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AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CAMPUS

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- Wednesday, 9 April 2025, 8 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
- Classes, practices and rehearsals do NOT meet during the event.
- Instructors encouraged to include an assignment or other incentive for symposium attendance and engagement
- Students present in poster sessions and concurrent oral presentation sessions
- Some departments have special sessions during the lunch break
- The Senior Art Show is in the gallery.
- This is a campus-wide event for all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and emeriti.
- Invite friends and family, too!


The **Passport** is a booklet that lets you keep track of your participation. Pick one up at the event!

- Have your Passport stamped as you attend poster and concurrent sessions and visit the resource tables during the poster sessions. Stamps earn chances to win prizes!
- Use the QR code on the back of the Passport to submit your reflections and pictures in a Qualtrics form that can be automatically sent to your course instructors for assignments or incentives. Preview the form from this link.

Atrium Tables

Visit these tables during the poster sessions to learn about the services and opportunities they offer - and to collect more stamps!

stamp	stamp	stamp	stamp
Archives & Showcase	Career Center	Global Learning	Community Engagement

stamp	stamp	stamp	 <p>Scan to submit your session responses & pics for your classes!</p>
Sustain-ability	Center for Student Success	Center for Holistic Health	



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PASSPORT

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MOOREHEAD, MINNESOTA

PASSPORT BACK AND FRONT COVER

Your PASSPORT is your guide to playing COSS Quest for chances to earn prizes, and for submitting reflections and pictures to your instructors as your record of participation. Scan the QR code on the back to submit your responses and automatically share them with the instructors whose email addresses you provide.

To play COSS Quest for chances to win prizes:

- 1) Answer trivia questions from the COSS Quest cards.
- 2) Collect stamps on your Passport as you attend COSS sessions and visit the tables in the atrium.
- 3) Show your stamped Passport to symposium volunteers in the Centrum for prize drawing entries.


		Session #s attended		Session #s attended
Poster Session 1 08:55 - 10:15 a.m.	stamp	_____	Concurrent Session 3 1:45-2:25 p.m.	stamp _____
Concurrent Session 1 10:30-11:10 a.m.	stamp	_____	Concurrent Session 4 2:40-3:40 p.m.	stamp _____
Concurrent Session 2 11:25 a.m. -12:05 p.m.	stamp	_____	Poster Session 2 3:55-5:15 p.m.	stamp _____

PASSPORT INSIDE PAGES




COSS QUEST is another way to earn prizes and have some fun at the symposium!

- Find the COSS QUEST cards at the event
- Scan the QR code
- Answer the trivia questions
- Winners will be chosen during the afternoon poster session from the top scorers




Answer URSCA, COSS, IL, and PEAK trivia questions, and fill out your Symposium Passport for chances to win prizes at the URSCA Symposium - Concordia's Celebration of Student Scholars!

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trivia questions



Prizes drawn during Poster Session 2!

The event schedule is online @ ursca.org

- Click on each session name in **gold** to see the detailed list of presentations
- Click on “**Abstract**” to expand and read the description of each presentation
- Click the **download** button to open and save the PDF of the entire symposium program
- Follow symposium etiquette and stay for a whole session

Location: Integrated Science Center 301

C09. “Is Climate Conflict Inevitable in Central Asia? Insights from the Past Thirty Years”

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Classic

Student Presenter(s): Alina Sokolova, Tony Berndt

Mentored by: Dr. Leila Zakhirova

^ Abstract

Climate change poses a significant threat to Central Asia, a region home to the former Soviet states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Situated in already hot and arid region, Central Asian states face significant economic, social, and political challenges. Apart from the energy-rich Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, increased heat extremes and declining precipitation are likely to destabilize the region that houses 83 million people, most of whom rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. This study examines the conflict potential of the Central Asian states based on changing climatic conditions that will make survival challenging by the middle of this century. We argue that the probability of conflict will be greater in countries that are more impacted by global warming but are less prepared to cope with its challenges. Drawing on both quantitative data and regional case studies, this article provides a more comprehensive approach to evaluating the region's vulnerability and preparedness for the impacts of climate change and associated risks and consequences.

C10. “Reduce, Reuse, Reality Check – Recycling Isn’t Enough!”

10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. | Classic

Student Presenter(s): Crisavy Seeman

Mentored by: Bree Langemo

^ Abstract

16th Annual Celebration of Student Scholars at Concordia's URSCA Symposium

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Concise Schedule of Events

Click on each session name for presentation details.

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Refreshments, Social Time – KCC Centrum

8:45 am – 8:55 am

Opening Remarks and Mentor of the Year Award Announcement – KCC Centrum

8:55 am – 10:15 am

Poster Session 1 – KCC Centrum & Atrium

10:30 am – 11:10 am

Concurrent Session 1 – Morrie Jones A-B, C-D; Olin 124; ISC 201, 260, 301, 338

11:25 am – 12:05 pm

Concurrent Session 2 – Morrie Jones A-B, C-D; Olin 124; ISC 201, 260, 301, 338

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Department & Program Sessions, Lunch Break – Various Locations

1:45 pm – 2:25 pm

Concurrent Session 3 – Morrie Jones A-B, C-D; Olin 124; ISC 201, 260, 301

2:40 pm – 3:40 pm

Concurrent Session 4 – Morrie Jones A-B, C-D; Olin 124; ISC 201, 260, 301

3:55 pm – 5:15 pm

Poster Session 2 – KCC Centrum & Atrium

ALL DAY

Senior Art Exhibition – Olin Cyrus M. Running Gallery

[Download the COSS Program](#)

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SEE YOU AT THE SYMPOSIUM!

