
Creating Change*

29 Landra Maschari
Mentor: Raymond Schuck, Communcation (Firelands)
Communcation (Firelands)
*Facilitating Peace through Intercultural
Education: Common Ingroup Analysis at the
Hand in Hand School*

30 Jose Diaz
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Communcation (Firelands)
We Need Better Representation in Video Games

31 Katelyn Lang
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32 Cory Obendorfer
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Thomas Miller
Christina Rodriguez
Jordan McCormick
Aaron Williamson
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SOC 2680 Introductory Methodology
*“I Called My Mom and Told Her How Much
I Hated College”: Race Differences in BGSU
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Culture Shock*

34 Philip Anthony
Sherria Flournoy
Courtney Ebert
Mentor: Beatrice Guenther, Romance and Classical
Studies
Romance and Classical Studies
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Present, From Colonialism to Modern Day*

35 Katie Moran
Suzanne Pergal
Denzel Coleman
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Romance and Classical Studies
*Through the Global Lens: Martin Luther King Jr.
and Social Change - A Comparative Exploration
of Diversity Initiatives in the United States
and France*

36 Leslie Potts
Mentor: Thomas Edge, Ethnic Studies
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*#BlackSpacesExist: An Analysis of the Virtual
Culture of Activism on Black Twitter*

37 Darrico Harris
Mentor: Ewart Skinner, Telecommunications &
Global Health
McNair (Psychology)
*Factors Influencing the Decisions of Black Males
to Attend College*

38 Annette King
Mentor: Lisa Hanasono, Media & Communication
McNair (Human Development & Family Studies)
*Colleges’ Climate Control: Racial Climate and
Students’ Experiences in Higher Education*

39 Edward Vaughn
Mentor: Anne Mitchell, Ethnic Studies
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*Remixing a Revolution: Vaporwave as Resistance
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