Sociology Honors Thesis Titles

2000
1) “(Re)Constructing Masculinity: Present Day Depictions of What it Means to Be a Man” by Laura Rose
2) “How the University as a Social Community is Shaped by Institutional Discourse” by Elizabeth Newham
3) “A Cross Cultural Comparison of the Representation of Fear” by Nicole Gale
4) “The Effects of Residential Placement on the Siblings of People with Developmental Disabilities” by Marné Garcia

2001
2) “The University as an Institution of Privilege: What Influences Does it Have on the Development of a Queer Identity?” by Kendyl A. Serrano
3) “Establishing and Managing Face-to-Face Interaction In an Academic Department Office” by Luke Plurkowski
4) “‘Chase’ and Race: The Significance of Interracial Play in the Sociology of Childhood” by Amber Mills

2003
1) “Mr. Mom: Factors That Allow for a Father to Stay Home and Influence of Such Actions on Gender Interactions” by Leah E. Ruppanner
2) “Making It to the UC: Factor Contributing to Chicano/Latino Students’ Success at the University of California” by Illiana Martinez
3) “Gender Differences in the Educational and Occupational Aspirations of First and Second Generation Immigrants” by Carley A. Lawrence
4) Professors’ Perceptions of Academic Freedom in the University” by Adrienne Selbert

2004
1) “Cosmetic Surgery: The Cultural Impact of Print Media in Reconstructing the Female Body” by Melissa Erika Melendez
2) “Probation Decision Making in Santa Barbara County: The Impact on Racial Disparity in Juvenile Justice” by Kristin Marie Jordan
3) “Mexican Migrants: Understanding Gender-Based Differences in Migratory Decision Making and Social Networks” Amanda Zenick
4) “True Diversity in Higher Education” by Ana M. Valdivia
5) “Asian Beauty Standards: Globalization of the European Physiognomy Norm Image” by Monnyda Aut
6) “Religious Recruitment: A Socio-Demographic Study of Fresno and Santa Barbara” by Jennifer Edwards
7) “Alice in Wonderland as an ‘Art World’” by Vanessa Perplies
2005
1) “Making the Connection: How Comprehensive Sexuality Education Affects College Students’ Sexual Attitudes and Practices” by Chelsea Starweather
2) “Salvadoran Migration in the Age of Globalization: Examining Factors that Influence Salvadoran Migration to the United States” by Maria Martinez
3) “The Color of Romance: Exploring (Mis)Representations of Interracial Relationships in Television Media” by Kelsey Anne Woods
4) “Societal Eroticization of Black Men: Empowering or Oppressive?” by Sarah Graham
6) Discovering Identity: A Comparative Study of Multiracial Experiences Among Mexicans and Salvadorans’ by Gladys Anabel Aguilar
7) “24/7 Nation: A Study of Night Labor in the United States” by Chris Minerd
9) “Everything for Everyone, Nothing for Ourselves:” Zapatista Women in the Age of Autonomy” by Ariana Kalinic

2006
1) “Joe Camel and Joe College: The Impact of Social and Environmental Factors on College Students’ Smoking Behaviors” by Joan Levy
2) “Proposition 209: Racism in Disguise?” by Debbie F. Hsu
3) “Friends with Benefits: The Use of Informal Contacts in Peer Health Education:” by Tamzen Hull
4) “Factors Affecting Discretionary Decisions in the Policing of Student Communities” by Jennifer Ferguson
5) “TransNation: Blurring the Boundaries of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Contemporary Society” by Kristin E. Galace

2007
1) “The Birds and the Bees: Parent-Child Communication about Sex” by Alexandra “Aurora” Wilner-Heard
2) “From Immigration to Education: Chicana/o, Latina/o Students Resisting Anti-Immigration Policy” by Andrea Garavito
3) “Masculinity, Femininity, and the Media: Revisiting Goffman’s Theory of Gender Stereotypes in Magazine advertisements” by Carly Rush
4) “A Study of the Effects of Standardized testing on California Schools” by Jackie Fields
5) “Marketing Salvation: Megachurches and The Rhetoric of Re-enchantment” by Sharon Koppman
6) “Cold Night: An In-Depth Look at Youth Experiencing Homelessness” by Zoe Bass
7) “Better Late Than Never: Examining Life Transitions and Experiences of UCSB Nontraditional Students” by Brandi Eileen Fowler
8) “Paradise Lost: A Global Ethnography of Saipan” by Timothy Wong O’Connor
2008
1) “Illuminating Costa Rica’s Struggle to Instate Social Justice” by Ashley Largarde
2) “Surviving Fatwas: Being Queer in Iran” by Robin-John A. Stewart
3) “In Between Spaces: Understanding Multiracial Students at UCSB” by Gary Haddow
4) “Convicted Kids: The Experiences of California’s Juvenile Offenders” by Nora Morrison
5) "Murderabilia: Selling Death" by Alyssa Sherman

