

Anthropology Senior Theses / '1979 w' Rt gupv

1979

Atalla, Rula., "Attitudes Toward Women's Role in Jordan"

--A study of the attitudes towards women's roles in Jordan

Hausmann, Susan., "A study of the Trade Patterns of the Chumash Indians of Southern California"

--An attempt to present a clear description of the social, economic, political, and religious activities of the Chumash Indians of Southern California

Facio, Linda., "Spain: Francoism to Democracy"

--A study of how the social structures generate the circumstances as to what is defined as normal and what is defined as deviant

Gidley, Jeffrey., "The Isle Vista Utopists"

--A study of those people who decide to live in a complete utopian society

1982

Hastings, Julie L., "Pacific Points of an Elite Tourist Group"

--Focuses on the point of people's tourism.

Kirby, Donna R., "Therapeutic Use of the Life History in the Life Review Process"

--Attempts to discover themes within life histories that may prove helpful to counselors, friends, and researchers who work with the elderly.

Mora, Jill., "An Analysis of Ceramics from the Third Site of Mission Santa Clara"

--Studies the ceramics uncovered at the Mission Santa Clara de Assis in 1982.

1984

Anawalt, Brad. "An Analysis of Women's Health Care."

Felix, Stacy Leah. "Kalaupapa: An Isolated Community by Choice."

Jordan, Janice. "Differences in Grooming Behavior Between Wild and Captive Populations of Chimpanzees."

Lovell, Santana M. "The Effects of Parental Divorce on Children in the United States."

Ruso, Lori. "Female Cultural Dependence and Anorexia/Bulimia Nervosa."

Strena, Robert V. "The Neighborhood Small Claims Project."

1985

Eggerman, Erin. "Economic Development and the Status of Middle Eastern Muslim Women."

Gans, Alicia Anne. "A Discussion of the Japanese Obon Festival in Terms of the Group."

Kirn, Laura A. "A Theoretical Application of an Archaeological Survey."

McCann, Douglas. "New Managers Yesterday and Today."

Rosa, Laurie J. "Portuguese Immigrant Identity and Boundary Maintenance."

Voydat, Linda L. "The Irish Women's Liberation Movement: A Study of the Effects of Attitude Toward a Social Movement."

Weber, Mary Theresa. "Culture and Poverty: A Life History."

1986

Flood, Theresa. "A Reinterpretation of the Northern Thai Matrilineal Ancestor Spirit Cult."

Gray, Michele. "A Preliminary Analysis of the Earth Figures of the Colorado River Basin: Distribution Patterns of Elements, Motifs, and Styles."

Green Ken. "The Language Abilities of a Gorilla."

Kinsman, Lynn. "The Rumsen of Carmel Valley."

1988

Racchi, Rochelle. "Women's Words: The Relationship of Gender, Occupational Power and Language."

Ryan, Patricia. "California Indian Polity: Continuity and Change."

Webb, Colleen. "Mission Indian Ethnicity."

1995

Clarke, Jonathan., "Conflict Resolution In The Residence Hall"

--This paper is a summation of an ethnographic research project, the purpose of which is the examination of disputes and the existence of a conflict resolution process within the residence hall system of Santa Clara University

Contreras, Victoria., "Living through their Children- A case study on the Acculturation and Immigration Experience of Three Mexican Women in San Jose"

--This paper will study the effect of patriarchy on women immigrants from Mexico to San Jose at

present

Jones, Gretchen., "Policies and Personalities: Conflict Resolution in the Residence Halls"

--A study on the conflict resolution tactics and their success rate in the dorms

Perkins, Thatcher., "Conflict Resolution In the Residence Halls"

--A study to understand whether the resolution process developed in the dorms is suitable and successful

Tovar, Elizabeth., "Incentives for Immigration to the United States"

--This paper addresses the question of why Mexicans have continued to migrate to California after its territory was lost

Yasin, Nader Robert., "Medical Practices Among the Ohlone Native Peoples of the San Francisco Bay Area"

--This study investigates Ohlone medicinal treatments in the broader socio-cultural context of Ohlone health, disease and healing

Perez de Lara, Monica., "Development, Women and the Informal Labor Sector: A Qualitative Case Study Of Mexican Domestic Workers"

--A study to examine the lives of female domestic workers in Mexico City

Aranda, Maria Elena., "Mexican American Elderly Women: A Case study of life as a Continuum"

--The purpose of this study is to qualitatively measure the correlation between adaptation to aging and the coping mechanisms and socioeconomic status

May, Ernest., "Cost-Effective Activity Programs Within An Institution For the Elderly: A study of Feasibility"

--A study to prove that participation in a program that provided meaningful activities increased or maintained a respectable level of perceived well-being

Kohler, Ulrike., "The effects of Rape Crisis and Referral Centers Upon Rape Report Rates"

--This research focuses, specifically focusing on the hypothesis that the establishment of Rape Crisis and Referral Centers increase the report rate for forcible rape

Serrao, Ilona., "Corporate Culture and the Concept of Control"

--Does Corporate Culture change the formal structure within the corporation

Remedios, AnnaMaria., "Charging the American Dream: A study of Credit Card Use in America Today"

--This thesis is concerned with how the social position of an individual effects their attitude towards the notion of getting ahead in our society and what effects that has on the use of credit cards

Postlewait, Georgia., "Non-Role and Self-Concept"

--This paper looks at the effects that playing a non-role has on a person

Smith, Deborah., "A Comparison of the Work Experience of Temporary Workers and Permanent Workers"

--A comparison of the work conditions of temporary workers with those of permanent workers

Shimabuku, Trisha., "Empathy, External Orientation and Volunteering"

--This study is designed to determine whether or not volunteers are more externally oriented than other students

1996

Beddawi, Sandra L., "A Cross Cultural Perspective on Preschool Education"

--A study of the effects of instilling independence in children and how corrective discipline is constantly occurring, intentional or not

Givvin, Michael., "Historical Preservation in the City of Santa Clara"

--A presentation of the history of preservation in the United States, the perspectives on historical preservation within communities other than Santa Clara, and finally, the history and present state or preservation in the Santa Clara community

Hahn, Kate., "The Dynamics of Organizational Communication: A Case Study of Career Services."

