

Missouri Valley College
STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
Spring 2017

April 28

Malcolm Center & Morrison Fine Arts Building

Opening Remarks & Awards

3:00 Charles Bacon Conference Room B

Dr. Diane Bartholomew, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Awards for Excellence in Student Research:

- Tea Mortensen (Best Performance; session 1c; “The Unknown”)
- Belén Lorena LaFuente (Best Poster; “Attachment Style Compatibility and Relationship Success”)
- Madelyn Deigan (Best Presentation; session 3c; “Lessons of Epic Texts & their Application in Tang Soo Do Training”)

The Gruber Prize (Writing Across the Curriculum)

- Belén Lorena LaFuente, Social Sciences, for “Influence of Racial Stereotypes on Public and Police Officers’ Interactions”
- Gustavo Maccori Kozma, Communications, Humanities, and Human Services; for “Language of Speed: An Analysis of Pacenotes Language”

Presentations & Performances

Session 1a: Graduate Panel: Masters in Community Counseling | Bacon A, 3:15-5PM

- Sabrina McGuire.....Working with Substance Abuse Addicts using MRT and MI
- Diane Dellasala.....Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Depression and Anxiety in the Elderly Population
- Emily Hughes.....ABC Data: An Intervention for Increasing Self-Worth
- Sarah Stathem.....Treatment of Bipolar I Disorder with Psychosocial Interventions

Session 1b: Humanity, Consumption, and Survival | Multipurpose Room, 3:15-4PM

- Lucas Pontes.....What Can Food Tell About Economy, Health, and Cultural Aspects of Medieval England
- Endurance Toro.....The Struggle For Survival
- Kimberley Ndlovu*.....Cannibalism and the Law

Session 1c: Social Challenges and Change | Bacon B, 3:15-4PM

- Jacie Willison.....Chronic Stress and the Health Risks Americans are Facing
- Tea Mortensen.....The Unknown
- Lisa Poletto*.....The Giants of India: Raising Awareness About Elephants’ Situation in India

Session 1d: Big Ideas: Theory and Practice | 101 Morrison Fine Arts Building, 3:15-4PM

- Skyeler Crutchfield.....Video Games and Greek Mythology: An Idea
- Monika Tshibanda.....Heroism: A Personal Vendetta
- Christopher Contreras.....Hazy
- Lea Filali*.....Existentialism as a Key Feature to Harmony in Community

Presentations & Performances

Session 2b: Individuals and Institutions | Multipurpose Room, 4-5PM

Chandler Houtman.....The Collapse of Enron
Shiyu Moritani.....Men's Religious View: 1950's America
Kayleigh Barnes.....Geoffrey Chaucer, The Prioress, and Anti-Semitism
Mariana Osaki & Maria Del Mar Jimenez Abad.....Social Interaction Between Domestic and International Students
Darline Henrius*

Session 2c: Economics, Culture, and Community | Bacon B, 4-5PM

Benjamin Wilson.....Enron: The Cause and Effects on the Gas Giants Collapse
Shelby Gardner.....Poverty in Rural Communities: Revitalizing Brookfield, Missouri
Autumn Yoder.....Exploring Rape Culture Throughout America
Simon Hansen*.....Reliance on Social Media: Relationships and Consequences

Session 2d: Suicide, Mental Health, and the Human Mind | 101 Morrison Fine Arts Building, 4-5PM

Tori Peot.....The Correlation Between the Pursuit of Happiness and the Insane
Nathan Gerdts.....Not Naked, but Afraid
Rosemarie Bennett....."It's a Rock!?" No, it's the Unknown Pull on the Chain of Terror
Sarina O'Donnell.....The Darkness Behind Bright Eyes: Attempted Suicide
Bobby Collins III*

Session 3a: Social Rules, Social Roles | Bacon A, 6-7PM

Makayla Rodgers.....Fluctuating Fairy Tales: Keeping Up With Society's Standards
Wako Nabana.....Cannibalism: Against Morality
Connor Creasey.....Analyzing the Effects on Arthur Andersen's Downfall and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act's Implementation
Logan Eden.....The United States Justice System: A Monstrosity
Lindsey McMillan*

Session 3c: Human Pursuits in Recreation & Entertainment | Bacon B, 6-7PM

Alexandria Taylor.....The Emotional Acting Theory
Megan Pate.....Early Dog Domestication
Madelyn Deigan.....Lessons of Epic Texts & their Application in Tang Soo Do Training
Jan Jedlicka*.....Repetition and the Golf Swing: Making Practice More Efficient

*Session Chair

Posters

All posters will be set up by 3:15 pm; the staffed poster session runs from 3:15-5pm in 101 Morrison Fine Arts Building

Allston, Lazelle | The Relationship Between Stress and Negative Behaviors of College Students

Boles, Rebekah | Wildlife in Zoos

Carr, Daryl: College Students' Perception of Suicide

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Mahmood, Ali | The Effect of Part Time Employment on Academic Success and Student Stress

McGinnitey, Shea | Performance vs. Mastery-Based Education Relating to White Collar Crime

O'Hara, Cedric | The Right to Conceal and Carry in Order to Prevent Violent Crimes

