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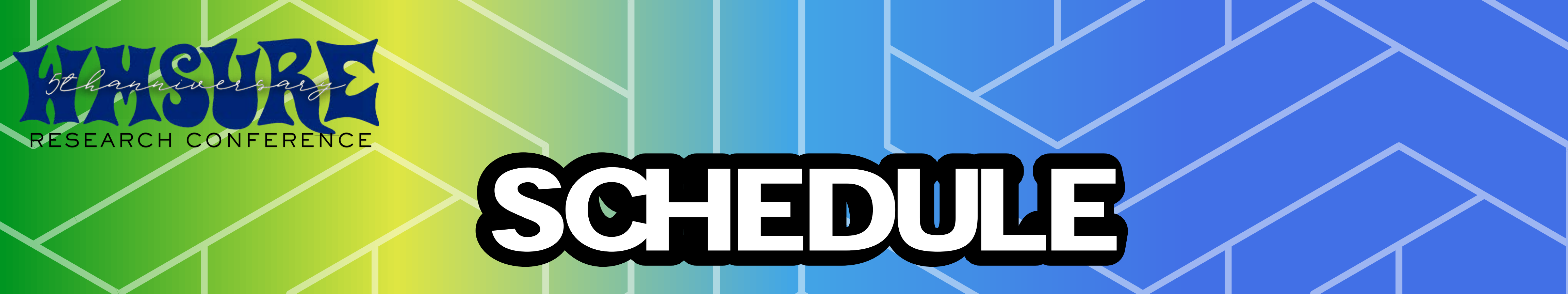
**APRIL 11TH, 2025**

**9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**SADLER CENTER | JAMES & YORK ROOMS**  
200 STADIUM DR, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23186

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# SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00AM-9:40AM	REGISTRATION, CHECK-IN, BREAKFAST & NETWORK	CHESAPEAKE
9:45AM-10:00AM	WELCOME & DIRECTOR REMARKS <i>Katherine Barko-Alva, WMSURE co-director</i>	CHESAPEAKE
10:00AM-12:00PM	PRESENTATION BLOCK 1 <i>Oral Presentations</i> <i>Digital Presentations</i>	JAMES & YORK THE SLICE
12:00PM-1:00PM	LUNCH KEYNOTE & PRESENTATION <i>Anthony M. Joseph '21</i> <i>W&amp;M Scholar, WMSURE Program Coordinator</i>  <i>Shawna Alston '25</i> <i>English &amp; Africana Studies Major, WMSURE Student Fellow, W&amp;M Scholar</i>	CHESAPEAKE
1:00PM-3:00PM	PRESENTATION BLOCK 2 <i>Oral Presentations</i> <i>Digital Presentations</i>	JAMES & YORK THE SLICE
1:45PM-2:45PM	STUDENT FELLOW CONFERENCE WALK <i>Walk with a current student and learn about William &amp; Mary!</i>	THE SLICE
3:00PM-3:30PM	CLOSING CEREMONY <i>Best Digital Presentation</i> <i>Best Group Presentation</i> <i>Best Individual Presentation</i>	CHESAPEAKE

# YORK ROOM SCHEDULE

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 AM	THE INCLUSION LOOP: TRANSFORMATIONS, MARGINALIZED GROUPS, AND THE COLOMBIAN TRUTH COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS	RYAN SILIEN
10:20 AM	ANALYZING BIRD BEHAVIOR AT UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PANEL SITES	DARIUS McCALLUM
11:20 AM	THE EFFECTS OF IMPULSIVITY AND RISK PERCEPTION ON MARIJUANA DUI BEHAVIORS AMONG U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS	GABRIEL MONROE
1:00 PM	WHERE DOES IT GO? BIOPLASTICS AND MICROBIAL ECOSYSTEMS	DEEKA ABDI
1:20 PM	THE VILLAGE INITIATIVE'S SEVENTH ANNUAL EQUITY REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL INEQUITIES IN WILLIAMSBURG- JAMES CITY COUNTY SCHOOLS	AMAYA JONES THIRTA PORUTHIKODE UNNIVELAN
1:40 PM	PERCEPTIONS OF A CONVERSATION	ABENA AKRONG TRINITY GIVENS JO'LISSA SMITH
2:00 PM	EVOLUTION OF A CANON: TRACING CENTURY-LONG TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ANTHOLOGIES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE	JAENYA COOPER AVA NALAWADI JENNIFER OTIENO COLIN PURTELL AL ROMERO MIRINA IM ASHLYNN PRENTICE VEDA KALIDINDI MARTHA HOLLER
2:20 PM	WMSURE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT	CHRISTIAN COLE STEVEN HENRIQUEZ TALAVERA ALLISON ROBINSON-WILSON

# JAMES ROOM SCHEDULE

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
10:00 AM	ENCOUNTERING FUNGAL CROSSROADS: HOW THE AMBROSIA SYMBIOSIS INFLUENCES WOOD DECAY AND FUNGAL COMMUNITIES IN ANGIOSPERM TREES	ROSIE GEORGE-AMBROCIO
10:20 AM	CONFRONTING WHITE FRAGILITY: THROUGH THE NARRATIVES OF STUDENTS OF COLOR.	KINSLEY FANDJA
11:00 AM	WASHINGTON D.C.: SIDES OF THE SOUTHERN BLACK METROPOLIS	SELAH WATKINS
11:20 AM	CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON EMOTION REGULATION: THE IMPACT OF INDIVIDUALISM AND COLLECTIVISM ON MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES	YVONNE BOADI
1:00 PM	LANGUAGE POLICIES AND LEARNING PRACTICES: A STUDY ON HOW TO REINTERPRET LANGUAGE ACQUISITION IN K-12 AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	STEVEN HENRIQUEZ-TALAVERA
1:20 PM	COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS: D.C. VOLUNTEER POLICE OFFICERS AND IMPLICATIONS WITH VOLUNTEERING CULTURE AND POLICING	BENJAMIN BOATENG
2:00 PM	THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE'S RESPONSE: AN ANALYSIS ON TRADING DEMOCRACY FOR SECURITY AND STABILITY	KATHERINE ZAVALA AGUILUZ
2:20 PM	THE MIND BEHIND THE MENTOR: AN AUTO-ETHNOGRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF DEVON OLIVER'S EXPERIENCES AS A STEM UNDERGRADUATE MENTOR	DEVON OLIVER