--Research to find the origins, methods, and tools of communication conflict

Hall, Stephanie., "A New Look at Welfare Reform"

--An inquisition into how Gardner's Children's Center helps parents to get away from aid

Herrman, Mary., "Career Services: A Study of Organizational Development"

--A study of organizational change and development of organizations, particularly the Career Services Center at Santa Clara University

Jones, James Patton., "Computer Based Archaeological Collection Management at Santa Clara University"

--A project to evaluate currently available software for Archaeological Collections Management, for use in the SCU archaeology lab

Marek, Megan., "An Analysis of Female College Student's Career Development"

--An analysis of women's outlooks on their future careers, and highlights of the processes leading up to women's career goals at this particular stage

Mauro, Greg., "Gardner: A Home Away From Home"

--A study of how Gardner's Children Center supports children from single-parent families

Ricardo, Adria., "Multiculturalism in Career Services: An Ethnographic Study"

--A study of whether other organizations take the place of Career Services of multicultural students and how SCU has contributed to the creation of a diverse working environment as a

larger institution

Urbanski, Erika., "Think Before You Speak: Perspectives on the Linguistic Development of Preschool Children"

--A study of the development of language

1997

Bratt, Heather M., "Volunteers in the ESL Classroom: An Ethnography."

--An examination of the attempt to meet the growing need for English-as-a-second-language classes. This ethnography does as the title says, it looks at the interaction between the volunteers in the classrooms (who are mostly from Santa Clara University) and the English-As-a-Second-Language (ESL) students.

Decherd, Anita Ashton, "Alzheimer's Disease: The Effects on Patients and Families."

--As the title clearly states, this paper expounds on the researcher's findings on how patients and families deal with the harrowing disease of Alzheimer's. The researcher also delves for a greater understanding of aging and coping with the disease by studying stereotypes of the elderly and how the stereotypes influence medical treatment for the elderly.

Farbman, Allison, "Arming the Children With an Education."

--This paper examines the role of the Director of the San Jose Day Nursery in order to give us an insight into the program as a whole and how important a pre-school education is.

Geddes-McCullough, Jennifer, "The Mexican Republic: The Forgotten Era. Representing the Past in Santa Clara Valley"

--The researcher for this project focuses on the representation of the Mexican period from 1821-1848 in the Santa Clara Valley. She says that museums have a duty to represent equally and fairly all aspects of California history. Subsequently, she looks at the actual history of the period and important cultural influences, as well as reviews studies dealing with the current concerns in museum anthropology.

Gidley, Mary, "Dentist as Business Owner and Health Care Provider."

--The project touches on dentists' dual role of business owner and provider, on the resistance to managed care, and on the differences in care provided by different practices.

Goldfarb, Trish, "The Art Connection: A study in art history education and the cultivation of independent thinking."

--The author explores issues including the effectiveness of the Los Gatos Art Docent program and the relationship between art and ideology arise in this paper.

Haddix, Suzanne M., "Toward Mixteco Education in the U.S."

--The author sets out to explain the function of the government-sponsored Migrant Head Start program and asserts that, although it may assist migrants with immediate problems, in the long run its negative effects outweigh its positive ones.

Harmon, Alisa, "Mexicans in English as a Second Language."

--A project that disproves the stereotype of Mexican women as homemakers, and instead portraying them as highly motivated career women. It also offers a critical evaluation of adult ESL classes.

Gomez-Heitzeberg, Quinn, "The Influence of Non-Profit Support Groups on Historical Museums and the Effectiveness of Living History."

--This project seeks to answer the question of how the immediate community impacts what and how museums display and present. The author uses research of the history of the San Jose Historical Museum Association and the San Jose Historical Museum.

Iuchi, Chiho, "Adaptation of Japanese Seniors in American Society."

--This paper focuses on the issues of adaptation to American society among Japanese elders and how organizations such as Yu-ai Kai supports and help with this adaptation.

Jenkins, Isabel, "The Heartbeat of San Jose: A Look at Changing and Permanent Exhibits at the San Jose Historical Museum."

--The researcher seeks to find out the purpose of certain exhibits, their construction, who is involved in putting them together, and how the public responds to the exhibits. She studied three exhibits from the San Jose Historical Museum, including: *San Jose's Attic: A Collections Retrospective*, *Ng Shing Gung*, and an in-progress Portuguese exhibit.

Jones, Margaret Mary Fredericks, "The Adobe Day Program: The analysis of a program in museum education."

--A project which studies museums' use of certain programs to educate, adding public understanding of subjects and themes.

Leeman, Amy Rachel, "Social Disability and Deviance: An ethnography of the Exceptional Classroom."

--The ethnographer of this paper takes the role of participant-observer at Sexton Public Elementary School. She says that disability will influence how an individual is "socially constructed".

Longoria, Linda, "The Haas and Hagerman Sites: Artifacts from a seventeenth century Illiniwek village site."