Pelushi, Rei | Training Hard

Sabourdy, Lea | Portrait of a Female Student Athlete

Schoonover, Tyler | Generosity in Messy Places

Tornero, Andrea Garcia | The Impact of Religion and Spirituality on Homonegative Attitudes in College Students

Valentini, Jacopo | On the Crest of the Clouds

Van Holland, Taylor | Public Perceptions of Mental Illness

Zuniga, Jazmin | Beauty and Decay

Abstracts

Allston, Lazelle | The Relationship Between Stress and Negative Behaviors of College Students (poster)

Research has indicated that college students deal with a great deal of stress. The purpose of this study is to determine what stresses incoming college students, and if stress has a negative influence on the decisions college students make such as drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, and not studying. Data is being collected by surveys administered to students from Missouri Valley College. Surveys include questions that ask participants about risky behaviors such as alcohol and drug use, and frequency of use. Data is currently being collected and will be available for analysis once all surveys have been complete.

Barnes, Kayleigh | Geoffrey Chaucer, The Prioress, and Anti-Semitism (session 2b)

Geoffrey Chaucer, devoting his life to developing one of the greatest works of literature from his time, The Canterbury Tales, was determined to confront a variety of religious opinions and moral faux pas. Using "The Prioress's Tale," categorized as a part of the Miracle of the Virgin

genre, Chaucer addresses the now controversial topic of anti-Semitism through the words of a seemingly innocent medieval nun.

Bennett, Rosemarie | "It's a Rock!?" ...No it's the Unknown Pull on the Chain of Terror (session 2d)

When looking upon a scene of a person helping another, one may feel delighted by their genuine smile, however; they will have no idea of the deep darkness that may grip onto the other. Each person has their own darkness that creeps amongst them and may even pull them away from the happiness of their own life. Some are lucky enough to never understand the sudden depression that hits and turn towards the greater things of life. Be that as it may, there are other people who have knowledge of the reasoning behind the darkness and have a constant battle with that force. If one were to ever look upon that battle, you could justify as crazy, yet that person is the one who smiled and helped the other person in need.

Boles, Rebekah | Wildlife in Zoos (poster)

My poster is about a more pressing issue that most people really don't pay enough attention to, which is wild animals living in zoos and the type of treatment and facilities they are given. The images that I have selected represent the small enclosures that they're kept in and show a rough interpretation of how their everyday lives happen. This photo essay is significant to me because animals hold a big part of my heart and are the reason I want to go into the profession that I'm going in to. Although zoos bring a lot of joy to people, and most have good intentions for the animals, they aren't able to fulfill the needs of these wild life animals.

Carr, Daryl | College Students' Perception of Suicide (poster)

Recent studies have shown that individuals of minority ethnic backgrounds have more negative perceptions and ideations of suicide compared to participants of Caucasian-American background (Scourfield, Roed & McDermott, 2008, p. 329). To test these findings in a college sample, students will fill out questionnaires that assess the relevant variables such as ethnicity and perceptions of suicide . Data collection is currently in progress.

Concepcion, Dakota | Legalization of Marijuana and Overcrowding of Prisons (poster)

My senior project is on the overcrowding of prisons and legalization of marijuana. It is about how police resources and funding needs to be focused towards more serious crimes and situations and how tax dollars can be used more wisely by states. Prisons are extremely overcrowded and if marijuana was legalized nationwide then non-violent offenders could be released and the prisons can have more room for violent offenders. Marijuana has already been legalized for recreational and medical use in some states and their economies are thriving such as Denver, Seattle, and California. Other cities and states are now decriminalizing it and only having fines if you are caught with marijuana such as in Miami and Missouri. This is a step in the right direction and police can focus more and stop criminals that are violent and hurting citizens of the communities we all live in.

Contreras, Christopher | Hazy (session 1d)

I'm playing and singing an acoustic-indie song on guitar called "Hazy" by Rosi Golan.

Creasey, Connor | Analyzing the Effects of Arthur Andersen's Downfall and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act's Implementation (session 3a)

Although Arthur Andersen was originally part of the Big Five of accounting firms, the company had been involved with several allegations for fraudulent audit reports, including the famous Enron scandal. Andersen's fraudulent auditing of Enron led to its eventual downfall and caused multiple provisions to the auditing process to prevent fraud of such magnitude from occurring in the future. That specific scandal, along with other significant cases that followed, resulted in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. This act established the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, which was tasked with regulating all auditors and administering severe punishments for fraudulent auditing. The effects of Andersen's involvement with the Enron scandal are still felt today through the implementation of auditing regulation.

Crutchfield, Skyeler | Video Games and Greek Mythology: An Idea (session 1d)

I propose an open world role playing video game that would use Greek mythology as its core. I believe that an RPG based around Greek Mythology that uses the Olympians as supporting characters, the many tales as a basis for plot, and the real and mythological locations could supply a developer with an excellent game. All that is needed is the development of a main character with plenty of personality, an interesting theme, and a story to keep those seeking an escape from the real world enthralled.

