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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 Adaptation 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.