Senior Symposium
Northwestern University
Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences
American Studies Program

Monday, May 16, 2011
6:00 - 8:30PM
Humanities Seminar Room
Kresge 2-370

Senior Symposium to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's American Studies Seniors

I. ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE

VERONICA MORALES
Mexican-American Theater a Political Mobilizing Tool: The Shrunken Head of Pancho Villa by Luis Valdez
Adviser: Gerry Cadava, History

ADAM YALOWITZ
Cleaning Up Chicago: The 2002 Hotel Workers Contract Campaign and the Return of Industrial Movement Unionism
Adviser: Carl Smith, English

MICHAEL WAXMAN
“Heightening the Contradictions”: The Survival Programs of the Illinois Black Panther Party
Adviser: Martha Biondi, African American Studies

II. ENTERTAINMENT AND/AS IDEOLOGY

VICKY SCHEERER
Just Say No To Violence: The Stop the Violence Movement and Its Legacies, 1988-2011
Adviser: Alex Weheliye, English and African American Studies

MICHAEL LOBEL
History as a Loaded Gun: The Performance of American Exceptionalism in First-Person Shooters
Adviser: Mike Sherry, History

KRISTEN SUN
Remembering the “Forgotten War” in Film: Transnationalism and Gender in The Host (Bong Joon-ho, 2006), Gran Torino (Clint Eastwood, 2008), and Address Unknown (Kim Ki-duk, 2001)
Adviser: Jinah Kim, Asian American Studies

III. DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

JORDAN FEIN
Searching for Health Care Reform: Studying Media Coverage and Framing Public Opinion of the 2009-2010 Health Care Debate
Advisers: Jamie Druckman, Political Science; Leslie McCall, Sociology

ELISA REDISH
Furthering Transit Equity in Chicago: A Case for Extending the CTA Red Line
Adviser: Len Rubinowitz, Law School

KRISTIN COVENEY
Solidarity Detained: How the Civic Myth has Influenced American Immigration Detention Mobilization Since the 1980s
Adviser: Galya Ruffer, International Studies