Deigan, Madelyn | Lessons of Epic Texts & their Application in Tang Soo Do Training (session 3c)

This project analyses the lessons within The Epic of Gilgamesh and The Ramayana, and looks at ways in which these lessons can be applied in Tang Soo Do training. Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art, which teaches practitioners many of the same values, principles, and lessons which are contained in epic texts. To determine the practical application of the lessons, I conducted a study where subjects participated in a Tang Soo Do class and completed surveys. This research not only demonstrates a unique approach to training, but also shows that epic texts are still relevant in today's society.

Dellasala, Diane | Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Depression and Anxiety in the Elderly Population (session 1a)

Depression and anxiety are very common within the elderly population. Many individuals have these feelings as a result of their life stressors. Receiving treatment is preferred within this population and has been shown to be effective. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) refers to a popular therapeutic approach that has been applied to a variety of problems. Cognitive-behavioral therapy is an effective, enduring treatment for depression and anxiety for the elderly population. Elderly individuals with depression and anxiety experience many complexities that are needed to be addressed with this population. Previous research has been conducted and established that CBT produces significant improvement in anxiety symptoms among the elderly. During the case study CBT was found to be beneficial for my elderly client with anxiety and depression.

Eden, Logan | The United States Justice System: A Monstrosity (session 3a)

This project looks at two divine rulers from two epics, The Epic of Gilgamesh and The Ramayana, and wrongful acts each committed, and then it compares those rulers to politicians in the United States today. It addresses the idea that inequality among politicians and everyday people, as far as punishment for similar acts committed, is something that has been happening since before Christ, as demonstrated in the epics I will be using, and shows that the American justice system is a monstrosity. Superiority and roles in society play an important part in the treatment of people.

Edney, Brandon | The Misunderstanding of GMOs (poster)

The lack of knowledge that the majority of people have with genetically modified foods is what composes my photo essay. I am presenting this photo essay because I think all people no matter what background need to understand what goes into their food and where it comes from. It tells the story of how food is produced by one family farm located in Orrick, Missouri. This poster shows every step of growing a crop and leaves nothing out. The truth is none of what farmers do to their crop affects the health of the consumer, and I believe by showing this presentation more people will be able to understand the truths of our food supply.

Faber, Logan | Conceal Carry and Active Shooter (poster)

I am conducting research on the effects of conceal and carry and how it deters active shooters for Research Design/Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice. My research questions studied: That if more law-abiding citizens carried concealed weapons, that would deter criminals from committing crimes and deter active shooters from committing mass killings? I have hypothesized that 30 percent of 100 students at Missouri Valley College that I had surveyed would agree that if more law-abiding citizens concealed carried weapons, then that would deter active shooters from committing mass killings. I emailed professors for their permission to hand out my surveys. The surveys were completely voluntary and anonymous and will help me prove my hypothesis.

Filali, Léa | Existentialism as a Key Humanism Feature (session 1d)

Existentialism is founded on the fact that existence is based on free will. An individual is defined by his actions, not by what happened in the world before him, nor what will happen in the world after him. This philosophy tends to imply that men usually choose actions that benefit themselves, and therefore please everyone. Yet this idea has been undermined throughout history, as many actions seemed good for some, while not being necessarily good for others. In that perspective, existentialism pushes everyone to think beyond nationalities, cultures, genders, perceived differences, and only undertake actions that do good to all.

Gardner, Shelby | Poverty in Rural Communities: Revitalizing Brookfield, Missouri (session 2c)

Rural counties in Missouri are disproportionately affected by negative economic growth.

The poverty level within Linn County is an estimated 23 percent. Brookfield, a town of 4,500 located within Linn County, Missouri is a "Great Place to Land," however the county regulations, town ordinances, and limited job opportunities are categorized as detrimental to its further development. Understanding the underlying issues resulting in economic decline in Brookfield and the strategic process to creating growth are both vital in maximizing population retention, expanding business, increasing tax revenues, increasing property value and quality of life for residents of Brookfield. This study seeks to provide workable solutions to revitalizing rural communities like Brookfield.

Gerds, Nathan | Not Naked, but Afraid (session 2d)

My life has always been different. The medical diagnosis I received at childhood has always been a mystery to me. That mystery has taken me to dark places. This is the story of who I am, or at least who I think I might be.

Hansen, Simon O. | Reliance on Social Media: Relationships and Consequences (session 2c)

This research paper investigates major and minor consequences of the reliance on social media, when communicating, and how this affects the relationship between millennials and businesses. Positive aspects of using social media in classrooms and the easy accessibility to information are discussed from individual perspective and from a business perspective. The reliance on social media is isolating people and creating new digital relationships between individuals and businesses. The easiness of using social media reduces face-to-face communication, distracts students from learning, reduces their ability to make reasoned arguments, jeopardizes millennials' careers or political opportunities or damages a company's brand. Positive aspects of using social media are: social media and the internet give space for self expression, it makes easier for businesses to create relationship with customers, and generate revenue because of personalized commercials, however this relationship could come with serious consequences.

