Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Portfolio Presentations

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Students completing the capstone portfolio will present their body of work completed in the Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Program. The interdisciplinary program allows students to concentrate in Humanities, Social Sciences, or Science and Human Values, or create their own concentration. Students will present a single paper from the portfolio or a reflective narrative placing the three portfolio papers in the context of the student’s intellectual journey through the MLAS program.

A Middle School Teacher's MLAS Journey
Jason Carter

As a middle grades science teacher, I do not often get the chance to interact with learning that pushes my own boundaries in the ways I try to challenge my own students. Through my MLAS journey I have experienced the power of integrated learning, weaving the sciences with humanities to better understand society and the world around us through a more holistic approach. This presentation will focus on how writing and storytelling can enrich the ways in which we communicate about issues and make connections with others. Using three unique types of writing from three different classes in the program, I will present how I have become a better and more confident teacher and citizen through my MLAS experiences.

Brad Daniel

Humans as Storytellers
Alexandria Franks

Humans, curious and full of mystery themselves, all tell stories. They tell stories about their culture, they tell stories about other people, and they tell stories in search of themselves. “The universal is in the particular” became my favorite piece of wisdom from the writing courses. When you focus on the details of the daily life of an individual, you can discern not only their philosophy of life but it also becomes easy to empathize with each story and understand a new point of view. Through each specific, particular story, each voice unfolds as a representation of humanity. While in the Masters of Liberal Arts and Sciences (MLAS) program, I have listened to many stories through different lenses, and the experience is similar to seeing through a kaleidoscope. Each semester, every new and exciting class topic stimulated my curiosity about the nature of human beings, increasing my desire to understand how we listen to and interact within our communities and ourselves.