--The author presents a description of the artifacts named in the title.

Lopez-Duran, Veronica, "Academia Calmecac: Addressing the educational needs of Latino youth in east San Jose. . .a case study for change."

--A look at the community of the Academia, who is part of that community, and who is affected by the Academia.

MacKay, Sarah Elizabeth, "Who Controls Our Schools? The role and impact of Eastside Teachers Association in Eastside Union High School District."

--The author wants to find out exactly what the title asks, and she interviews many different people to uncover a variety of perspectives on the question.

Marcoida, John C., "Multicultural Education: The search for harmony."

--The specific institution used in this paper is Gardner's Children's Center, which serves low-income, Santa Clara County families. The focus of this paper is how Gardner's center prepares the families for immersion in a multicultural school curriculum.

Marquez, Mary, "Gardner Academy Elementary School: An ethnography of bilingual education."

--Over a 20 week period, the author, as a participant-observer, watched how the students were able to be taught in their native language rather than being taught in an unlearned language. She also considers how a bilingual teacher meets the needs of bilingual students.

Zachman, Gretchen, "Tibetan Turmoil Turning Popular: A study of the increasing support for the Tibetan movement."

--The focus of this paper is how and why the movement toward Tibetan preservation is gaining popularity in the United States.

1998

Ashby, Kathryn. "Exploring the Dimensions of Community During the Aging Process."

--The research problem explores how people who are aging adapt to the process of aging. The author does this by observing residents at a nursing home. She examines the social interaction and lives of elderly people.

Bateman, Alice. "The Culture of Reggae: A study of the San Jose Reggae Scene."

--The author studies how music--reggae specifically--reveals many things about culture: lifestyle, values, language, and social interactions.

Cruz, Maria DeLourdes. "Classroom Management."

--This author focuses on observation: how students responded and worked under two different forms of classroom management.

Dullanty, Molly Elizabeth. "The Social Structure of a Grassroots Organization: An Examination of Food Not Bombs."

--The paper aims to explore the structure of Food Not Bombs as a grassroots organization, and how the structure contributes to the organization's ideals and philosophies.

Garni, Michele Alisa. "The Imposition of a 'Culture of Fear'."

--The author writes about the refugees from Central America and their access to benefits here in the United States and the consequences of a new life here.

Gomes, Erica. "Student Activists at Santa Clara University: Students of Competence, Conscience, and Compassion."

--Wanting to uncover the small group of student activists here at SCU, the author uses her experience to show the contributions of these students.

Harmon, Meggin. "Collaborative Law: The Motivation of Lawyers in the Silicon Valley."

--An "innovation of law", collaborative law allows clients and lawyers to settle outside of court--

grossly defined. The author focuses on the views of certain members who practice this alternative to dispute resolution.

Hayashida, Kimberly Malie. "Dynamics and Expression of Ethnogenesis in the Process of Assimilation."

--An exploration into what it means to be a "islander" presents us with glimpses of how SCU students from Hawaii express their cultural ties and identities. The author analyzes three aspects: the SCU Hawaiian club, the annual Lu'au, and homes of Islanders.

Maestri, Lindley Kaulukapu. "A Century of Dirt: History of Archaeology at Santa Clara University."

--The author digs up evidence to show us the typical objects from four periods of Mission Santa Clara's existence: the prehistoric Native American period, the mission period, the neighborhood, and the University period.

Matthews, Katie. "Women's Roles in the Environmental Movement."

--Just what do women contribute to the environmental movement? The research presents observations that lead to a "a deeper understanding of what it means to be a woman in the environmental movement today."

Staudt, Abigail. "The Spirit of Holy Cross: An examination of the Staff of a Nonprofit Organization."

--This paper concerns itself with a non-profit organization and how the staff creates its services for those in need of them.

Stemper, Casey Alan. "Ride the Wave."

--Probing at the "world of the surfer", the author uncovers the many "sub-sub-cultures" that lie within the surfer culture.

Swartz, Sara A. "Hidden Villa and the Goals of Environmental Education."

--Many questions arise from the research in this paper: What do teachers of environmental education want their students to really learn? being one of the main ones. That constitutes the core of this paper.

1999

Bates, Jeremy Arthur. "Cultural Ecology and Historic Land Use of the South San Francisco Bay Area."

--In conjunction with the San Francisco Estuary Institute, this study focuses on the relationships between humans and the physical environment of the South San Francisco bay area. The researcher traces these relationships from the Ohlone Indians to the present day.

Brown, Elisabeth Audra. "Ally McAnorexic: Cultural Factors Leading to Adolescent Body Obsession."

--As the title says, Brown studies the specific cultural factors that lead to the "maniacal preoccupation with weight amongst the adolescent age group." These preoccupations include

anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Curran, Aisha Breeze. "The Tyranny of Thinness: Implications for Women's Health and Happiness."

--Through literature review and field work at 24-Hour Fitness, Curran analyzes the influence of the media and the gym, cross-culturally, on women and their self-image.

Duncan, Anne Montague. "An Ecological Perspective of STD Prevention Education for Adolescents."

--This project explores STD education prevention and how educators create programs for adolescents in order to make the education effective. Using Bronfenbrenner's ecological perspective, Duncan collects data from STD prevention education programs in Santa Clara County.

Dunn, Colleen Murphy. "The Emergence of Paralegals as a Profession."

--By consulting and interacting with paralegals, Dunn studies how paralegals have solidified their jobs into a profession.

Festa, Jessica Rae. "Home Schooling and What It Means to the Family."

