

Students win awards at Great Plains Student Psychology Conference

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TOPEKA – Twelve Washburn University students received awards for independent research presented recently at the Great Plains Student Psychology Conference at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph.

The conference is oriented to student research but is organized similar to regional and national psychology conventions. Students submit their research for review, in order to qualify to present their findings during the convention.

Students bringing home honors were:

Lora Biesenthal, Wheaton, “Influence of Parental Divorce on Adult Children’s Romantic Relationship” (empirical oral presentation).

Adrienne Cooper, Topeka, “Religiosity as a Factor in Overcoming the Negative Effects of Growing Up in a Low Socioeconomic Status” (empirical oral presentation).

Ivonne Cozad, Topeka, “Role of Anxiety on the Recognition of Fear on Male and Female Faces” (empirical oral presentation).

Kurt Einsel, Topeka, “Social Anxiety and Rumination: Effects on Anticipatory Anxiety, Memory Bias and Beliefs” (empirical oral presentation).

Claire Evans, Topeka, “The Sights and Sounds of Movies: Emotions Evoked by Film Through Music and Image” (empirical poster presentation).

Ashley Manis, Topeka, “A Comparative Review of Cognitive Ability in Animals and Humans” (non-empirical oral presentation).

Kevin Goetz, Topeka, “The Effect of 24 Hour Sleep Deprivation on Decision Making, Mood and Memory in College Students” (empirical oral presentation).

Alicia Moulden, Topeka, “The Effect of Parent Divorce and Pet Ownership During Childhood on Current Psychological Well-being and Family Harmony” (empirical oral presentation).

Noah Pierce, Topeka, “Effects of a Critical Thinking Intervention on College Students’ Misconceptions about Psychology” (empirical poster presentation).

Beth Ryszewski, Lawrence “‘But I Worked So Hard’: Perceptions of Effort on Reward in Academic Environment” (non-empirical oral presentation).

Sara Thielenhaus, Topeka, "The Effect of Progesterone Levels on Wisconsin Card Sorting Task Performance" (empirical oral presentation).

Megan Wells, Salina, "The Effect of Feedback about Texting While Driving on Attitudes Toward Texting" (empirical oral presentation).