

thesis review 2011

As a culminating experience for the master's degree program, the thesis attests to the highest level of the student's academic, scholarly, and creative abilities. Each student works under the guidance of a faculty thesis chair and committee. The resulting thesis is viewed with pride as a reflection of the scholarly promise of the student and a commitment to excellence for the university. This spring 2011 semester, 61 students completed theses in areas as varied and original as the students themselves. What follows is a complete list of spring 2011 publications by college/school and some research highlights.

JORDAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Animal Science

Brittany Whyler

Salivary Cortisol as an Indicator of Stress in Performance
Quarter Horses in a Home and Show Environment
(Chair: Anne Rodiek)



Food Science and Nutrition

Jennifer Pietz

Factors Influencing Student Selection of Dietetic Internship Programs
(Chair: Lisa Herzig)

Plant Science

Christine Rainbolt

Steam as a Methyl Bromide
Alternative in California
Cut Flower Production
(Chair: Anil Shrestha)



◀Christine Rainbolt evaluated two steam application methods as **Methyl Bromide alternatives** in cut flower nurseries.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Creative Writing—Master of Fine Arts

Michelle Brittan

The Numerology of Us
(Chair: Tim Skeen)

Marilyn Byrne

Cradled Between the Earthworm's Soil
and the Skybird's Flight
(Chair: Connie Hales)

Brian Fikes
Church of the One Streetlight
(Chair: John Hales)

Gabriel Ibarra
Garage Sale
(Chair: Tim Skeen)

Jane Jeffers
Mary the Elephant and Other Stories
(Chair: Alex Espinoza)

Miguel Jimenez
Goodbyes: Stories
(Chair: Alex Espinoza)

*"I grew up in a borderland between New York City country clubs and Pennsylvania Dutch farms, the great expanse between civilization and wilderness nearly swallowing me up at times."
--Georgia Williams, Raised for Chaos: A Memoir*



Mario Rosado
Earth at Great Heights
(Chair: Alex Espinoza)

Kristofer Whited
Elements of Home
(Chair: Alex Espinoza)

Georgia Williams
Raised for Chaos: A Memoir
(Chair: John Hales)

English

Kristen Akina
The Problem of Female Reserve: Jane Austen's Script of Sisterhood
(Chair: Ruth Jenkins)



Lorena Hayes
Rethinking Pedagogies, Reform, and Ideologies in Secondary Schooling
(Chair: Virginia Crisco)

Jenny Heaton
Subterranean Places: Finding Archetypal Meaning in Autobiographies Through the Deconstruction of Binary Language
(Chair: John Beynon)



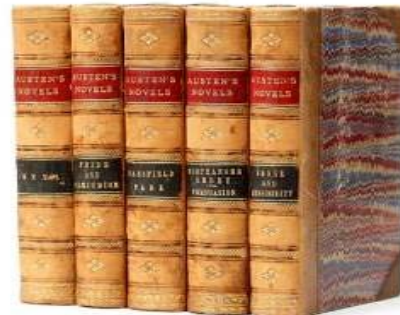
Megan McKnight
The Construction of Error in Teacher Commentary on Latino/a and White Students' Writing in a First Year Writing Program
(Chair: Asao Inoue)

Monica Medina
Ageism in the Novels of Jane Austen
(Chair: Ruth Jenkins)

◀ Monica Medina examined the practice of discrimination based upon age in the six core novels of
Jane Austen.

Linguistics

Viktoriia Teliga
Phonological Movement in Ukrainian
(Chair: Chris Golston)



Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

Yuleinys Castillo

Mujer y nación en tres novelas sudamericanas: *Iracema*, *Doña Bárbara* e *Ifigenia*
(Chair: Gloria Medina-Sancho)

Julio Puente García

Modernidad, consciencia y libertad del individuo en Rulfo, Quiroga y Cortázar
(Chair: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval)

Iván Sergio Garibay

Sex, Madness and the Subversion of Power Structures in the Works of **Leopoldo María Panero**
(Chair: Debbie Avila)



CRAIG SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Business Administration

Russel Statham

Leadership Development in Student Governing Board Members
(Chair: Lynnette Zelezny)

◀ Russel Statham evaluated the effectiveness of the various methods through which students serving on university governing boards undergo

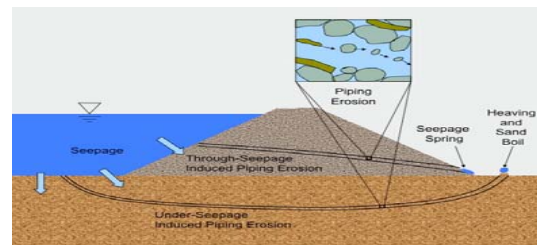
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Civil Engineering

Benjamin Adams

Piping Erosion Mechanisms of Organic Soils and Bioabatement of Piping Erosion of Sand
(Chair: Ming Xiao)



COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Kinesiology

Sean Chamberlain

Extreme Sport Athletes' Perceptions About Sport Psychology and Use of Mental Skills
(Chair: Jenelle Gilbert)



◀ Bryan Crutcher's research determined new implications for sport psychologists working with

injured athletes.