--This study uncovers a new understanding of home schooling and its significance in the family. According to Festa, home schooling is more than just education, it represents bonding for the family.

Gonzalez, Shanelle G. "Latinas and Barriers to Health Care."

--This study shows the four factors for police stress and how they are affected by them. It looks at the management of stress, and the affect that stress has on individuals within the police department.

Hong, Janet S. "Gender Stereotypes: A Thing of the Past or a Current Dilemma? Gender Differences in Social and Play Behavior of Kindergartners at Harter School."

--This study attempt to discover whether any progress has been made in reaching gender equality.

Wai Ching Kam, Jana-Lynn. "The Adaptive Strategies and Food Gathering Methods of Homeless Women and its Implications on Health: A Look at the Georgis Travis Center."

--This study gives data on food obtaining methods of the homeless, the concept of food security and then a look at how nutrition affects a person's health. Jana-Lynn will also tell the stories of specific women and how they go about their search for food.

Kumar, Malisha Prabha. "How Public and Private Schools Differ in Classroom Organization."

--This study shows he differences between private schools and public schools.

Lee, Jong "The Impacts of Pets on People in American Society."

--This study will provide substantial evidence of how pets have affected the lives of people. Jong will also present the findings according to the different social units, age groups, and Asian

attitudes.

Lee-Yongde, Claudine. "It's All Greek to Me: The Legal Experience of Non-English Speakers in an English Speaking World."

--This study focuses on a general analysis of the legal process as may be encountered by peoples belonging to linguistic minorities. This research attempts to analyze the accessibility to legal services by non-English speaking peoples in this country and question the principles of justice in this system.

McBride, Katherine N. "Cancer Victors and Friends: Case Study of a Support Group."

--This study's goal is for the reader to gain an understanding of what the Cancer Victors group is about by hearing IACVF members discuss what it offers them and what they have gained from membership.

Preciado, Peter Frederick "Undocumented Immigrants: Living the American Dream, or the American Nightmare?"

--This study looks at the religious habits and rituals of undocumented immigrants as well as their migration patterns within the United States and their kinship patterns.

Roitenberg, Shauna. "Educating the Mentally Disabled: A Look at the Educators' Philosophies and their Effects on the Educational Experience of the Mentally Disabled Student."

--This study focuses on the Independence Network on the educational relationship that exists between the teachers and students in the context of special education of the mentally disabled.

Shepard, Sunshine Sandra. "Just Play It: Women in Sports."

--This study examines how the greater society perceives women in sports and how this is a reflection of how the greater society perceives women in sports and how this is a reflection of how the greater society regards the gender role of women.

Shobaki, Arwa. "A Search to Understand the Methods Used By Teachers in the Education of the California Ohlone Indians."

--This study is a compilation of background research on the importance of a greater cultural understanding and the ways to create an ethnically rich curriculum, teacher interviews, descriptions of education programs, and an analysis of the variables that effect the resources and material available to teachers.

Steele, Andrea Ruth. "Special Treatment: The Attorney-Client Relationship."

--The purpose of this study is to specifically address the nature of the relationship between an attorney and his or her client, and what factors dictate and shape that dynamic relationship.

St. John, Allison. "The Impact of Cultural Performance on Mexican-American Women."

--This study examines the impact of cultural performance on female actors.

Swader, Kelli P. "Queer Political Activism in Silicon Valley."

--This study allows a greater understanding of the dynamics found among grassroots political

activist movements, the queer movement in particular, and the potential harnessing power for a national movement to be found in local communities.

Tanimoto, Taylor Akemi. "World War II Internment of Japanese Americans: Identity and Community."

--This study endeavors to answer the question of how the internment has affected the lives of Japanese Americans today.

2000

Brown, Rebecca L. "Food Consumerism as an Expression of Social Status."

--This study presents a comprehensive and realistic look at the symbolic function food serves for the social elite in the consumerist culture of America.

Burke, Farrah Ko'olau. "Shifting Boundaries of the Japanese Newcomer in the United States."

--Based on interviews with Japanese newcomers who have arrived in the US within the last 10 years, Farrah addresses how gender and identity have a connection to Japanese men and women's motivation for migrating and their experiences of living in the US.

Cattani, Katherine Corinne. "Experiences of the Low Income Population within the Workers' Compensation System."

--The primary issue of this study is what makes the system of workers' compensation so difficult for the population of the low income groups. Factors include anthropology and its connection to human rights, how law and society are interconnected, the effects of the presentation of data, and immigrants' different experiences.

DeLeuw, Kathleen. "Examining Environmental Education Among Elementary School Children." --This paper discusses the effectiveness of Environmental Education programs implemented into elementary schools of the Bay Area in order to determine whether or not children are becoming aware of the importance of environmental issues.

Drew, Gina. "Multiculturalism in the Greek Community: A Case Study at Santa Clara University."

--The purpose of this study is to determine what value multicultural fraternity members find in their organization by identifying the factors that compelled them to join. Also, Gina attempts to understand how outsiders such as traditional fraternity members, students of an ethnic minority, and faculty perceive multicultural fraternities.

Noller, Jessica. "Acculturation Aid for African Refugees in San Jose: A Multidisciplinary Study for the Effectiveness of Refugee Aid Groups."

--In this study, Jessica combines refugee studies, African cultural studies, aid opportunities, and observations and interviews at a resettlement service program to understand what it is like to be an African refugee coming to America.

Peritz, Jennifer. "Community Mobilization in the Context of Environmental Justice at Canton Village."

--This study investigates how a this community that is traditionally oppressed, underrepresented and lacking in political and economic control fights to protect itself from harm caused by environmental hazards.

