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IU South Bend students, mentored by faculty members in **Psychology**, co-authored papers, presented papers at or took part in professional conferences during 2007. These included:

Spring 2007

Papers Presented

All-IU Women's Studies Undergraduate Research Conference, "Celebrating Our Students," at IPFW, April (Ft. Wayne, IN).

- **Jessica Urschel**. "Our Neurons: Ourselves." (mentor, **Catherine Borshuk**, Psychology)

American Association of Suicidology 40th annual conference, April (New Orleans, LA).

- **Erin Ward** was co-author of 2 presented papers: (1) **Erin Ward** and **John L. McIntosh** (Psychology, mentor). "Attitudes and Suicide: Therapists and Clients," and (2) **Erin Ward** and **John L. McIntosh** (Psychology, mentor). "Attitudes Toward Therapists With Patient Suicides." The papers were based on Erin's Honors Thesis research project.

Course-Based Student Research with Public Presentation

Public Poster Session for individual student research projects for P429 Advanced Laboratory in Developmental Psychology, April, IU South Bend, Wiekamp Hall (projects directed by **Carolyn Schult**, Psychology); pictures of the individual student projects may be found at the link:

<http://www.iusb.edu/~sbpsy/PostersSpr07.html>

- **Tim Bauer**, "Attitudes Towards Poverty"
- **Bonnie Benjamin**, "Effects of Father Figures"
- **Alphonso Braggs**, "Homosexuality Within the Church: A Christian Perspective of Gay and Lesbian Participation"
- **Alissa Brill**, "Birth Order and Its Effects on Personality"
- **Mandi Brouillette**, "Situational Kindness"
- **LaTasha Butcher**, "The Perception of At-Risk Youth"
- **Cynthia Casper**, "Adult Attitudes Regarding Vulgar Language Around Children"
- **Rachel Franks**, "Perceived Parenting Style"
- **Lisa Funkhauser**, "Stress and Coping Strategies: Traditional and Non-Traditional Students"
- **Karen Harness** "From Autism to Social Butterfly"
- **Sarah Heintzelman**, "The Effect of Knowledge on Attitudes Towards Alcohol"
- **Kathleen Herceg**, "What Do You Know About Autism?"
- **Sarah Elizabeth King**, "Choosing Childcare: What Is Most Important for Baby Boomer and Generation X Mothers?"

- **Jennifer Krewson**, "Attitudes Towards Bisexuality Versus Homosexuality"
- **Erin Lynch**, "Attitudes Towards Cohabitation"
- **Ashley McGinnis**, "Childhood Obesity"
- **Stephanie Myers**, "Attitudes Towards Gender"
- **Casey Pontius**, "The Effects of Afterschool Care"
- **Krishna Senetar**, "An Absence of Face-to-Face Communication"
- **Elizabeth Silveus**, "Stressors and Their Effects at Particular Times in Emerging Adulthood"
- **Leah Weaver**, "Generational Difference in Remembering"

Public Session at which individual students presented their honors thesis research projects, April, IU South Bend, (Honors Director and Psychology, **Frank Fujita**; projects directed by faculty across the campus).

- **Lance Morris**, "Building a Brighter Future Through the Web: Developing a Resource Website for Aspiring Entrepreneurs"
- **Jared Ewald**, "Fuzzy Logic for a Fuzzy World"
- **Michael Zeiger**, "The Hero and Morality: A Thematic Investigation with a Brief Study of George Lucas' Star Wars Saga"
- **Sara Galbreath**, "Attitude is Everything: How Sixth Grade Students Perceive Computers in the Classroom"
- **Angela Hedman**, "Predictive Genetic Testing: The Need for a Collaborative Effort"
- **Aliina Kuismi**, "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Cold War: Guatemala and Nicaragua"
- **Erin Ward**, "Attitudes Toward Therapists Who Lose Patients to Suicide" (presented 2 papers based on parts of the honors thesis at the professional meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, April – see listing above – mentored by **John McIntosh**, Psychology)
- **Maria Nakis**, "Cameras in the Courtroom": Real Cases, Real Judges, Real Justice?" (presented in August)

Publications

Publication Co-Author: **Kevin L. Ladd** (Psychology), M. L. Ladd, **Peter Ashbaugh**, **Danielle Trnka**, **Julie Harner**, **Kate St. Pierre**, & **Ted Swanson**. (2007). Inward, outward, upward prayer and personal character. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, special section on Positive Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality, Vol. 18, pp. 209-231.