Hill, Victoria | Planning for a Lifetime (poster)

My poster is a creative project and deals with the theme of happiness and family. The images that I have selected are a photo essay that tell the story of a young girl, my sister, finding happiness and bringing her two families together for a celebration. This essay is significant to me because the whole experience was amazing. Getting our two very different families together to tell stories about each other was very surreal and heartwarming. We all worked together to make this day special for my sister, and no matter how stressed we got through process we were still laughing and having a good time.

Holsten, Jalen | Sexual Timing and Relationship Health (poster)

Sexual intercourse has become a social norm that can affect how we interact within our relationships. For this specific study the timing of sexual intercourse within a monogamous relationship is being examined as a predictor of relationship success. It is our hypothesis that the earlier the timing of sexual intercourse between two dating individuals the less likely

the relationship will be healthy. Undergraduate students are participating in the study by completing a questionnaire that examines elements of their sexual and relationship history. The questionnaire includes modified versions of questions from the RELATE Instrument which is often used in counseling sessions regarding relationships. The data is currently still being collected and will later be analyzed by the researcher.

Houtman, Chandler | The Collapse of Enron (session 2b)

Enron from 1995 through 2001 became a company many outsiders viewed as an innovative giant; a progressive company with nothing but growth and expansion in sight. Enron became exposed for hiding their massive investment losses in special purpose vehicles to make their financial statements appear to be growing. In time, Enron's investment pool dried up; Enron made promises they couldn't keep causing the giant to fall. Enron's case laid the foundation for new government regulation to increase financial transparency from the corporation to the investor.

Howard, Albert | Circumstances on Lethal Force in Law Enforcement (poster)

Law enforcement and their use of deadly force has always been one of the leading subject matters regarding the criminal justice system. Police officers are at the front of this topic as well as the citizens and neighborhoods that they both protect and serve. My research explores the numerous circumstances of suspects, neighborhoods, officer training and several more with hopes of better understanding what makes a lethal shooting justifiable or not. Missouri Valley College students were selected for this research providing the data regarding these circumstances and how each one held significance with police officers choosing to use deadly force against suspects.

Hughes, Emily | ABC Data: An Intervention for Increasing Self-Worth (session 1a)

This paper explores the effectiveness of an Applied Behavior Analysis Technique (ABA), ABC data collection, on improving self-worth. Research has shown that high self-worth is crucial for proper mental health. This paper explores how ABC data can be utilized to develop effective interventions specifically tailored to the client's environment. There are various articles demonstrating the effectiveness of ABA principles for developmental disorders, but it as an underutilized technique for other mental health issues. This paper outlines how to apply the ABC data collection to a client who is experiencing negative self-worth. This paper attempts to demonstrate the range of behavioral interventions that can be applied to other disorders and issues other than just developmental disorders.

Hunt, Tyler | Avoiding Police Brutality Through Education

I am conducting research on the police brutality and public perception of how to reduce incidents for Research Design/Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice. My research questions studied: Do you believe that police officers can be trained to avoid police brutality? I have hypothesized that 35 percent of 100 students at Missouri Valley College that I had surveyed would agree that police officers can be trained to avoid police brutality. I emailed professors

for their permission to hand out my surveys. The surveys were completely voluntary and anonymous and will help me prove my hypothesis.

Jedlicka, Jan | Repetition and the Golf Swing: Making Practice More Efficient (session 3c)

Repetition has long been seen as a key to improving both cognitive and physical abilities. In sports, repetition is used during practice and training but there is a lot of confusion among athletes about how to make them more efficient. This research paper is focused on the practice of the golf swing and the factors that can make it more productive. Using studies from multiple scientific disciplines and sports backgrounds, this paper analyzes factors such as the structure of each practice session, the timing and the quantity of practice, and injury risks of excessive repetition of a movement. These findings can be used by coaches and athletes when constructing a practice plan.

Kozma, Gustavo | Effects of Time-Constraints on Second Language Speakers in a Semantic Identification Task (poster)

This study examines the effects of time constraints on a lexical identification task in Spanish-English and Portuguese-English bilinguals. The procedure measures the time-lapse of the participants while performing the task, and how adding time-constraints may impact their performance. The procedure used in this study is a replication of the procedure created by Macizo, Bajo and Martin (2010), adding the time-constraint component in order to assess its impact. The study will also gather information about the participants' proficiency with the English language, and this information will be used during statistical analysis. My hypothesis is that by adding a time constraint to the procedure, participants' responses will be slowed further. Data to be collected.

Krstonosic, Katarina & Alejandro Galan | The Difference in Trade Between European Union and the United States (posters)

We are trying to demonstrate the differences between the European Union and US Exports/Imports, also the major trading partners and total profits from the trade, allowing us to demonstrate that the gathering of several countries is more profitable than a single country working as an intermediary.