Thompson, Elizabeth. "Balancing Internal and External Career Determinants in College Students' Occupational Choices."

--This study explores the relations between self-confidence, cultural expectations for success, personality, interests, parental influences and students' career choices.

Weyher, Anna Hope. "College Drinking Behaviors at a Small University."

--This study focuses on Anna's observations of drinking games and rituals and the overall environment of college parties.

Winter, Katharine Gerrit. "Hispanic Immigrants' Quest for Employment in the United States of

America.”

--This study focuses on the population of Latin American immigrants in the United States who come from the lower economic and social stratum in their prospective nations and who perceive a need for emigration based on their position in this stratum.

2001

Ampi, Anthony J. “The Role of Coach”

—This study attempts, through observation and interviewing, to understand the role of coach.

Brady, Rita-Marie A. “The Practice of Smoking on a University Campus: Perspectives on Social and Educational Influences”

—This study will study the smoking practice that are exercised globally and cross culturally and is studied across a wide range of disciplines making it fodder for anthropological study.

Brendan Lewis Devine. “An Analysis of the Historical Development and Perpetuation of a Sports Subculture: The Case of Rugby Union Football”

---In both industrial and developing societies throughout the world sports and games have become cultural universals.

Gonzales, Michael Stephen. “Learning at the Peralta Adobe”

—This study deals with the Experience Adobe Days program offers its student visitors the experience of what life was like in California during the early 1800's.

Kirby, Sarah Lena. “Women at War Female Battles with Food and Body Image”

—This research goal was to understand the extent to which college women were concerned with their diet and body image, and the impact this concern was having on their emotional and social well being.

Mallen, David “Conflict and Cooperation: Examining a unique culture of Santa Clara University Baseball.

----What makes one sports team more successful than another? One answer to this would be that the talent of the players varies dramatically. However, this is not the only reason. A team is an organization of players that come together and work as one.

Negherbon, Janeen Ku'ulei. “Take it to Conflict: An Evaluation of Peer Mediation Programs in Middle and Intermediate Schools.

—A study of Peer mediation within schools.

Pham, Linh Nguyen “Two Cups in One: Culture Clash Among the Vietnamese Second Generation”.

—This paper focuses on the hardships that Vietnamese children of immigrants face while growing up in America and how they assimilate into American culture.

Rodriguez, Vanessa “The Auction Ritual”.

—The auction bears an aura of affluence and sophistication unlike any other event in our society. Every aspect of the event, from its language, social mores, and even value system, are fraught with the consideration of a higher social status.

Skinner, Sarah “A look at the equestrian Sub-culture of Dressage”

—This paper will take an in depth look at the sub-culture of the Dressage rider.

Vollert, Eileen Elizabeth “Exploring High-Risk Sexual Behavior and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among College Students”

----A study of sexual behavior within a college environment.

Wall, Dorothy. "Women and Political Leadership"

----Women are emerging as active participants in every facet of society, yet women today are still heavily under represented in political office. A study of the Student Senate at SCU functioned as a kind of microcosm of the large society.

Watt, Kathleen S. "Tattoos: Windows Through the Skin"

----A study of the social and cultural significance of tattooing among college-affiliated individuals.

2002

Anderson, Eleanor V. "The Changing Faces of Disaster Relief."

--This study examines disasters and disaster relief in terms of changes that have taken place over the years and needed changes in this field.

Clemente, Aide. "Significance and Effectiveness of Increased Testing in American Society."

-- This study examines whether or not increased student testing is really helping California students.

Goicoechea, Megan Rose. "Basque Americans: Retaining Ethnic Identity and Community."

--This study looks at how the Basque culture has been maintained in the Western United States over the years and what changes have developed.

Gleeson, Shannon. "Organizational Culture in a Faith-Based Non-Profit Human Service Organization."

--This is a case study of a local human service organization and the ways it creates and maintains its corporate identity.

McEvoy, Steven John. "Fans or Friends: A Look at the Socializing Effects of College Sports at Santa Clara University."

--This study examines how the fans of the SCU men's varsity basketball team interact and how sporting events create a social nexus for students.

Osland, Katrina Marit. "The Role of College Radio in the Cultural Diffusion of Reggae."

--This study looks at radio's, ability to spread culture and the exchange of cultural information by mass communication in our globalized world.

Salem, Mercedes. "Examination of Second Generation Iranian Americans on Dating, Mate Selection and Marriage."

--This study looks at Iranian-Americans in their 20s and 30s living in Northern California and their ideas on dating and marriage.

Walker, Melissa M. L. "Conflict Resolution Within a Peer Run Organization."

--This study examines *The Santa Clara* newspaper in determining the relationships, conflict and methods of conflict resolution within a peer run organization.

2003

Dallal, Liane. “Diabetes as a Human Experience: A Glimpse at Families and Support Systems.”
– Attempts to understand the natures of the interconnectedness of all aspects of diabetes, biologically, psychologically and socially.

Romley, Mary Catherine. “The Effects of Peer Mediation Programs on San Francisco Bay Area High Schools.”
– Study examines peer mediation programs in high school and their effects on resolving conflicts.

Chet, LumOr. “The Identity Formation of Female Cambodian American Teenagers.”
– Examines differences in ideas and priorities between teenage Cambodians who lived within a big Cambodian community and the Cambodians who grew up in predominately white, small communities.

Kinoshita, Kerri A. “Balancing the Nine-To-Five with the Nine-To-Two: A Closer Look at Corporate Career Professionals Involved in the Goth/Industrial Clubbing Scene in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area.”
– Examines the Goth/Industrial clubbing scene discussing culture, sub-culture, counter-culture and deviance.

