

SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATES INVOLVED IN RESEARCH

FUNDING AWARD WINNERS

➤ **Caitlin Booth (senior, SOC/IIPS)**

- A Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant enabled her to participate in a conference entitled “Cognitive Disabilities: The Challenges to Moral Philosophy,” which was a three-day academic conference.
- The Nanovic Institute for European Studies awarded her a Senior Travel & Research Grant to carry out her project titled “A Sociological Study of L’arche Communities: South Bend and Beyond.”

➤ **Rachel Brzezinski (senior, SOC/IIPS)**

- Her research project titled "Ethical Controversies and Motivated Reasoning: Biased Evaluations based on Prior Beliefs" was funded by a UROP grant.
- She conducted experiments on the Notre Dame campus on students' opinions on current ethical issues. Her research project was funded by a UROP grant.

➤ **Jane J. Lee (senior, SOC/ROSP)**

- Her research project titled “Women and Rural Social Movements in Costa Rica: Acknowledging Potential Arenas of Inclusion and Opportunities for Dialogue” was funded by a UROP Grant.
- She conducted preliminary ethnographic field work at a non-profit organization in Buenos Aires, Argentina through a Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant.
- A Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant allowed her to attend the “Point Seven Now” conference in San Francisco, California, which addressed the Millennium Development Goals.

STUDENTS WORKING ON GRADUATE STUDENTS’ RESEARCH PROJECTS

➤ **Anna Nanigian (sophomore, SOC/ALP2)**

On Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick’s “The Sustainable Emancipation Project”

- She is assisting in both the transcription of interviews and the formulation of overarching research questions. The fundamental assumption is that both the primary investigator *and* undergraduates work together on both the data and the ideas that come out of the data.

- **Josh Cook (junior, SOC)**
 - **Shelley Price (senior, PSY/SOC)**
On Heather Price's "Milwaukee Public Schools School Climate Survey" Project - Fall '08 only
 - They helped to code survey results from 2002-2006. Their assistance helped to make it possible to analyze the congruency between student, staff, and parent opinions about their school climate. This includes the analysis of alignment of student, staff, and parent ratings of the school rigor, safety, governance, and learning environment by grade level served. Their assistance was made possible through a grant from the Pi Lambda Theta Educational Endowment fund for the "School Climate Effects on School Success: Do Parents, Student, and Teachers Opinions Predict the NCLB ratings?"
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STUDENTS WORKING WITH FACULTY

On Prof. Christian Smith's "Northern Indiana Congregations Study"

AY 2008-2009

- **Andrew Jones (sophomore, BUS/SOC)**
- **Scott Mitchell (sophomore, PSY/SOC)**
- **Marie Sanchez (junior, SOC/AS-SC/LAST)**
- **Kevin Stein (junior, SOC/FTT/ESS)**
- **Robbee Wedow (sophomore, BCHEM/SOC)**

SUMMER 2009

- **Robbee Wedow (sophomore, BCHEM/SOC)**
- **Scott Mitchell (sophomore, PSY/SOC)**
- All are involved in a congregational ethnography project as participant observers.

On Prof. Christian Smith's "National Study of Youth & Religion Project"

SUMMER 2008

- **Nick Trapp (senior, SOC/ALPP)**
- **Sarah Walter (senior, PLS/SOC)**

On Prof. MaryEllen Konieczny's project involving the historical and contemporary practice of religion at the US Air Force Academy.

SPRING 2009

- **Allison Vander Broek (sophomore, SOC/HIST)**
 - She is working with the Congressional Record and other archival data sources to assemble and gather historical data regarding the design and building of the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel (1956-1963) and the practice of religion at the US Air Force Academy during its first decade of existence.
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STUDENTS CONDUCTING RESEARCH THROUGH SOC 48xxx COURSES (AY 08-09)

- **Kathryn Arnold (senior, SOC)**
- **Tess Bone (senior, SOC/ IIPS)**
- **David Bruton (senior, POLS/SOC)**
- **Rachel Brzezinski (senior, SOC/ IIPS)**
- **Christine Clark (senior, SOC)**
- **Joshua Cook (senior, SOC/ECON)**
- **Ashley Hardy (senior, HIST/SOC)**
- **Nicholas Herrera (junior, SOC/PSY)**
- **Meghan Johnson (senior, SOC)**
- **Jordan Kennelly (senior, SOC/ROSP)**
- **Annalise Loehr (senior, ENG/SOC)**
- **Lulu Meraz (senior, SOC)**
- **Erin Madison (junior, SOC)**
- **Jillian Pearson (senior, SOC/ENG)**
- **Warren Scott (senior, BIOS/SOC)**
- **Dana Sherry (senior, ECON/SOC)**
- **Julia Skalamera (senior, SOC/SCPP)**
- **Claire Sloss (senior, SOC)**
- **Christina Tufaro (senior, ECON/SOC)**
- **Sarah Walter (senior, PLS/SOC)**
- **Kevin Washington (senior, FTT/SOC)**