Abstract for Oral Presentation

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New Reasons to Fear

For my senior project as a writing major, I decided to write a short collection of original poetry. I have always been interested in the many ways the different emotions manifest themselves into everyday life, and the various (sometimes unexpected) ways they have come about. For my collection, New Reasons to Fear, I decided to hone my poetry of various styles in on my thoughts around grief. Each of my poems displays a different kind of grief, or a different emotion that can be associated with those different kinds. The poetry talks about death, tragic death, friendship, romantic partnership, and politics. While they might not all hold a tone of fear or intense sadness, they all include an element of loss that I have been fearful of, and I feel many others are also afraid of. No matter how urgent or unimportant a situation may be, it is interesting to see how the same emotions and responses to those emotions are shared. New Reasons to Fear is a collection that is personal to me, but I feel can be related to by anyone who has felt similar emotions, even if they haven’t had the same experiences.