



California State University Chico
Political Science and
Criminal Justice Department

Welcome To The 7th Annual

Student Research
Symposium

Monday, December 4th, 2023

5:00pm - 7:00pm | BMU 100

7th Annual Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice Student Research Symposium

This event is a fall showcase of student research and academic work in our department. We are thrilled to return to a primarily in person, poster presentation format in the BMU Auditorium. We are excited to include a special section of civically engaged research, conducted by CLIC (Community Legal Information Clinic) Students. Presentations are organized by faculty member.

Thank you for attending and supporting the hard work of our students and faculty. Enjoy the evening!

Jennifer Wilking

Chair, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice



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Special Thanks to

Participating Professors

Sally Anderson

Maitreya Badami

Noelle Brimlow

Angela Gapa

Sherrow Pinder

Doris Schartmueller

Lori Weber

Front Office Team

Jennifer Wilking, Chair

Liz Wasinger

Michelle Wysocki

Jenelle Lara

Professor Sally Anderson

“The Long -Term Impacts of the First Step Act on Recidivism Rates and Rehabilitation Outcomes for Federal Prisoners”

Amaya Berkeley

“Lactation Accommodation: “Approximately close” by definition”

Kaitlyn Caras

“Is Possessing a Fake ID THAT Serious?”

Daniela Chavez-Valenzuela

“What Does the County Jail Law Project Do?”

Andrew Deborde

“Union Busting in America: American Workers and Their Collective Struggle Against the Bourgeoisie”

Ricardo Denova

“Common Offenses in County Jails”

Deborah Desiderio

Professor Sally Anderson

“ What Does the County Jail Law Project Do?”

Hans Emerson

“Comparison of the Efficacy of Jail Programs in Low-and High-Income California Counties”

Zoe Garvin

“How to Expunge Your Record”

Ashley Howard

“Union Benefits Beyond Wages: How CFA Empowers Professors at California State University”

Benny Locsin

“How to Apply for Section 8?”

Candace Lopez

“DUI’s in California”

Natalie Scott

Professor Sally Anderson

“Evaluating Student’s Access to Legal Services”

Rosemarie Rotundo

“Hazing: Policies, Protections, & Process”

Tyler State & Jacklyn Del Real

**“What Are The Existing Laws Regarding Security
Deposits?”**

Peyton Steurer

Professor Maitreya Badami

“The Differences Between Copyright & Trademark”

Alfonso Alfaro

“Reproductive Justice & Access for Incarcerated Women”

Alisa M. Cruz

“The Relationship Between Homelessness and Incarceration”

Ava Loren Fuentes

“Butte Defense Equity Project”

Hannah Hope Jennings

“The Small Claims Process”

Harpreet Kaur

“Survived and Punished: Conviction of Domestic Violence Victims”

Jessica Vanelle Miller

Professor Maitreya Badami

“California’s Legislative Efforts to Address Mass Incarceration”

Anamarie Ramirez

“California Car Buyers’ Bill of Rights and Lemon Law”

Dustin Cole Redfern

“Factors Influencing Incarceration and How They Vary Based on Different Demographics”

Clara Margarita Rivera

“Sentence Enhancements and Their Effects on Incarceration Terms”

Erik Servin

“Double Jeopardy: What Test Does a Court Apply to Decide Whether Double Jeopardy Applies?”

Gwendolyn Shirden

Professor Maitreya Badami

“Hypothetical Administrative Case Scenario”

Leticia Socorro Ventura

Professor Noelle Brimlow

“The Legal Differences Regarding Benefits Between Married Couples and Domestic Partnership in California”

Catherine Beck

“How Does the “Best Interest of the Child” Standard Influence Those Involved in a Family Case?”

Nathend Olivares

“What are the Impacts and Consequences on Incarcerated Fathers When Falling Behind on Child Support?”

Cesar Magana

“What Laws Regarding Child Custody in the Military are Different Than Those in California?”

Chloe Lawson

“What Are the Impacts of Parentage on Married Same-Sex Parents and Opposite Sex Parents?”

Jocelyn Estrada

Professor Noelle Brimlow

**“An Analysis on Sites Reservoir’s Impact on Fish in
the Sacramento River”**

Brandon Ligeti

**“What if Fault is Widely Adopted? Effect on Families
That Are Separating”**

Maddie Gieger

**“How has the Implementation of Rape Shield
Statutes Affected the Number of Rapes Reported”**

Tess Shelton

**“What can California Learn from Massachusetts Elder
Abuse Laws”**

Amanda Eckes

**“How do Federal Firearm Laws Impact DV Victims in
the U.S.”**

Jessica Henkin

Professor Noelle Brimlow

“What are the Key Differences in Domestic Violence Restraining Order Laws Between California and Illinois and How Might they Impact a Victim’s Protection?”