Bryan Crutcher

Perceived Wellness in Injured Collegiate Student-Athletes and Its Association with Mood State, Readiness, and Rehabilitation Adherence

(Chair: Dawn Lewis)



Oscar Rodriguez

The Effects of Multiple Cold-Water Immersions on Recovery from Exercise-Induced Muscle Damage Resulting from Multiple Sessions of Repeated Sprint Performances

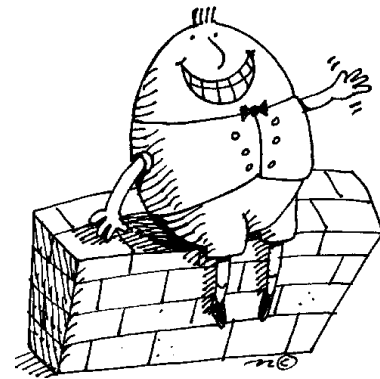
(Chair: Jacobo Morales)

Nursing

Carole Cooper

Evaluation of a Pediatric Fall Risk Assessment Tool

(Chair: Mary Barakzai)



Public Health

Whitney Blum

Ethnicity and Gender as Predictors of Physical Activity Levels of Adolescents

(Chair: Suzanne Kotkin-Jaszi)

Alicia Gonzalez

An Exploratory Analysis of Access to Care and Health Status Among Undocumented Latinos in Fresno County, California

(Chair: John Capitman)

◀ Inability to pay and fear of discovery by U.S. immigration were among the barriers to

health care access by the undocumented Latinos in Alicia Gonzalez's study.

Esther Rivera

A Comparison of White and Hispanic Body Perception

(Chair: Mohammad Rahman)

Social Work Education

Hiromi Bacon

Exploring California State University, Fresno Students' Resiliency and Childhood Trauma Experiences and Their Supportive Persons' Attributes

(Chair: Anne Petrovich)



Marsha Calhoun

Exploring Lesbian Survivors of Domestic Violence Access to Services

(Chair: Donna Hardina)

Caroline Dezan

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What Facilitates Timely Referral to Palliative Care for Children with Serious Illness in Fresno, California
(Chair: Debra Harris)

◀Caroline Dezan explored the problem of inadequate access to **end-of-life care services** for children diagnosed with a serious illness.

Monique Eastis

Understanding the THP+ Program Host Parent Model Through the Eyes of Former Participants in the Program
(Chair: Donna Hardina)

Tonya Franklin

The Perceptions of the Educational Achievement Outcomes of Five African American Former Fostered Young People
(Chair: Kris Clarke)



Elizabeth Graves

The War Continues: Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Returning Home
(Chair: Kris Clarke)

◀Elizabeth Graves seeks to explain how **Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans** narrate their experiences and the effects of social support systems once they have returned from such a distressing environment.

Rena Haggard

A Policy Analysis of California’s Mental Health Services Act Within Fresno County
(Chair: Donna Hardina)

Louis Jackson

Former Foster Care Youths’ Awareness of Stigmatized and Unstigmatized Social Support Systems
(Chair: Donna Hardina)

Ouraiphone Konethongkham

Understanding Services Provided to Foster Youth and the Impacts on Permanent Connection
(Chair: Kris Clarke)

Kathryn Mitchell

Experienced First Hand: A Look at the Relevance of Transitional Programs for Emancipating Youth
(Chair: Anne Petrovich)

Ksenija Norris

Shame, and the Way It Impacts the Relationship Between Mothers with Substance Abuse Disorder and Child Welfare Social Workers
(Chair: Kris Clarke)

Joanna Zamora

An Exploratory Study on Social Workers’ Attitudes and Practices with Gay and Lesbian Clients
(Chair: Salvador Montana)

“The social work practitioner is taught to help at-risk populations, which typically include the poor and homeless; abused and neglected children and adults; people of color, women, recent refugees, the chronically mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and the physically ill or disabled; substance abusers; criminal offenders; and the aged.”
—CSU, Fresno
Department of Social Work

KREMEN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Counseling, Special Education, and Rehabilitation

Eleazar Ortega

Academic Probation and Retention Rates: Strategies Academic Advisors Can Implement to Assist Undergraduate Hispanic Female College Students

(Chair: Juan Carlos González)

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Biology

Rain Healer

A Comparison of Dipteran Diversity on Native Plants Within and Outside the California Native Plant Nursery, Tranquillity, California

(Chair: Paul Crosbie)



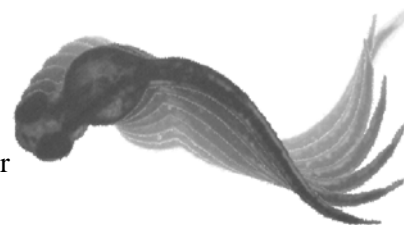
◀Rain Healer conducted an inventory of Diptera, commonly called flies, present on some of the California native plants that have been utilized in **habitat restoration** in the Westlands Water District region of southwest Fresno County.