Lafuente, Belen Lorena | Attachment Style Compatibility and Relationship Success (poster)

The "attachment theory" was considered a useful framework to explain romantic relationships, because the bonds that individuals shared with parents, peers and romantic partners were seen to exert a powerful influence on health, prosperity and happiness (Caron, Lafontaine, Bureau, Levesque & Johnson, 2012). The main objective of this study is to analyze adult compatibility between attachment styles (secure, anxious-preoccupied, fearful-avoidant and dismissing avoidant) to predict success of relationships. In this study it is hypothesized that (1) secure individuals will succeed on their relationships with secure partners, anxious-preoccupied partners, and fearful-avoidant partners, but not

with dismissing-avoidant partners; (2) anxious-ambivalent partners will be compatible in a relationship with both secure partners and anxious-preoccupied partners but not with dismissing or preoccupied avoidant partners; (3) fearful-avoidant partners will be compatible with fearful-avoidant partners and with secure partners; and (4) dismissing-fearful partners will be compatible with dismissing-fearful partners, and particularly incompatible with anxious-preoccupied partners. In this study, an approximate number of 100 Missouri Valley College Students will be surveyed. The survey consists of four parts: the demographic section; a measurement of attachment; an assessment aimed at measuring relationship satisfaction; and lastly, twenty seven questions aimed at measuring compatibility between different attachment styles. Upcoming data is yet to be analyzed.

Lang Jr., Maurice | Violent Video Games Effects on Children (poster)

I have been conducting a research study over the effects that violent video games have on children. More specifically I have been looking at the physical and psychological effects they have on children. The second part of the research study talks about actual events in which researchers believe violent video games were the root factor in violent acts. Towards the end of the research study it will talk about ways in which researchers are trying to resolve violent video games being distributed to children and the positive effects this can have on children and society.

Leitza, Autumn | The Effects of Social Media Usage on Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Variables on Relationships (poster)

Over the past decade, social media has been evolving and several studies have been conducted in regards to whether or not social media is a healthy or unhealthy habit. My hypothesis is that individuals who spend a greater amount of time on social media are more likely to show symptoms of depression, engage in social comparison, and show more jealousy in their relationships. Undergraduate students will answer questionnaires about these relevant variables to determine the relationships among them. Research is currently being conducted and the results will be determined once all of the data has been analyzed.

Loyola, Michael | Unseen Glory (poster)

My poster is a creative project. It deals with the theme of spring football. It is a photo essay depicting the work that is put in during the off-season, which prepares athletes and teams for the upcoming year. It tells the story of the different ways that coaches push athletes in order to be the best they can be. This subject is significant to me because as an athlete it is important for me to be the best I can be not only for myself but for my team.

Mahmood, Ali | The Effect of Part Time Employment on Academic Success and Student Stress (poster)

Research has indicated part time employment can have an effect on students. The purpose of my study is to examine the effect of part time employment on students academic success and stress levels. Missouri valley college students will complete a questionnaire assessing their level of employment their academic success and their corresponding stress

levels. Cohen's scale (Cohen, Kamarck, Mermelstein, 1983) will be used to measure the levels of stress of the students. Data is currently being collected.

McGinnitey, Shea | Performance vs. Mastery-Based Education Relating to White Collar Crime (poster)

Changing the United States 'performance-based education system will decrease future white collar criminal activity. Such performance-based education encourages lifelong criminal theft/cheating as opposed to mastery-based education which does not. White collar professionals educated through performance based systems were more likely to embezzle, steal, and cheat than those educated through mastery-based education.

McGuire, Sabrina | Working with Substance Abuse Addicts Using MRT and MI (session 1a)

The use of alcohol and other drugs is continuing to grow and become very prominent in today's society. Many individuals are turning towards using alcohol and other drugs as a way to deal with the anxiety of daily living or as a way to fit in with others. Due to the increase of alcohol and other drugs, the number of people becoming addicted is rising and is becoming a major concern. Once an individual starts to use any substance, it can be very hard to stop and many will continue to use it despite the harmful consequences it may be causing. A handful of individuals believe that they cannot be helped and they feel lost. Research has found there to be a variety of treatment programs out there for individuals who are dealing with addiction, and as a society, it is our goal to get that information out there.

Moritani, Shiyu | Men's Religious Views: 1950's America (session 2b)

I will focus on people's religious perspective in 1950's America from a novel *Dharma Bums*, written by Jack Kerouac, who is one of the most important members of the beat generation in 1950's America. In this book, Kerouac met a man who are devoted in Buddhism, and the author is affected by him. Through these descriptions, I can read his religious philosophy by comparing Christianity and Buddhism. *Dharma Bums* was first published in 1958, which is after 1945, the end of WWII. It tells us about humans who experienced both war and a peaceful world.

Mortensen, Tea | The Unknown (session 2b)

Go on a journey into the unknown. *The Unknown* is a work about zombies. The work is based on historical research about zombies--how the myth about zombies came to be and how it developed. Other research includes different movies and how they portrayed the myth, starting with the very first zombie movie *White Zombie* to a more recent one *Warm Bodies*. I used the films to see how zombies moved and created movement from the different qualities. Combined with the history of the myth, how zombies have been portrayed in movies, and the movement qualities, I created this work.