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Fall 2007

Papers Presented

13th annual Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference, "Making Research Relevant," at IU Southeast, November (New Albany, IN)

- **Brice Petgen**, "The Pop Music Effect: Does Popular Music Increase Scores on Spatial Relations Tasks?" mentor **Dennis Rodriguez**, Psychology
- **Jeff Brooks**, "The Social Function of Disgust: A Correlational Study of Disgust Sensitivity, Social Desirability and Conformity," mentor **Dennis Rodriguez**, Psychology
- **Elizabeth Silveus**, "Stressors and Their Effects at Particular Times of Emerging Adulthood," mentor **Carolyn Schult**, Psychology

Course-Based Student Research with Public Presentation

Public Poster Session for individual student research projects for P435 Advanced Laboratory in Human Learning and Cognition and P421 Advanced Laboratory in Social Psychology, December, IU South Bend, Wiekamp Hall; pictures of the individual student projects may be found at the link: <http://www.iusb.edu/~sbpsy/PostersFall2007.html>

- P435 *Students* (projects directed by **Dennis Rodriguez**, Psychology):
 - **Jeff Brooks**, "The Social Function of Disgust: A Correlational Study of Disgust Sensitivity, Social Desirability And Conformity"
 - **Cassandra Davis**, "Recall of Negative and Positive Stories While Distracted by Sorting Cards"
 - **Rachel Kohler**, "Perceptions of the Interplay Between Gender and Management Leadership Styles"
 - **Flora Makene**, "Life Satisfaction and Attitude towards Aging in Older Adults"
 - **Brice Petgen**, "The Pop Music Effect: Does Popular Music Increase Scores on Spatial Relations Tasks?"
 - **Hanah Tepe**, "Attachment Styles and Gender Roles"
- P421 *Students* (projects directed by **Catherine Borshuk**, Psychology):
 - **Erin Bianchi**, "Gender, Personality, and Relationship Aggression"
 - **Abbey Freeman**, "Perceptions of Female Collegiate Athletes"
 - **Joyce Gathu**, "Difference in Social Networks between American-born and International Students in their Freshman Year"
 - **Sheila Miller**, "The Interaction Between Empathy and Causal Attribution"
 - **Mary Reynolds**, "The Relationship of Academic Procrastination to Stress and Health Outcomes Among College Students"
 - **Mikki Sanders**, "School Size and Its Influence on Girls' Friendships"
 - **Ashley Schrock**, "Community Perceptions of the Sex Offender Registry"
 - **Heather Vigil**, "Perceptions of College Students With ADHD"

SMART Awards

Spring 2007

SMART Awards (Student/Mentor Academic Research Teams) were received by:

- **Jeff Brooks** (mentor, **Michelle Verges**, Psychology)

Fall 2007

SMART Awards (Student/Mentor Academic Research Teams) were received by:

- **Elizabeth Silveus** (mentor, **Dennis Rodriguez**, Psychology)



Top left: **Erin Ward** (mentor: **John McIntosh**) presents a poster at the American Association of Suicidology conference in New Orleans in April 2007; Top right: **Brice Petgen** (mentor: **Dennis Rodriguez**) presents a paper at the annual IU Undergraduate Research Conference at IU Southeast in November 2007; Bottom left: **Jeff Brooks** (mentor: **Dennis Rodriguez**) presents at the 2007 IU Undergraduate Research Conference; Bottom right: **Lisa Silveus** (mentor: **Carolyn Schult**) presents a poster at the 2007 IU Undergrad Research Conference.