2009
1) “All Mixed Up: Multiracial Asian Students at UCSB” by Lauren-Kelly Gleason
2) “Surfing for Sex: Student Use of the Internet for Sex Education” by Reilley Van Meter
3) “‘I’m Not a Piece of Meat!’ The Relationship between Feminism and Animal Rights” by Carly Jo Horner Hann
4) “Spheres of Sisterhood: Tradition and Innovation in the Sorority System” by Amanda J. Stephens
5) “Communicating Gender: Students’ Perspectives on Birth Control and Insurance Coverage Debate” by Julia Marton
6) "Frames of Influence: The Role of "Choice" in the Abortion Debate" by Joanna Ekstrom
7) "Forgotten Voices: Students' Perspectives on Birth Control and the Insurance Coverage Debate" by Christie Lynn

2010
1) "Myself, Right Now: Queer Identity Development from High School to College" by Alexis Bartlow
2) "Don't Frame My Politics: Young People's Views of Social Security" by Hiram Lopez
3) "Breaking through Bars: College Students of Incarcerated Parents" by Alyssa Munoz
4) "The Race for Love: Negotiating Differences in Interracial Relationships" by Margaret Reul

2011
1) "Beyond the Black/White Binary: Analyzing Black and Brown Interracial Animosity" by Blayke Barker
2) "Macho Men Get Intimate: The Effects of Masculinity on Heterosexual Relations" by Alison Langen
3) "Healing vs. Health Care: American Indian Assimilation through the Indian Health Services" by Brit Mark
2012
1) "CEO or Corporate Hoe: Assessing the Professional Development Opportunities of Sorority Members" by Dana Bass
2) "Mentally Ill or Just Plain Mad?: An Investigation into UCSB Student’s Knowledge and Perceptions of Homelessness" by Lauren Volkmann
3) "Everybody Needs to Break Free from Reality: How Listeners Perceive Lyrical Messages in County Music" by Eric Wolff

2013
1) “!Que vivan los estudiantes!: Creating a New Cultural Repertoire in the Twenty-First Century Chilean Student Movement” by Marie Barranco
2) “Gender and Revolution in the Arab Spring” by Kathryn Frazer
4) “Leukemia Rising: Is the Environment the Culprit?” by Allison Kyne
5) “Placas, Culturas, y Carnalismo: Inking the Soul on the Social Body” by Amy Martinez
6) “Inspire a Generation: Protests at the London 2012 Olympic Games” by Rachel Pasternak
7) “Producing Subordination: Race, Place and the Gang Injunction Era in Santa Barbara, CA” by Jorge Ramirez
8) “Defying Odds and Inequalities: Low Income Students and Their Perceptions of Personal Success” by Jillian Shorr

2014
Anthony Adams:
Frames of Reference: Discovering the Effects of Social Value Orientation and Scientific Consensus on Climate Engagement

Nathan Alamillo:
The Criminalization and Punishment of Substance Use Among Young, Street-Life-Oriented Latino Men

Lauren Crosser:
Passive Victims or Agents of Revolution? News Media Representations of Egyptian Women After the 2011 Arab Spring

Eileen Harris:
"Motivations for Transitioning: Formulating Gender Identity in the Trans* Community."

Heather Kriletich:
Stereotypical Gender Biases and Their Role in the Criminal Justice System
Sos Nazaryan:
Closing the English Learner Achievement Gap: Increasing Parent Involvement Among Parents with Limited English Proficiency through Two-Way Dual Immersion Programs

Zachary Rosenblatt:
Higher Education and Rising Global Temperatures: The Liberalizing Effect of the UCSB Experience on Students’ Environmental Attitudes and Worldview Orientations