GATOR GLOBAL INITIATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - March 14th

9:15-10:00am  Registration

10:00-10:15am  Welcome (BRY 130) - Angela Garcia
                Introduction: Making an Impact - Mary Kay Carodine
                • Self-reflection question #1 - What do you contribute, and what do you hope to gain?

10:15-10:30am  Small Group Meeting
                • Introductions and brief pre-reflection of their answers to question #1

10:30-10:35am  Keynote Introduction (BRY 130) - Dr. Sheila Dickison

10:35-11:20am  Keynote (BRY 130) - Jessica McElroy

11:30-12:30pm  Workshop (BRY 130) - LB Hannahs & Angela Garcia
                • Work on Purpose: Take Perspective - Engage in conversation and learn how to create solutions that are right for the communities you are trying to serve. Learn how to tackle social problems with a collaborative approach for the greatest impact.

12:30-2:00pm  Lunch & Small Group Meeting (HVNR Student Common Area)
                • Self-reflection question #2 - Why do you want to make an impact?

2:00-3:00pm  Focus Area 1
                • Human Rights (HVNR 150) - Moderator: Helena Chapman
                  Dr. Paul Ortiz, Helen Strain, Dr. Berta Hernandez
                  Human rights are rights essential to all human beings, whatever our nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender identity, physical ability, sexual orientation, language, or any other status. We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination because we are all part of one human race. These rights are all universal and inalienable, interdependent and indivisible, equal and non-discriminatory. Panelists will discuss the topic of human rights and the experiences they have had with rights issues through their years of work.

                • Economic Development (HVNR 260) - Moderator: Cindy Tarter
                  Renata Serra, Thomas Hawkins, Jessica McElroy
                  Economic development generally refers to the sustained, concerted actions of policymakers and communities that promote the standard of living and economic health of a specific area. Economic development can also be referred to as the quantitative and qualitative changes in the economy. Such actions can involve multiple areas including development of human capital, critical infrastructure, social inclusion, health, safety, literacy, and other initiatives. Panelists will discuss their work in various economic development fields both locally and internationally.

                • Educational Inequalities (HVNR 140) - Moderator: LB Hannahs
                  Dr. Muthusami Kumaran, Brittney Beck, Andrea Ortega
                  Education is a fundamental human right that promotes individual freedom and empowerment, and yields important developmental benefits. Education is a powerful tool by which economically and socially marginalized adults and children can lift themselves out of poverty and participate in their community, yet millions of children and adults remain deprived of educational opportunities. With different causes that are deeply rooted in history, society, and culture, this inequality is difficult to eradicate. Panelists will discuss the value of educational equality and their work in fighting inequality.

3:00-3:20pm  Coffee Break (HVNR Student Common Area)

3:30-4:30pm  Small Group Meeting
                • Self-reflection question #3 - How would you articulate your vision?
4:35-5:35pm  
• **Health Disparities (HVNR 140)**- Moderator: Helena Chapman  
  Richard Rheingans, Dr. Laura Guyer, Austin Reed  
The huge gap in access to healthcare, which exists between communities, remains one of the great moral and intellectual problems of our time. In order to reduce this gap in healthcare, we need to find ways to help the members of these communities (global, country-wide, and locally) live longer, productive, healthier lives. The underlying and most fundamental problem in the disparities in health is the lack of access to knowledge of effective care treatments and prevention strategies. Panelists will inform participants of health disparities they have encountered and their work in the health field as a result.

• **Environmental Sustainability (HVNR 150)**- Moderator: Allison Vitt  
  Edgar Campa-Palafoux, Chad Paris, TBD  
Environmental Sustainability encompasses a wide range of topics, from energy usage and climate change, land and resource management, the built environment and transportation, health and social equity, economic development, and stewardship. It is interdisciplinary and addresses the long-term maintenance of responsibility. Our panelists will address how they bring environmental sustainability into their various disciplines.

• **Peace Building & Conflict Resolution (HVNR 260)**- Moderator: Roshan Patel  
  Heart Phoenix, Sheldon Wardwell, Sally Kaplan  
A great deal of human suffering is linked to violent conflicts, political instability, or unjust policies and practices. Peacebuilding is a term used within local, national, and international development communities to describe any activity and effort with a goal of resolving violent conflict and promoting peace. Such efforts include conflict transformation, restorative justice, trauma healing, reconciliation, development and leadership. Ongoing activities in conflict zones are described as peacebuilding. Peacebuilding does not end with a cease fire or restoration of democracy; it lies within the success of societal stability and a movement towards reconstruction. Panelists will discuss what peace building efforts around the world look like and what is being done.

