

Sociology Honors Thesis Titles

2000

“(Re)Constructing Masculinity: Present Day Depictions of What it Means to Be a Man” by Laura Rose

“How the University as a Social Community is Shaped by Institutional Discourse” by Elizabeth Newham

“A Cross Cultural Comparison of the Representation of Fear” by Nicole Gale

“The Effects of Residential Placement on the Siblings of People with Developmental Disabilities” by Marné Garcia

2001

“The Nature and Prevalence of Biphobia in the Gay and Lesbian Community: The Status of Sexual Minorities among Sexual Minorities” by Chris Sanders

“The University as an Institution of Privilege: What Influences Does it Have on the Development of a Queer Identity?” by Kendyl A. Serrano

“Establishing and Managing Face-to-Face Interaction In an Academic Department Office” by Luke Plurkowski

“Chase’ and Race: The Significance of Interracial Play in the Sociology of Childhood” by Amber Mills

2003

“Mr. Mom: Factors That Allow for a Father to Stay Home and Influence of Such Actions on Gender Interactions” by Leah E. Ruppanner

“Making It to the UC: Factor Contributing to Chicano/Latino Students’ Success at the University of California” by Illiana Martinez

“Gender Differences in the Educational and Occupational Aspirations of First and Second Generation Immigrants” by Carley A. Lawrence

Professors’ Perceptions of Academic Freedom in the University” by Adrienne Selbert

2004

“Cosmetic Surgery: The Cultural Impact of Print Media in Reconstructing the Female Body” by Melissa Erika Melendez

“Probation Decision Making in Santa Barbara County: The Impact on Racial Disparity in Juvenile Justice” by Kristin Marie Jordan

“Mexican Migrants: Understanding Gender-Based Differences in Migratory Decision Making and Social Networks” Amanda Zenick

“True Diversity in Higher Education” by Ana M. Valdivia

“Asian Beauty Standards: Globalization of the European Physiognomy Norm Image” by Monnyda Aut

“Religious Recruitment: A Socio-Demographic Study of Fresno and Santa Barbara” by Jennifer Edwards

“*Alice in Wonderland* as an ‘Art World’” by Vanessa Perplies

2005

“Making the Connection: How Comprehensive Sexuality Education Affects College Students’ Sexual Attitudes and Practices” by Chelsea Starweather

“Salvadoran Migration in the Age of Globalization: Examining Factors that Influence Salvadoran Migration to the United States” by Maria Martinez

“The Color of Romance: Exploring (Mis)Representations of Interracial Relationships in Television Media” by Kelsey Anne Woods

“Societal Eroticization of Black Men: Empowering or Oppressive?” by Sarah Graham

“Drugs, Crime, and Race: A Comparison of the U.S. and the U.K.’s Criminal Justice Systems” by Tiffany Renae Novak

Discovering Identity: A Comparative Study of Multiracial Experiences Among Mexicans and Salvadorans’ by Gladys Anabel Aguilar

“24/7 Nation: A Study of Night Labor in the United States” by Chris MinerD

“Hugs for Sale: The Commercialization of Human Touch” by Timothy O’Neill

“*Everything for Everyone, Nothing for Ourselves:*” Zapatista Women in the Age of Autonomy” by Ariana Kalinic

2006

“Joe Camel and Joe College: The Impact of Social and Environmental Factors on College Students’ Smoking Behaviors” by Joan Levy

“Proposition 209: Racism in Disguise?” by Debbie F. Hsu

“Friends with Benefits: The Use of Informal Contacts in Peer Health Education: by Tamzen Hull

“Factors Affecting Discretionary Decisions in the Policing of Student Communities” by Jennifer Ferguson

“TransNation: Blurring the Boundaries of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Contemporary Society by Kristin E. Galace

2007

“The Birds and the Bees: Parent-Child Communication about Sex” by Alexandra “Aurora” Wilner-Heard

“From Immigration to Education: Chicana/o, Latina/o Students Resisting Anti-Immigration Policy” by Andrea Garavito

“Masculinity, Femininity, and the Media: Revisiting Goffman’s Theory of Gender Stereotypes in Magazine advertisements” by Carly Rush

“A Study of the Effects of Standardized testing on California Schools” by Jackie Fields

“Marketing Salvation: Megachurches and The Rhetoric of Re-enchantment” by Sharon Koppman

“Cold Night: An In-Depth Look at Youth Experiencing Homelessness” by Zoe Bass

“Better Late Than Never: Examining Life Transitions and Experiences of UCSB Nontraditional Students” by Brandi Eileen Fowler

“Paradise Lost: A Global Ethnography of Saipan” by Timothy Wong O’Connor

2008

“Illuminating Costa Rica’s Struggle to Instate Social Justice” by Ashley Largarde

“Surviving Fatwas: Being Queer in Iran” by Robin-John A. Stewart

“In Between Spaces: Understanding Multiracial Students at UCSB” by Gary Haddow

“Convicted Kids: The Experiences of California’s Juvenile Offenders” by Nora Morrison

