

STUDENT RESEARCH

Since 2000 Valpo Social Work Students have conducted their own original research and presented it in public forums. In Social Work 365, Introduction to Methods of Social Research, groups of two or three students will select a topic related to social work and conduct their own research projects including instrument development, methodological planning, data collection, data analysis, as well as presenting the findings in both oral and written form. These presentations are given at Valparaiso's Celebration of Scholarship and Butler's Undergraduate Research Conference.

Presentation topics in recent years included...

2009

- (Dean's Choice Presentation) Eating Disorders among College Students
Jeanette Gutierrez, Julie Milosevich, Susie Morales
- A Study of the Relationship between Nutritional Knowledge and Healthy Eating Habits. Claire Brackmann, Megan Hamilton
- Religious Involvement and College Students' Outlook on Life. Mele Cabral, Amy LaGrange, John Stern
- Exploring the Relationship between Alcohol Consumption and Happiness. Krissy Noren, Lisa Ellens
- The Impact of Valparaiso University's Study Abroad Program on Students' Worldviews. Whitney Pollatz, Jodi Naumann

2008

- A Study of Depression and Social Connectedness Rebecca Lohrmann, Kelly Erikson, Collette Doerschuk, Amanda Littell
- Investigation of Poverty Opinions on Valparaiso University's Campus Karen Meuzelaar, Shariliz Martinez, Shannon Speaker



2007

- Comparing Valparaiso University Students' Knowledge About STDs Based Upon High School Background Gayle Joll, Audrey Hall, Kristen Kardas
- Matriculation to Graduation: Student Attitudes toward Homosexuality and HIV/AIDS Erin McElwee, Pamela Saylor, Carolyn Stypka
- The Development of Students' Thoughts on Homosexuality on a Lutheran Campus (Valparaiso University Board of Directors Award) Judy Velasco, Amie Stefanich, Sean McGinnis



- Views of Interracial Relationships on a Primarily White Campus Sarah Wong, Steven Humphris
- What Deters Young People from Smoking Cigarettes? Rachel Kirkwood, Kendra Israel, Kendra Wicks

2006

- Drunk Driving: Behaviors and Attitudes of College Students (Valparaiso University Board of Directors Award) Rachel Christiansen, Kelly Halcarz, Carissa Redeker
- Knowledge and Attitudes Concerning Social Work at Valparaiso University Kimberly Sawusch, Gina Leon
- Beds and Britches Etc. (B.A.B.E.) Program Evaluation Erin Votava, Kelly Bell
- Rape and Sexual Assault: Beliefs and Behaviors Sarah Adam, Sarah Kramer

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