Nabana, Wako | Cannibalism: Against Morality (session 3a)

Cannibalism often shows up in literature and novels. Some critics deny the existence of the custom of cannibalism. On the other hand, archaeological researchers find evidence to explain if human beings ate its own kind from bones excavated at some areas. Still when they found bones, the evidence is difficult to interpret. In addition, the custom is a metaphor of savage and violence, but cannibalism among human beings has several meanings to continue the custom for a long time such as expression of love and ritual aspects. This essay explores representations of cannibalism in Princess Mononoke and The Green Inferno. Even though cannibals have specific reasons, the cannibalism is not accepted because of taboos and morality.

Ndlovu, Kimberley | Cannibalism and the Law (session 1b)

Cannibalism is a phenomenon that has been practiced since the prehistoric times, both culturally and non-culturally. The United States, with the exception of Idaho, does not have specific laws against cannibalism. My paper will discuss the reasons why cannibalism is still, in a sense 'legal' in the United States. I argue that there are other forms of cannibalism that are medically valuable to people and so cannot be outlawed. However, there already exists laws that imply the illegality of cannibalism. Even in that case, no cannibal has been charged with the 'offence of cannibalism.'

O'Donnell, Sarina | The Darkness Behind Bright Eyes: Attempted Suicide (session 2d)

This project will be a mix of statistics and a specific case study to explain a few causes of suicidal thoughts in teens and how to recognize the signs. I argue that despite great effort, people can't always point out those who are suicidal because causes differ for everyone, so I will focus on the causes that pertain to my friend's personal case and solutions that helped her and may help others. By understanding some of these causes and signs, friends and family of suicidal teens may be more likely to find help for the teen before it is too late.

O'Hara, Cedric | The Right to Conceal and Carry in Order to Prevent Violent Crimes (poster)

I will construct a poster that goes into detail about my research on the right to conceal and carry in order to prevent violent crimes. I will display info and results from my findings as well as present my findings and research to individuals who ask about the topic.

Osaki, Mariana & Maria Del Mar Jimenez Abad | Social Interaction Between Domestic and International Students (session 2b)

The research studies the interactions between international and domestic students in the United States. We came up with the idea that there is low interaction between international and domestic students when we were in the cafeteria and we noticed that the place was divided into two groups, one side mostly international students, and the other side mostly domestic students. We thought that the main reason was cultural differences and decided to study that to see if we were right. The hypothesis is that cultural differences create a low interaction between domestic and international students in colleges and universities in the US.

Pate, Megan | Early Dog Domestication (session 3c)

The belief or stereotype that pit bulls and other species of dogs are naturally violent instead of being domesticated into violent creatures can be proven false by examining the early stages of dog domestication in Ancient Greece, the purposes of domesticating dogs in Ancient Greece, as well as taking a further look into aspects of dog violence such as dog fighting, a dog's loyalty and behavior, and finally modern day dog domestication techniques. I argue that dogs, especially pit bulls, are not violent creatures and that it is the humans that make dogs violent. Pit bulls should not be banned in certain areas or even countries when it is not the type of dog breed that is what makes a dog violent, it is the person who is domesticating the animal.

Pelushi, Rei | Training Hard (poster)

My poster is a creative project. It deals with the theme of training hard everywhere. It is a photo essay depicting the process of being great in something, in my case of being great in the sport that I play, tennis. It tells the story of my life pretty much. I play tennis now for more than 12 years. Years of dedication to reach the top. Working hard not just in the tennis court, but in the gym and other fields. This subject is significant to me because I am showing the most important thing in my life. That thing that is going to make me proud of myself after I reach my goal, one of the best in the world.

Peot, Tori | The Correlation Between the Pursuit of Happiness and the Insane (session 2d)

The relation between happiness and madness is closer than people think. Andre Breton makes a connection between these by people falling too deeply into their imaginations. The pursuit for complete happiness cannot be fully obtained by a person and that itself is what drives people to their madness. Yet, Freud and Rosseau make a statement that those who are more in touch with their imaginations are actually those who are more likely to be happy.

Poletto, Lisa | The Giants of India: Raising Awareness About Elephants' Situation in India (session 1c)

This project explores the elephants' conditions in India and increase awareness about the solutions to adopt in order to protect elephants and their environment. Asian elephants are respected by the Hindu people, but since the use of elephants during religious ceremonies has become one of the most popular attractions that represents the Indian cultural traditions, it has increased tourism, so elephants are tamed in order to be used during social events: as the article "Evidence of Means-End Behavior in Asian Elephants" informs "elephants have been trained and tamed for public show and labor" (Irie Sugimoto, 1); they are also deprived of their natural habitat because of the increasing population and killed for the increasing business for the ivory-selling: according to the article "Elephants-a Conservation Overview": "Asia remains the major market for legal and illegal ivory" (Riddle, 5); Indian government and the nonprofit organizations are trying to protect Asian elephants but it is not enough: they should increase the awareness about the importance of elephants

in the ecosystem and teach to Hindu people and people who live in villages that also elephants can feel emotions.

Pontes, Lucas | What Can Food Tell About Economy, Health, & Cultural Aspects of Medieval England (session 1b)

The paper talks about the typical foods of medieval England, for each class standard. Based on that information, I can state how the economy was at that time, the cultural aspects of people that lived there, and the health of that population.