"Murderabilia: Selling Death" by Alyssa Sherman

2009

“All Mixed Up: Multiracial Asian Students at UCSB” by Lauren-Kelly Gleason

“Surfing for Sex: Student Use of the Internet for Sex Education” by Reilley Van Meter

“I’m Not a Piece of Meat!’ The Relationship between Feminism and Animal Rights” by Carly Jo Horner Hann

“Spheres of Sisterhood: Tradition and Innovation in the Sorority System” by Amanda J. Stephens

“Communicating Gender: Students’ Perspectives on Birth Control and Insurance Coverage Debate” by Julia Marton

"Frames of Influence: The Role of "Choice" in the Abortion Debate" by Joanna Ekstrom

"Forgotten Voices: Students' Perspectives on Birth Control and the Insurance Coverage Debate" by Christie Lynn

2010

"Myself, Right Now: Queer Identity Development from High School to College" by Alexis Bartlow

"Don't Frame My Politics: Young People's Views of Social Security" by Hiram Lopez

"Breaking through Bars: College Students of Incarcerated Parents" by Alyssa Munoz

"The Race for Love: Negotiating Differences in Interracial Relationships" by Margaret Reul

2011

"Beyond the Black/White Binary: Analyzing Black and Brown Interracial Animosity" by Blayke Barker

"Macho Men Get Intimate: The Effects of Masculinity on Heterosexual Relations" by Alison Langen

"Healing vs. Health Care: American Indian Assimilation through the Indian Health Services" by Brit Mark

2012

"CEO or Corporate Hoe: Assessing the Professional Development Opportunities of Sorority Members" by Dana Bass

"Mentally Ill or Just Plain Mad?: An Investigation into UCSB Student's Knowledge and Perceptions of Homelessness" by Lauren Volkmann

"Everybody Needs to Break Free from Reality: How Listeners Perceive Lyrical Messages in County Music" by Eric Wolff

2013

"!Que vivan los estudiantes!: Creating a New Cultural Repertoire in the Twenty-First Century Chilean Student Movement" by Marie Barranco

"Gender and Revolution in the Arab Spring" by Kathryn Frazer

"The Pleasure Principle: Oral Sex, Orgasm, and the Gendering of Sexual Pleasure" by Natasha Kocher

"Leukemia Rising: Is the Environment the Culprit?" by Allison Kyne

"Placas, Culturas, y Carnalismo: Inking the Soul on the Social Body" by Amy Martinez

"Inspire a Generation: Protests at the London 2012 Olympic Games" by Rachel Pasternak

"Producing Subordination: Race, Place and the Gang Injunction Era in Santa Barbara, CA" by Jorge Ramirez

"Defying Odds and Inequalities: Low Income Students and Their Perceptions of Personal Success" by Jillian Shorr

"The 'Lost Boys' Narrative: How the Power of Story Can Change Lives" by Billi Jo Starr

2014

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

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

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

“Motivations for Transitioning: Formulating Gender Identity in the Trans*Community” by Eileen Harris

“Stereotypical Gender Biases and Their Role in the Criminal Justice System” by Heather Kriletich

“Closing the English Learner Achievement Gap: Increasing Parent Involvement Among Parents with Limited English Proficiency through Two-Way Dual Immersion Programs” by Sos Nazaryan

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

2015

“Fighting for the Right to Party: An Ethnographic Approach to Analyzing Police-Student Relations in Isla Vista, CA” by Brandon Bell

“Facebook Use: Sense of Belonging and Self Esteem among UCSB Students” by Gabi Birnbaum

“Finding a Way Out: Teen Motherhood and the Pursuance of Higher Education” by April Calderon

“Effects of Alcohol and Gender on Perceptions of Rape Among College Students: Understanding Gender Stereotypes and Attribution of Blame” by Samantha Masai

“The Intersection of SES and Gender on the Probability of Choosing STEM Majors” by Billy O’Sullivan

“Youth Delinquency and Social Support: Deterring Deviant Behavior Through Analyzing Peer Friendships” by Melissa Portillo

“Chicana Participation in Higher Education: Analyzing the Community College, Transfer, and Four Year University Choice Processes” by Daisy Ramirez

“Family Socialization, Parenting Practices and Social Mobility: How Much Does Parenting Style Really Impact Life Choices?” by Johna Reisch

“Shades of Green: The Diversity Problem Within Environmentalism” by Selena Ross

2016

“The Process of Self-Disclosing an Eating Problem Among Female UCSB Undergraduates” by Tasha Auch (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Laury Oaks)

“A Qualitative Study: College Latino Leadership and Motivating Factors” by Maricela Banuelos (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Kum-Kum Bhavnani)