AJ Howard

“Marriage Rates and Process in and out of Incarceration Facilities”

Natalie McGee

Professor Angela Gapa

“Such a Parcel of Rogues in a Nation: Scottish Independence”

Zion Fozo

“Stateless Nations: the Case of the Kurds”

Celine Franklin

“Basins at Risk: The Prospects of Conflict and Cooperation in the Aral Sea”

Felicity Mendoza

“Basins at Risk: The Prospects of Conflict and the Cooperation in the Helmand-Harirad River Basin”

Maya Minniti

“Clean Energy Projects in Developing Countries”

Aki Tanabe

“The Effects of Neocolonialism on Developing Countries”

Abbigail Kovae

Professor Angela Gapa

**“The Influence of “South” Factors on Iran’s
Development: Intrastate Violence and Gender
Inequality”**

Agathe Grinon

“A Reintroduction into the Working Class”

Katelyn Meeker

“Racial Stereotypes and Anti-Semitism”

Aaron Schwartz

Professor Sherrow Pinder

“Whiteness as Privilege”

Lexi Coffman

**“Kwame Ture’s (Stokely Carmichael) Ideological
Odyssey: From Civil Rights Activism to Marxism
and Pan-Africanism”**

Larkin P. Cruice

**“Can We? Visual Rhetoric and Political Reality in
American Presidential Campaigns”**

Bailey A. Ham

**“An Analysis of Robert Heinlein’s *Stranger In a
Strange Land*”**

Cooper W. Hopton

**“Multi Kontra Cult: The Gypsy Punk
Counterculture”**

Percy M. King

Professor Sherrow Pinder

“Blackness and a Black Identity”

Shawnea R. Maston

“A Genealogy of the Life of Michael Jackson”

Ethan X. Morell

“An Analysis of Frederick Douglass’s ‘What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?’”

Kennedy Maria Pechtl

Professor Doris Schartmueller

““These Walls Can Talk””: Understanding Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and its Implementation in Policy”

Justin Dalton

“Addressing the Human Trafficking Crisis: Policy Alternatives for the Victimized Population”

Christian Fernandez

“Marijuana Legalization: The Problem of Inconsistent Laws”

Lynette Garcia

“The Course of Action for Pedophilia in US Prisons: Why The US Corrections System has a Duty to Attempt to Treat Incarcerated Pedophiles with a Release Date”

Rilley Iverson

Professor Doris Schartmueller

**“The Caged Minds of the Incarcerated: The
Importance of Mental Health”**

Dannika Marcus

“Skeleton Crew: Understaffing in Law Enforcement”

Aiden Pelto

**“Hire Me: Establishing Policies to Increase
Employment Within Former Prisoners”**

Ariana Perez

**“Police Officer Body Worn Cameras and the
Discretion Behind Them”**

Andres Raddavero

**“Reducing Excessive Use of Force Incidents Among
Police Officers: A Policy Paper”**

Pamela Rodriguez-Hernandez

Professor Doris Schartmueller

“Unseen Struggles: Addressing the Inadequate Support for the Mental Health Crisis in Female Prisons”

Stella Rollo

“Empowering Victims and Finding Closure: Suggested Policies to Maximize Victim Satisfaction with the Criminal Justice System”

Peyton Streuer

Professor Lori Weber

“Exploring Human Trafficking : Gender, Age, and Exploitation Dynamics”

James Goff, Alyssa Harrison, Abraham Mercado, Angelica Santibanez

“Human Trafficking: Trends in Relationship to Gender”

Julisa Alvarado-Corona, Shane Aweeka, Samantha Cofini, Jennifer Cruz, Jacob Fumero

“More Than “Just a Number.” The Influence of Age on Human Trafficking”

Jennifer Becerra-Ramirez, Nicole Bresman, Ava Fuentes, Isabel Gonzalez

“Outside Factors of Voting: Education, Ideology, and Methods”

Kandolisa Mwesiga-Hoil, Chase Shears, Lauren Thorpe

“Police Stops: Effects of Age, Race, and Gender”

Reis Avila, Thomas Dunn, Max Scott



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