Fanta, Nina Radovic. “The Adaptation of Latin American Students to US Colleges.”
– Research on the adaptation of Latin American students to U.S. college campuses focusing on the aspect of immigration.

Yuan, Kimberly Anne. “China Dolls, Dragon Ladies, Plus Some: Asian American Females and Physical Otherness.”
– Explores Asian American females’ thoughts, feelings, perceptions, and experiences as related to conceptions of physical appearance and ideas about beauty.

Mayes, Tori. “The Experience of Non-Catholics Attending a Catholic University.”
– Research attempts to understand how religious pluralism can exist in an institution so identified by Catholicism.

Williams, Nathan Luke. “Traditional Catholicism: Movement Towards a Conservative Faith.”
– Research looks at why people joined a traditional Catholic congregation.

Freeburg, James. “Transition, Identity, and Influence: A Study of the Life Stories of Sudanese Refugees in America.”
– Documents some of the experiences of the Lost Boys a few years after their arrival in the United States.

Naumes, Rebecca Lee. “Hi-Tech Hi-Touch: The Contemporary Experiences of Nurses in a Bay Area Hospital.”
– Research depicts the nursing profession as it is today by demonstrating the challenges nurses face in the execution of holistic care when confronted with staffing shortages, new technologies, and globalization.

Campbell, Angela. “The Us Versus Them Ideology: Women and Families Breaking the Barriers of Homeless Stereotypes.”
– Research focuses on two emergency homeless shelters for women and children in the San Jose area examining themes that homeless women and children have to deal with.

Young, Bonnie Nadyne. “A Time to Age: Positive Insight into Aging in the U.S.”
– Research explores the realities of aging in the United States, in terms of assessing the validity of the negative mainstream stereotypes and comparing the experiences of immigrants to native born Americans.

Monge, Alana Pauline. "The Anthropology of Environmentalism: A University Perspective."

– Research focuses on the anthropology of environmentalism, specifically looking at Santa Clara as a case study of university environmentalism. Also looks at whether the proliferation of the environmental movement at a national level since the 1970s was happening at a university level as well.

Mason, David R. "Behaviors of Cohesion and Discord Amongst Off-Campus College Students."

– Paper presents a number of changes and challenges to students while they adapt to a new environment and new people they must share their living space with on top of an often strenuous academic schedule. The first experience outside the familial living arrangement is often one inclusive of peers.

Zamudio, Raul S. "Circuit Culture: Rituals of Resistance and Transformation."

--Research focused on various aspect of the circuit party and the way in which certain actions and performances that have been observed at these events have come to resemble a ritual process.

2004

Bettles, Alison. "The Future of the F-word: College Aged Women's Perceptions of Feminism."

-Paper explores college aged women's goals and challenges, as well as their self-identifications with feminist issues in comparison to their upbringing.

Culp, Jennifer M. "An Anthropological Examination of Success in Synchronized Swimming."

-Research examines a decorated synchronized swimming team and how teammates, coaches, parents, community members and a tradition of winning each contribute to the team's success.

Douglas, Jacqueline Diane. "Living Your Job: An Ethnographic Study of the Resident Director."

-Research focuses on the roles of Resident Directors on a college campus and how their professional and personal lives play out in a situation where there are no defining borders.

Fanta, Jelena Radovic. "Voices from the Shadows of the Ivory Tower: Work Experiences of Bon Appetit and Facilities Employees."

-Paper seeks to uncover the impact of the global economy on Bon Appetit and Facilities Employees and explore the relationship dynamics that Bon Appetit and Facilities Employees experience between students, managers, and coworkers.

Harrison, Kathryn. "The Exercise Craze: A Study of the Differences and Similarities between Males and Females Regarding Exercise within the Fitness Center."

-Research compares the reasons that motivate college aged men and women to exercise and the degree to which the media influences these reasons.

Islas, Yessica. "A Case Study on the Interpreters at the East San Jose Community Law Center."

-Paper focuses on the roles and challenges of interpreters and their impact on the legal and medical systems.

Jocewicz, Kenneth D. Jr. "Millions of People Experience It, Yet No One Can Stop Its Growth."

-Research identifies the stress factors and subsequent stress levels that Emergency Room nurses experience and further explores how these stress levels are dealt with by hospital administrators.

Kaster, Jeffrey Gary. "Contemporary Senior Life."

-Study examines the current conditions of elderly care centers, including facilities and staff interactions, as the usage of these centers increases.

Levine, Sarah Marie. "Learning to Serve: An Ethnographic Study of Servers in Restaurant Sub-Culture."
-Paper explains the role of a restaurant server as well as everything one would need to know and learn in order to become a server. The culture within the restaurant, including relationships between coworkers, is also discussed.

Mah, Diana. "Retention of Ethnic Identity and Cultural Heritage: A Study of Chinese Saturday Schools and Chinese Enrichment Schools in the Bay Area."

-Paper explores why Chinese-American parents place their children in Chinese Saturday Schools and Chinese Enrichment Schools and the effects that these schools have on reinforcing the Chinese heritage on the children's cultural identities.

Manzano, Adriana Beatrice. "A Look into the Swimming Subculture."

-Documents and analyzes the culture of a South San Jose swim club including, coaches, rituals, parents and swimmers, and finds similarities between American culture and swimming culture.

Rodriguez, Mark Eutiquio. "Pawnshop Culture."

-Focuses on breaking the stereotypes and revealing the truth about who utilizes pawn shops and why.