“The Influence of Orientalist Thought and Islamophobia on Media Coverage of ISIS and Extremist Buddhist Monks: A Comparative Study” by Jeanne Choi (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Kevin Anderson)

“The Power of Listening: A Study of Belief Formation, Belief Change, and Empathy in the Twenty-First Century” by Leigh Evans (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: G. Reginald Daniel)

“Perceptions of Mental Health Court Effectiveness: A Case Study of Legal and Mental Health Professional in Southern Santa Barbara County” by Brenna Giordano (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: John Sutton)

“The Demographics of College Majors: How Does Social Background Influence Student Choice?” by Paul Huff (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Maria Charles)

“Student’s Time Use and Its Effect on Academic Achievement: A Comparative Study Between Latina/o and White Undergraduates” by Marisol Jimenez (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisors: Victor Rios and Rebeca Mireles-Rios)

“Is Discrimination Experienced in Jobs Among Undergraduate Students at UCSB?” by Zoe Monty-Montalvo (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Denise Bielby)

“Popular Policy: The Infusion of Western Media’s Xenophobia into the Asylum Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis” by Liliana Muscarella (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: G. Reginald Daniel)

“Stigma: Analyzing Premarital Sex, STIs, and their Effects on Intimate Relationships Among UCSB Undergraduate Students” by Saiba Singh (Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna)

“The Role of Personal and Social Factors in Female Sexual Identity Development” by Sabrina Vigil (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Leila Rupp)

2017

“Seeking Opportunity: A Quantitative Analysis of Mexican Migration After NAFTA” by Juan Carlos Banda (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Erika Arenas)

“Constructing Identity in Male-Dominated Spaces: Perspectives on Fraternity Life Within Non – Multicultural and Multicultural Social Fraternities” by Eliza Garbutt (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna)

“A Comparative Study: The Motivations to Attend College Among First-Generation and Non-First-Generation Students” by Miranda Gasenica (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Elena Skapoulli-Raymond)

“College Sexual Scripts and Rape Culture: An Isla Vista Study Case” by Brooke Klooster (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna)

“Anti-Fat Bias as a Barrier to Gender Transition Care” by Johann Koehle (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Elena Skapoulli-Raymond)

“UCSB Students’ Perceptions Towards Social Assistance Programs and Poverty” by Natalie Sigala (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna)

“I Control My Body: Analyzing Religion’s Impact on Conversations About Sex Amongst Mexican Mother and Daughter Dyads” by Lilianna Vega (Primary Faculty Advisor: Zakiya Luna)

2018

“Understanding Latinx Students’ Educational Trajectories” by Rodolfo Cerda (Primary Faculty Advisor: Rebeca Mireles-Rios, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Victor Rios)

“Torture and Its Media Portrayal: A Quantitative Study on the Relationship of State-Sponsored Torture and Torture Pornography” by Trent Davidson (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar, Secondary Faculty Advisor: Constance Penley)

“The Construction of White Supremacy: A Computational Mixed Methods Analysis of The Daily Stormer” by Joseph Heide (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar)

“The Dynamics of Social Media and Group Membership: A Study of Fear of Missing Out Among College Students at UC Santa Barbara” by Gabrielle Marks (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar)

“Refugee Postmemories: Secondhand Memory and Intergenerational Conflict in the Lives of 1.5 and Second Generation Vietnamese Americans” by Jessica Nguyen (Primary Faculty Advisor: Erin Ninh, Secondary Faculty Advisors: Kevin Whitehead and Lisa Hajjar)

“A Narrative Exploring the Experiences and Challenges of Undocumented Students at the University Level: Anxiety, Trauma and Resilience” by Micaela Rodriguez Tovar (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar, Secondary Faculty Sponsor: Denise Segura)

“What’s Your Type? A Sociological Analysis of Racial Identity and Attraction at UC Santa Barbara ” by Molly Silvestrini (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar, Secondary Sponsor: France Winddance Twine)

“First Generation and First Generation Transfer Students at UC Santa Barbara: A Holistic Review of Determining Success ” Avery Speel (Primary Faculty Advisor: Lisa Hajjar, Secondary Sponsor: John Baldwin)

2019

“Ruthless, Unbalanced, Or Out of Character?: A Mixed-Methods Analysis Of 2013-2016 U.S. Mass Shooting Media Coverage” by Maya Chatterjee

“Modern Day Power Relations: Sexual Violence Against Native Women in The United States” by Samantha Davey

“Trials of Brotherhood: New Pledge Education” by Ryan DeCarsky

“Notions of Justice And Recovery Among Sexual Assault Survivors” by Mackenzie Greer

“Student-Faculty Interactions and The Educational Aspirations Of Latino College Students At UCSB” by Jose Gutierrez

“Public Perceptions of Police Officers And The Impact On Community Policing” by Marco Marquez

“Everyone Who Looks Like Me Is Being Criminalized: Contributing Factors to The Exclusionary Discipline of Black Students” by Andrea Metzgar