

# ANDREA MITCHELL CENTER ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Each year, the Undergraduate Research Seminar culminates in an academic conference where the students have the opportunity to present their research to an audience and receive feedback from faculty discussants. To view papers and videos from past years, go to <https://amc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate-conference/past-undergraduate-research-conferences>.



**2021 TOPICS:** Healthcare financing in Botswana, the Black maternal mortality crisis in the U.S., a philosophical examination of civil disobedience, inequality and democracy in Chile, Brazilian environmental policy, the idea of the noble savage and its impact on the antislavery movement, Asian stereotypes in early science-fiction comic books, the arguable reality of religious freedom, the convict leasing system in early twentieth-century America, and the rise of the conservative movement in the Vietnam era.



**2020 TOPICS:** Sex-worker activism in South Africa, emergency-medicine research, the Dreyfus Affair, the logical principle of ex contradiction quodlibet, the history of modern Guyana, Cuban tourism, Ottoman slavery, maternity care in Ethiopia, and feminism in Mexico.



**2019 TOPICS:** Pre-trial detention reform, voter turnout, USDA nutrition guidance, the rights of Jews in antebellum Maryland, slavery in the Cherokee nation, immigration reform, schooling in Kenya's Kakuma refugee camp, and activism in post-apartheid South Africa.



**2018 TOPICS:** Physicians in 18th-century Philadelphia, the international practice of direct democracy, obstetric care in Costa Rica, street art along the U.S.-Mexico border, the management of Type II diabetes among the Maya of Guatemala, women's groups in Batista-era Cuba, Derrida's critique of Kant's concept of hospitality, labor actions in Texas colonias, and communication about the risks of assisted reproduction in Israel.



**2017 TOPICS:** The career of John Dickinson, healthcare in Uganda, police reform in Northern Ireland, populist paranoia during the Gilded Age, the media treatment of free speech issues after 1960, midwives in South Africa, imperialism in ancient Athens, the desegregation of the University of Pennsylvania, the 1920 Cushendall Incident in Northern Ireland, and the construction of U.S. homelessness policies after 1980.



**2016 TOPICS:** School violence against Southeast Asians in Philadelphia, moral education in West Virginia, the political impact of Latino religiosity, civil unions in Peru, migrant workers in Singapore, Turkish constitutional reform, the treatment of the irreligious in Egypt, the reaction of the early American press to the French Revolution, and early American foreign policy.