Biotechnology

Christina Benjamin

Ontogenetic Changes in the Skeletal Muscle Function of Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) Larvae: Identification of Biochemical Markers for Slow and Fast Contractile Behavior

(Chair: Ulrike Müller)



Chemistry

Akihiro Ikeda

An Investigation of the Relationship Between Air Pollutants and Urinary Biomarkers

(Chair: Alam Hasson)

Forensic Science

Michael Gonzalez

Hairbase™: The Development of an Online Reference Atlas of Mammalian Hair

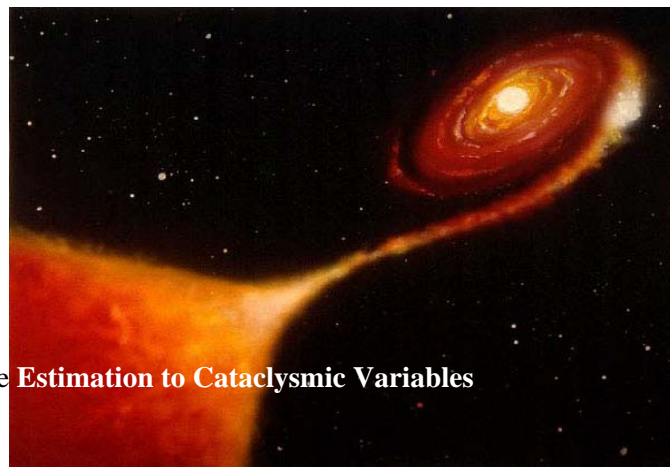
(Chair: Kevin Miller)

Physics

Michael Gariety

A Critical Analysis of Three Methods of Distance Estimation to Cataclysmic Variables

(Chair: Frederick Ringwald)



Psychology

Joy Ewart

Investigation of the Effects of the Lexical Category Model on Attention in English
(Chair: Lorin Lachs)



Karmjot Grewal

Self-Disclosure and Acculturation Within the United States East Indian Community
(Chair: Constance Jones)

◀Karmjot Grewal's goal was to further understand acculturation and self-disclosure in the young generation of **East Indians** living in the United States.

Mary Vongsackda

Working Memory Differences Between Monolinguals and Bilinguals
(Chair: Jennifer L. Ivie)

School Psychology (Ed.S.)

Angela Alcorn

Resiliency Factors of Foster Youth
(Chair: Marilyn Wilson)



Shauna Buchholz

The Effect of Mothers' ASL Skill Level on the English Literacy of Their Deaf Child
(Chair: Lorin Lachs)

◀Shauna Buchholz examined the connection between the **ASL SKILL LEVEL** of mothers its relationship to their deaf child's English literacy skills.

Malerie Goodman

The Role of Perspective-Taking in Reading and Its Relationship to Empathy in Children
(Chair: Robert Levine)

Barbara Greenberg

The Effect of Variable-Response Reinforcement of Novel Questions on Quantity of Conversational Interactions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
(Chair: Marianne Jackson)

Haley Jameson

Self-Concept as a Mediator of Academic Performance: The Influence of Ethnicity, Native Language, and English Proficiency
(Chair: Marilyn Wilson)

◀Haley Jameson investigated the relationship between self-concept and academic performance in an effort to contribute to the body of literature on **Hispanic Dropout Rates**.

Lauren Litel

The Better-Than-Average Effect in High School Students' Academic Self-Assessments and the Role of Academic Motivation
(Chair: Paul Price)



Holly Northcross

The Efficacy of Visual Phonics on First and Second Grade Students with Reading Deficits
(Chair: Lorin Lachs)

Kong Meng Vang

Living a Double Life: How Hmong Adolescents Adapt with Clashing Cultures
(Chair: Marilyn Wilson)

Miriam Walsh

Cultural Frame Switching and Cognitive Performance
(Chair: Lorin Lachs)



◀Kong Meng Vang explored the relationship between coping strategies and psychological well-being in Hmong adolescents.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

History

Luke Fleeman Martinez

“The Land Belongs to Neither One”:
Native Americans, Europeans, and the
Raid on Pickawillany
(Chair: Brad Jones)



◀“*Pickawillany* demonstrates how

Natives were not passive victims, but active, vital agents who acted in their own interest. The events of the raid feature a number of individuals who were cultural brokers, intermediaries between the groups who played a central, but tenuous, role in negotiations. It also exhibits the power of ritual violence, a discourse of torture and maiming that communicated meanings to friends and rivals alike, and whose implications shaped the history of the period and perceptions of Natives.”

--Luke Fleeman Martinez