5:45-6:00pm  
• **Closing Remarks (BRY 130)**- Josh Funderburke  
  Self-reflection question #4- What is going to be difficult for you working with your target population?

SUNDAY- March 15th

9:30-9:45am  
**Morning Welcome (BRY 130)**- Angela Garcia

9:45-10:30am  
**Breakfast & Small Group Meeting**  
• Self-reflection question #5- What skills do you have that will help in moving your work forward?

10:30-11:20am  
**Skills Session 1**  
• **Self-Discovery and Self-Awareness (HVNR 140)**- Payal Khurana  
The key to improving any process is the understanding how it works. The process of becoming a leader, a social entrepreneur, a mover and shaker, starts with you. In understanding yourself, you can better understand what drives you and what your strengths are. You can more effectively lead yourself and lead others. This workshop will allow participants to begin this journey of self-discovery and understand the power of intrapersonal intimacy. You will not find yourself in one afternoon, so you will also be given the tools to continue on this path of self-discovery and an understanding of how to use what you learn to improve how you change the world.

• **Working in Teams (HVNR 150)**- Mike Spranger  
One of the most important attributes to creating change is the knowledge that it is not effectively pursued in isolation. Change may begin with one person or one idea, but the value of collaboration with peers, colleagues, and community stakeholders is a key to such endeavors now and throughout life. We each come from life experiences and background that lend to different worldviews, cultural identities and values. But how do we work effectively together? We do so through teams. This workshop will explore the concept of teams and collaborative approaches. It will address such questions as: What makes a team successful? What are the typical dysfunctions of a team? It will
also provide you with some practical tools to overcome these dysfunctions that you can use to be successful in collaborative efforts.

- **The Power of Advocacy (HVNR 260)**- **Helen Strain**
  Advocacy is not simply organizing people in a rally; it is a way to get commitment to move forward towards action. It requires raising awareness and support, as well as capacity and knowledge building. It is a process to influence policy makers, policies, and the mindsets of the public through lobbying, creating campaigns, petitions or rallies. Having your voice heard as an advocate for change is a process, not just an event. This workshop will give you the foundations and tools in becoming an advocate for a cause and organizing people to bring about change.

### 11:30-12:20pm Skills Session 2

- **Storytelling (HVNR 140)**- **Jaron Jones & Brandon Telg**
  As a change agent, you have to be comfortable telling your story and inspiring others to take action for positive change. Whether for collaboration, funding, education, or something else, telling a powerful story will help increase your impact and mobilize others. This workshop will focus on giving you the practical skills to build your narrative and feel confident in your presenting skills to engage and connect with peers one-on-one or to an audience in a presentation.

- **Sustaining Positive Change: One-and-Done (HVNR 260)**- **Tony Andenoro**
  Every plan of attack has a component that many forget about: the follow-through. Positive change is something that can be accomplished, but in order for it to have a lasting effect, it must be sustained. This workshop will cover how to think past just the initial action, and how to prepare for making change that is long-lasting.

- **Work on Purpose: Head + Heart = Hustle (HVNR 150)**- **Will Atkins**
  Figure out how to identify future work or career paths that align your Heart (social issues that move you) and your Head (your unique gifts) to be sure you can stay true to your values as you tackle the world’s biggest problems.

### 12:30-1:15pm Lunch (HVNR Student Common Area)

*Networking with community partners*

### 1:30-2:30pm Workshop (BRY 130)- **Kristin Joos & Laura Johnson**

**Work on Purpose: Fear, Failures, Risks...and Growth?**

One of the largest barriers for new and emerging social entrepreneurs and change agents is overcoming the antagonistic driving force...fear of failure. Fear of failure may keep innovative minds at bay and may keep you from pursuing your purpose. This workshop to will allow participants to walk away with the ability to acknowledge, analyze and face the fear of failure as well as understand how failure allows for growth.

### 2:40-3:40pm Break & Small Group Meeting

- **Self-reflection question #6- What obstacles might you encounter, and how might you overcome them?**

### 3:40-4:00pm Call to Action (BRY 130)- **Jeanna Mastrodicasa**

### 4:00-4:20pm Closing Remarks (BRY 130)- **Laurel Nesbit**

- **Self-reflection question #7- How do you plan to maintain your passion and keep the “why” at the forefront of your goals?**