Templeton, James Brian. "Healing the Wounds of Crime: A Study of the Santa Clara County Juvenile Crime Prevention Act Program."

-Analyzes the workings of Restorative Justice Program and proves that the program has many positive effects of criminals, victims and communities.

Westby, Lindsay Elizabeth. "Kids Helping Kids: An Ethnographic Study of Peer Mediators in San Francisco Bay Area Middle and High Schools."

-Research explores how many Santa Clara elementary schools' peer mediation programs are run, especially how the mediators are chosen, and their respective success levels.

2005

Allen, Jason Oliver Smity. "What's Love Got to Do, Got to Do With It...Seriously, Because I'm Talking About Humor Here: A Study of the Lives of Comedians and the Effects of Associated Marginalization on their Understanding and Utilization of Humor as a Tool for Survival."

-Looks at the theoretical understandings of the relationship between peoples identified as comedians and the uses of humor to combat life hindrances.

Allen, Lorna. "I'm Living a Part of My Dream: Career Gratification and the Obstacles Facing the American Registered Nurse."

-Analyzes the domain of the register nurse and to better understand the career fulfillment based on the current shortage of registered nurses.

Alvarado, Daniel Robert. "Collegiate Ultimate Frisbee: the un-sport and the effect of encouraging sportsmanship in an unregulated game."

-Focuses on the impact frisbee has on the behavior of college aged athletic participants.

Breuleux, Kyle Porter. "Finding Success in Failure: A Study in the Development of Team Cohesion in Intercollegiate Club Lacrosse."

-Studies the affect of performance in the sport based on the relationship between the players and well as the coaches.

Dolores, Christina Maria. "The Role of a Probation Officer."

-Research looks at how the life of a probation officer affects his/her job and the legal system as a result.

Friend, Sarah Elizabeth. “An Ethnographic Study on a Battered Women’s Shelter: Why People are Promoting Women’s Rights.”

-Explores the motivation behind volunteers at battered women’s shelters.

Fox, Abigail Tovah. “A Whole is Great than the Sum of its Parts: The Outreach Strategies and Methods of Chabad.”

-Looks at the social structures of different religious sects that have been established in the Bay Area.

Fussell, Nicholas Alexander. “What it Means to be an Information Technology Service Technician.”

-Researches the role and purpose of the Technology Service Technician, who they are, what they do, and what niche they fill within American culture.

Greenwalt, Kelly Linden. “Popular Car Culture: The Dynamics of Social Exchange and Gender Attitudes in an All-Male Subculture.”

-This exploration is concerned with the automobile club’s unusual fascination with cars, exchange practices, and gender perceptions.

Gutierrez, Arcelia. “5-6-7-8 Get up an Dance! The social relationship established and its impact on Motivation and Performance.”

-Explores the motivation levels of different groups and age ranges in the performance arena.

Hicks, Meaghan Clair. “A Man’s World? An Ethnographic Study of Cocktail Waitresses and how they Manipulate and Resist their Gender Constructed Occupation.”

-Looks at why it is that this gender driven occupation is supported and accepted by society as well as the women who fill the cocktail waitress role.

Hurley, Erin. “Sorority Life: Bonding, Boys, and Beer.”

-Focuses on the causes of social cohesion in Sorority houses as well as the factors that leads this cohesion to disintegrate.

Koons, Vanessa Louise. “What will the Neighbors Think? An in depth exploration of the experiences of interracial couples and biracial people.”

- Research looks at the social support for and resistance against interracial relationships and how this reaction causes the couples to interact.

Lando, David. “South Bay Flea Market Vendors: Uncovering the Strategies of Success.”

-Uncovers the affect of flea markets on the United States economy.

Richards, Kelly Imes. “That Feminist S*@#!: The Role of Education in the Transformation of Feminine Identity.”

-Examines how women change their identities in response to or as a driving force of society changes that have occurred over the last few decades.

Riggins, Shuryn Marie. “Tiers with Peers: Hierarchy and Reacculturation Amongst a Collaborative Peer Learning Situation at a Small University Museum.”

-A deeper look at peer interaction and the social dynamics within a group.

Rosas, Carmen Marie. “My Soul is Broken...and I walk On: The perspectives and Strategies of Homeless Women.”

-Paper looks at women living on the margin of homelessness and poverty to better understand their perspectives and strategies.

Thee, Lisa Gloia. “Exploring Gender in the Preschool Classroom: A Study of Teachers and Head Start.”

-Examines how children learn to behave in their specific gender role as a response to the beliefs and practices of preschool teachers.

Vu, Lien. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell...? A Shifting ‘Police’ Toward Being Gay and Lesbian and Vietnamese.”

-Explores the struggles, triumphs, perspective, and coping strategies as both an ethnic and sexual minority group.

Weisner, Michael. “Going Along for the Ride: EMT-Patient Interaction and Group Cohesion in a Collegiate EMS Program.”

-Research focuses on the effects of interaction between EMTs and students, as well as how the program defines its own roles and identities through group interaction.

2006

Carlson, Richard E. “Jesuit Culture: An Anthropological Exploration of Sub-Cultural Identity among Jesuit Priests within the University Setting.”

-Discusses the integrative forces of the Jesuit community within the California university system by looking at how the blending of academics and close affiliation with a college environment contributes to lifestyle.

Fox, Nicole. “Hula in the Bay Area: The Relationship Between Ethnicity and Identity.”

-Explores the relationship between ethnicity and identity, in relation to changing cultural boundaries brought on by globalization through the cultural heritage of hula.