Rodgers, Makayla | Fluctuating Fairy Tales: Keeping Up With Society's Standards (session 3a)

Fairy tales play a big role in our society and I want to make the effects of fairy tales and the roles they play in our society more well known. The tales we choose to tell are constantly being changed and rewritten. So why do fairy tales change and adapt over time? What causes us to feel the need to edit and adapt our tales so frequently? In my paper I will be exploring these questions in hopes to prove that if fairy tales are to remain relevant they must undergo changes to be kept up to date with society's standards.

Sabourdy, Lea | Portrait of Female Student Athlete (poster)

My poster is a creative project. It deals with the theme of female student athletes. It is a photo essay depicting my roommate in her everyday life by being a student and an athlete. It tells the story of my roommate that is involved in her studies and her sport (which is track and field and cross country) at the same time and how she deals with it in her everyday life. This subject is significant to me because my roommate is dealing between studies with about 4 hours of studies a day and her sport which is about 12 hours a week plus the workout involved, the injuries, and the free time that is not much.

Schoonover, Tyler | Generosity in Messy Places (poster)

This poster is a photo essay that depicts a living room being cleaned for a good cause. The living room changes from very messy to clean and usable. The theme of this photo essay is a room transformation. This is significant because this room was cleaned and transformed for a friend's grandmother. The grandmother had someone moving into an old house and needed the living room to be usable for something other than storage which is what it was currently being used for. I decided to get involved in this project because of the close friendship I have and because volunteering and helping is never a bad idea.

Statham, Sarah | Treatment of Bipolar I Disorder with Psychosocial Interventions (session 1a)

Bipolar I Disorder (BDI) is widely accepted as a chronic mental illness which impacts individual, social, and occupational functioning. Those living with BDI face many challenges throughout their lives and without the right supports may struggle to overcome these challenges. Without the right support those with BDI face some of the most severe mental health symptoms, and will struggle to develop the correct self-management techniques.

Genetic factors play a major role in the development of BDI however environmental influences may impact symptom severity and increase the risk of developing BDI. While BDI can impact overall functioning, there is a change for symptom management through therapy and medication management.

Taylor, Alexandria | The Emotional Acting Theory (session 3c)

The Emotional Acting Theory is a new acting theory developed by Ally Taylor that explores how to achieve emotional state by being present while acting that will lead to a memorable and authentic performance. The theory is influenced by famous theorists such as Patsy Rodenburg, Konstantin Stanislavsky, and Denis Diderot. The paper explains the steps an actor must take to achieve presence on stage and how this presence leads to an authentic and memorable performance. This theory helps an actor to discover themselves as a person as well as a character on stage. This theory uses methods such as observation, Stanislavsky's Super Objective and emotion journals to help an actor create a believable character on stage.

Tornero, Andrea Garcia | The Impact on Religion and Spirituality on Homonegative Attitudes in College Students (poster)

The acceptance of homosexuality in the twentieth century is still a surprisingly controversial topic influenced by many different factors. Religion and spiritualism are important factors to consider as they have been shown to influence homonegativity and other related attitudes. According to Wood & Conley (2014), the LGBT community can be rejected within religious and spiritual identities. The purpose of this study is to analyze homophobic behavior, spirituality, religiosity (measuring 3 dimensions: intrinsic, extrinsic, and religion as a quest), and the students' attitudes regarding homosexuality. Students will address questions to measure five categories: the demographic portion of the survey; questions from the Daily Spiritual Experience Scale (Underwood & Teresi, 2002); questions from the Homosexuality Attitude Scale (Kite & Deaux, 1986); items from the Homophobic Scale (Wright, Adams & Bernat, 1999) and to conclude questions from the Quest Scale (Batson & Schoenrade, 1991) was selected. Data collection is still in process and results will be obtained after analyses are complete.

Toro, Endurance | The Struggle for Survival (session 1b)

For a long time, some humans have dominated, while others submit to dominance. Why? Why can we not be at peace with one another? Why not share everything equally and be content with what we have? This essay argues that the answer to all these questions track down to the struggle for survival. Principles such as those that were used by Charles Darwin, John Locke, Karl Marx, as well as Jean-Jacques Rousseau are used in support of the argument over the struggle for survival being the driving force that leads to some people impulsing dominance while others submit to it.

Tshibanda, Monika | Heroism: A Personal Vendetta (session 1d)

Heroism is generally viewed in terms of distinguished bravery or courage. However, little has been done to investigate how people perceive heroic acts and the hero's reasons for them. There would appear to be a risky response prompted by a relatively sudden emotional trigger,

the individual also being likely to act without processing cognitive information about risk and without necessarily considering the costs and benefits associated with the behavior. heroism relates to intention and outcome rather than the risk involved. Yet, are the heroes we read about really heroes who put their lives, wants and needs after those of other people.

What about their dark side? Seeing as they each had their own reasons for their actions (some personal and others not as much), what does it actually mean to be a hero in Gilgamesh and Beowulf?

Valentini, Jacopo | On the Crest of the Clouds (poster)

I am a introspective person, the classic guy who likes to sit outside on a beautiful day, enjoying the weather, fantasizing about some secret dream and thinking about how to organize the day.

