



Student Symposium
Department of Psychology
April 20, 2009

Student Poster Presentations
First Floor, Miller Hall
2:00-3:45 p.m.



Honors Thesis

Maria Gandolfo

“Fear of Rape: An Examination of College Students”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Arnold Kahn

Benjamin Infanti

“The Effect of Co-witness Discussion on Eyewitness Testimony”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kevin Apple

Allison Ives

“Preperformance Routines and Anxiety of College Athletes”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Harmison

Jason Kopp and Daniel Jurich

“Impulsivity and Work Ethic: Predictors of Course Performance”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zinn

Laura Ann MacNaughton

“Are the Entitlement and Unrealistic Optimism of Generation Me Related to Depression and Anxiety?”

Faculty Advisors: Drs. Natalie Lawrence & Bill Evans

Kimberly Rodgers

“The Sexual Refusal Efficacy of Acknowledged and Unacknowledged Rape Victims”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Arnold Kahn

Field Placement/Internship/Practicum

Kacey Bardwell and Scott Secamiglio

“Practicum: Organizational Psychology”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zinn

Kacey Sax

“Social Identity Perspective: Norms as Predictors of Binge Drinking on College Campuses”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Monica Reis-Bergan

Jocelyn Simon and Victoria Brown

“Maximizing, Social Comparison, and Choice: The Relations with Satisfaction and Regret When Deciding from a Take-Out Menu”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zinn

Matthew Slater and Kerri Easterbrook

“How Maximizers and Delay Discounters Decide: Choosing from Menus of Varying Sizes”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zinn

Amanda Sorg

“A Comparison of Behavioral and Clinical Measures of Impulsivity”

Faculty Advisors: Drs. Bryan Saville & Jessica Irons

Allyson Vasi, Donna Melchione, Melissa Dudkin, Amanda Sorg, and Stefanie Willstein

“Contingency Management and Exercise”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jessica Irons

Nishi Vijay

“Increasing Physical Activity Among College Students: Testing a Motivational Intervention”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Monica Reis-Bergan

Elizabeth Berke

“Dialectical Behavior Therapy in the Hospital Setting”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Tanya Brace and Ryan Wentz

“The Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Andrea Dillon

“Mentoring: Changing Lives, One Student at a Time”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Maria Gandolfo

“Psyc495: Field Placement at First Step, A Response to Domestic Violence”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Melanie Lause

“Field Placement at Thomas Harrison Middle School”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Marissa Mangual and Caitlin Vitale

“Western State Hospital: Stigma and Medication Adherence Group”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Michael Shutty

Becky Milloy

“Healthy Families Page County”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Vanessa Olson

“Positive Programs for Children of Military Families”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Amanda Panuline

“Psyc 290: Art for Memory Enhancement with Elderly Dementia Patients”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Christa Samaha

“Reading, Rhyming, and Readiness”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Rachel Taninecz

“Aside From the Food, I'm All for Partial: 225 hours in RMH's Partial Hospitalization Program”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Research

Abby Albright, Alynn Gordon, Jessica Huddleston, and Julie Niziurski

“Exploring the Characteristics of Blind-Walking”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jeff Andre

Brittany Atkins, Troy Cox, and Ariana Vanderveldt

“Does Reward Magnitude Affect Effort-Based Decision Making?”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Erin Beech, Whitney Eye, Andy Lardy, Jessica Reese, and Emily Jacobson

“Effects of Relative Deprivation on Interleukin-6 levels in Sprague Dawley rats: An animal model of dampened immune-function due to social stress”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Talley

Megan Black, Theresa Egan, and Leah Power

“Characterizing Drinking Habits of Students at James Madison University”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sherry Serdikoff

Delia Browne and Kayla Law

“Career Opportunities in Psychology”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joann Grayson

Thanks to all faculty, staff, and students for their contributions of time and energy to support the success of our department and this event.

Kelly Carr, Grace Jimenez, Shari Matray, and Alaina Vinacco

“Underlying Skin Damage Revealed: Ultraviolet Facial Photographs”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Monica Reis-Bergan

Jamie Fratkin, Nazli Haq, Daniel Jurich, Rachel Koller, Albert Mercurio, and Ryan Wentz

“Landmark Cues and Foraging in Deer Mice”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Baker

Christopher Gesualdi and Brittany Atkins

“Effort-Based Decision Making”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Jason Kopp

“Internet Addiction and Delay Discounting in College Students”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Brian Koziol and Amanda Peterson

“A Comparison of Online Student Collaboration Tools”

Faculty Advisors: Dr. Kevin Apple & Dr. Monica Reis-Bergan

Lauren Krakosky, Jacquelin Jackson, and Caroline Cleary

“Characterizing the smoking behavior of JMU students”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sherry Serdikoff

Christine Mason

“Use of the University Recreation Center by JMU”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zinn

Lindsey Mayberry

“Eating Disorders and Impulsivity in College Women”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Sean O'Brien and Jason Kopp

“Discounting of Money and Internet Time in Internet Addicts”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Erin Ovitt and Lauren Krakosky

“Evaluating The Premise of The IAT Reasoning Test”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. JoAnne Brewster

Chelsea Rainear

“The Relation Between Religiosity and Delay Discounting in College Students”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bryan Saville

Lisa Rosenbaum and Brantley Jarvis

“Caffeine and Learning”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jessica Irons

Whitney Smiley, Andrew Halsey, Christopher Frazier, Lisa Robertson, Maegan Pisman, and Yuri Coronato

"Using the Elevated Plus Maze (EPM) to Assess the Putative Anxiolytic Effects of Valerian."

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sherry Serdikoff

Brad Joachim, Yuri Coronado, Kate Docknevich, Christopher Frazier, Lisa Robertson, and Stephen Robertson

“Assessing the Putative Anxiolytic Affects of Kava Using the Elevated Plus Maze (EPM)”

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sherry Serdikoff

Eric Miner, Lindsey Mayberry, Stefanie Willstein, Stephen Robertson, Missy Dudkin, and C. Howard

“Caffeine and Friends: Examining the Effects of Caffeine on Impulsivity”

Faculty Advisors: Drs. Jessica Irons & Bryan Saville