Jacquez, Veronica Perez. “High School Dropouts: An Ethnographic Study on Latinos in Adult Education.”

-Deals with the different factors that effect Latino high school students’ decision to dropout and what motivates them to return to adult educational programs.

Johnson, Emily Krista. “Gender in Bay Area Historical/Cultural Museums.”

-Research focuses on how gender has been addressed through exhibition portrayals designed by museum curatorial staff. Questions why these standards have been set and how these views are reinforced by community, education, upfront conversation, etc.

Kennedy, Amy. “Gang Intervention and Prevention Programs: Finding a Way Out.”

-Focuses on gang intervention/prevention programs and their ability to work efficiently when the cultural constructs of gangs are understood.

Menefee, Elizabeth Margaret. “Cultural Constructions of Food in a Collegiate Context.”

-Discusses the primary factors influencing food choice among females which contains elements of college and American cultures which dictate what should/not be eaten.

Miller, Lesley. “Let’s Get It On: An Exploratory Study of College Culture, Casual Sex, and the Emergence of a New Way of Dating.”

-Explores the domain of culture and sexuality in the college sitting by understanding the practice of casual sexual behavior replacement of the formal dating system of past generations.

Tanner, Kirsten. "The Gender Identity Paradox: Women Rugby Players."

-Looks at the gender conflicts that result from women's entrance into the field of Rugby in an attempt to explore the world behind the subcultures and understand the traditional gender roles.

Terry, Rachel. "What Am I? An In-Depth Study Into the Confusion and Experiences of Multiracial College Students Self-Identifying Themselves."

-Research focuses on how multiracial students come to terms with their identification in the college setting and whether they choose to identify with one ethnicity or multiple.

Trevelyan-Hall, Kate. "Twenty Years to Life: The Silent Debt Families of the Incarcerated Are Paying to Society."

-This study addresses the social, economical, and emotional effects of incarceration on the family of the offender in an attempt to understand what services are needed by this growing population.

2007

Adinolfi, Catherine. "The Lord's Retirement Plan: Career Transitions of the Sisters of Mercy." - This paper explores the retirement experiences of the Sisters of Mercy, as seen through its members, living in one retirement community in the Bay Area.

Blue, Taylor. "The 'Social-ness' of Smoking at Santa Clara: How Does College Promote Smoking?" - Research addresses the issue of why females smoke, either casually or habitually, as a means to socialize, fit in, project an image of themselves, self-medicate, and structure their free time.

Brand-Cousy. "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Exploring the Role of a Mexican National Symbol at an American, Immigrant Church." - Studies how the figure of Guadalupe in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church focuses the development of communal faith with people of a shared experiences and history, speaks to the struggles of the immigrant experiences, and takes on new meaning and significance for different groups when transplanted to the U.S.

Edwards, Stephanie. "Mujeres en la Lucha (Women in the Struggle): How Chicana Leaders are Shaping their Identities and Transforming their Communities." -Explores the personal identity, motivations, factors leading to involvement, and the interplay of community versus personal values of Chicana leaders in San Jose.

Francisco, Jenevieve. "Family Comes First: Immigration, Adaptation and the Role of Family among Filipino Care Givers in Elder Care." - This paper is aimed at understanding how family relationships among Filipinos are related to the elder care business and what the role of adaptation is in this context.

Houdeshell, Emily Elizabeth. "Culture and Professional Socialization of Women at Santa Clara University's Law School: A Diachronological Study." - This project strove to gain an understanding of how women experience law school through its constructed sub-culture and the ways in which they have been accommodated by an over-arching male system.

O'Brien, Amanda Treat. "The Environmental Justice Activist: A Qualitative Study of the Motivations of Those Fighting for Environmental Justice." - Research explores the incentive of the environmental justice activist who focuses on environmental racism encountered in minority communities that are exposed to environmental risks and health hazards due to their limited economic resources.

Spicer, Margaret Featherston. "The Culture of Work in Restaurant Kitchens: A Qualitative Look from an Insider's Perspective into Work-Life Behind the Sliding Glass Doors." - Paper investigates the culture of work in restaurant kitchens by examining the professional and social relationships that form through socializing into occupational subcultures.

Sullivan Jr., Brian Patrick. "I Must Create A System or Be Enslaved by Another Man's." - This research is an in-depth study of college radio station KSCU 103.3 FM at Santa Clara University in order to examine how the station functions as a formal organization, by looking at the stations relationship to musical subcultures and its organizational structure.

Tryon, Kate. "Female Entrepreneurship: A Study of Female Entrepreneurs in the Bay Area." - Explores the four domains of female entrepreneurship: culture, personal characteristics, resources, and changes in order to understand the changing gender roles in American business.

Urbonas, Linda Lea. "Life in Motion: A Look into the duality of Motorcycle Subculture." - This project dealt with the concept of identity within the subculture of motorcycle clubs and addressed the questions of how biker identity fits into everyday life, what club members receive from the club that they do not receive elsewhere in their lives, and an overarching duality in this counterculture identity, specifically in relation to mainstream American culture.

Wilson, C. Paige. "Mother Knows Breast: A Qualitative Look into the Lives of Breastfeeding Women in the Bay Area." - This is a qualitative study that looks at the influencing factors of society and life histories that affect a woman's decision to breastfeed.

Yates, Alma. "Process of Aging and Adaption Among the Elderly Bosnian Immigrant Population Living in Bay Area, California." - Project looks at the function of senior centers for elderly immigrants and how the lack of a Bosnian elderly center affects this group and leads them to seek support from their families.