All of this is most of the time accompanied by a cigarette. Being a smoker has always brought me to search places in which I could immerse myself in nature or in the quietest place possible in order to remain only with my thoughts.

Van Holland, Taylor | Public Perceptions of Mental Illness (poster)

Multiple studies have been conducted measuring how stigma from the public affects mentally ill individuals. The overall focus of the present study was to test whether or not education on mental illness decreased stigma associated with mental illness. Students that attend Missouri Valley College were chosen as participants and were given surveys about their education, experience and attitude towards and about mentally ill individuals. Since media had been a huge educator since the invention of the television in American culture, it was hypothesized that if participants were educated via a media outlet (specifically a video), their stigmatizing attitude would decrease.

Willison, Jacie- Chronic Stress and the Health Risks Americans are Facing (session 1c)

Stress is a natural phenomenon that, in small quantities, is not dangerous to a person's body. However, chronic stress can be deadly to a person if one experiences this over an extended period of time. Chronic stress affects every organ system and can be extremely detrimental to the heart. What is causing Americans to feel so stressed? There are four main reasons the APA has found which are a lack of willpower, self care isn't a priority, work/school, and money ("Stressed in America"). Americans are more stressed than other countries and this is affecting their health in harmful ways.

Wilson, Benjamin | Enron: The Cause and Effects on the Gas Giants Collapse (session 2c)

Enron: the natural gas giant that dominated its industry and the economy for years. How could it go from making millions of dollars to not existing in a matter of months? Was it because of the newly approved mark to market accounting system that the company was using? Could it have been the hundreds of false partnerships that Andy Fastow had created exclusively to do deals with Enron? Or could the auditing firm of Arthur Anderson

be to blame for not seeing the inevitable failure of Enron? No matter who is to blame, the collapse of Enron led to changes that would forever alter the way the economy and the law looked at accounting practices.

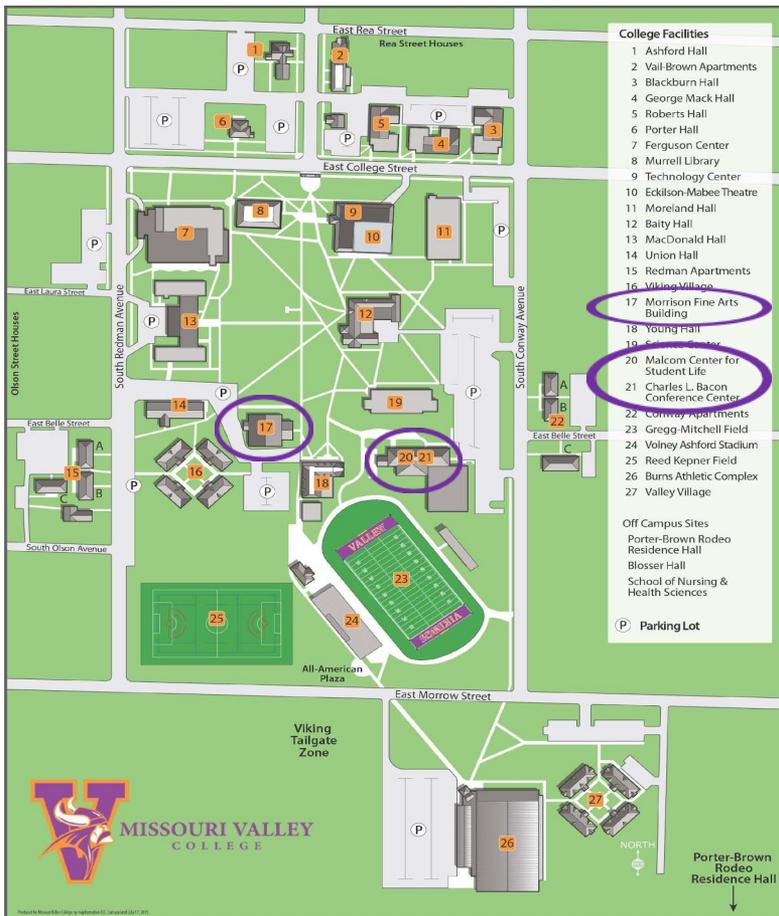
Yoder, Autumn | Exploring Rape Culture Throughout America (session 2c)

This project explores the role of ancient literature, specifically The Ramayana, influencing the way America's current generation views rape. I argue that the United State's current generation has normalized heterosexual rape which has lead to a substantial increase in female victims and this can be linked to the literature studied that shows the sexualization of women to benefit men. Understanding the role of women in relation to men in ancient literature can help illustrate why attitudes have changed so drastically towards rape.

Zuniga, Jazmin | Beauty and Decay (poster)

My poster is a creative project. It deals with the theme of beauty and decay. It is a photo essay depicting how decaying objects or things that are abandoned are still beautiful in their own way. It tells the story of how things that are old or rusty still have their beauty; you just have to look closer. It is significant to me because I would see so many beautiful things go to rust or fall apart but still have a beautiful aspect in a different perspective. I want to show that different perspective of how places or objects that were left to rot still can have that beauty even if it isn't as beautiful as before.

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