

May 2nd

10:00-10:50 am

URSCA in the Social Sciences

Carnegie Hall 101

Hayley Diemer '19, Global Health (Mentor Amelia Darrouzet-Nardi)

Angela Mauroni '17, English and Sydney Fernandez '17, Political Science (Mentors Ben Slote and Brian Harward)

**Description of the panel:**

Students in this session will present interdisciplinary research conducted across the social sciences and humanities. The first project by Hayley Diemer is entitled, *Russian Incarceration Systems as a source of MDR-TB: Global Health Implications, Ethics, and Solutions*. The second project by Angela Mauroni and Sydney Fernandez is entitled *The Face Behind the Bars: American Indians and the Criminal Justice System*. The audience will have the opportunity to talk with the students about how they got involved in this work and what advice they have for others who may be interested in developing similar projects. Read more about the topic of these papers here.

**Additional Information about the Projects:**

Hayley Diemer, *Russian Incarceration Systems as a source of MDR-TB: Global Health Implications, Ethics, and Solutions*: Throughout the 1980's, Tuberculosis was considered to be a minor health problem among wealthy nations, including modern day Russia. Currently, however, the Russian Federation faces one of the highest MDR-TB burdens along with the lowest treatment success rate globally. The demographic primarily impacted by this rise in incidence are young men in the Russian prison system. Here, TB and it's drug resistant strain MDR-TB run rampant due to cramped living quarters, poor sanitation, lack of proper nutrition, and limited access to medications and trained personal. Furthermore, when their sentence expires, infected prisoners are released back into the population with little means to access or afford treatment. This panel seeks to identify the ethical implications of these conditions and why this situation in Russia is significant on the global stage. This panel also seeks to explore plausible policy or public health interventions.

Angela Mauroni and Sydney Fernandez, *The Face Behind the Bars: American Indians and the Criminal Justice System*, This research aims to explore the historical standard for American Indians that was set in the 1800s for today's legal system. We focus primarily on Pine Ridge Reservation. We explore the personal stories of those effected by social and legal structures that lead to the disproportionate incarceration of American Indians. While this research cannot practically draw comparison between every historical encounter between the U.S. and American Indians, nor can it analyze every social and legal structure leading to the disproportionate incarceration of American Indian people, examining some of them closely, using sources pulled from many different sources because of a shortage of data on these subjects, can make clear how policies and judicial systems can play out in people's lives, and affect how they consider those issues in the future.