

Anthropology Senior Theses 1979 thru 1999

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.