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Valerie is a senior sociology and justices studies dual major aspiring to go to law school following her years at UNH. With interests lying in justice as well as human behavior, this is her second paper published in the Sociology Perspectives journal.

Madelyn Bouthot
Madelyn Bouthot is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. She is dual majoring in Sociology and Justice Studies. She hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement. Her essay on the perceptions of fat talk among college students was completed for Professor Moran's Sociological Research Methods course. She has always had an interest in the influences peers and media on body image of college students.

Kristina Brandt
Kristina Brandt is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. She is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Justice Studies and German. Her essay on the inequality between the rich and the poor in the United States was completed for Professor Derek Bowen’s Social Problems course. Her career plans involve working in the field of criminal justice as a homicide detective.

Emma Carroll and Stephanie Lanza
We are both graduating in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Emma has a minor in social work, and Stephanie has a minor in Justice Studies. We completed this research project in Professor Catherine Moran's Methods of Social Research course in the spring of 2010. We also presented this research at the Undergraduate Research Conference in April of 2010.

Shelby Chamberlin
Shelby Chamberlin is entering her junior year at the University of New Hampshire. She is currently pursuing a dual major in Sociology and Psychology. Her article in Perspectives was completed for Sociological Analysis with Professor Karen Van Gundy. She is hoping to pursue a career working with children in exceptional circumstances.

Ting Chin
Ting Chin is a graduating senior, majoring in Sociology and minoring in Women's Studies. Her submission is an analysis of three women's health experiences based on their culture and socio-economic status. This essay was completed for Women Health and Illness with Professor Jean Elson. She is hoping to go to graduate school for Sociology after a few years of work experience in the research field.
Heather Dean
Heather Dean is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire and is majoring in Sociology, International Affairs and Justice Studies. Although her paper submission is written about students at the University of New Hampshire, she is very interested in cross-cultural Sociological comparisons. Heather is soon traveling to Beijing, China for a semester abroad and while overseas, Heather plans to do a comparative study between the United States and China. Upon returning to UNH, she intends to use her observations to write her theses for Sociology and International Affairs.

Rachel Durgin
Ciao! I am a senior Sociology major, Italian minor at UNH. I am from a small town in Southern Vermont but I love coastal New Hampshire. My interests lie in traveling, cooking, being with good company and sampling new cultures. I studied abroad in Ascoli Piceno, Italy in the fall of 2009 and it was an incredible experience. While there I traveled to Budapest, Dublin, Florence, and Venice and spent a great deal of time in Rome. I developed an interest in Urban Sociology while taking Race and Ethnic Relations and Juvenile Delinquency during my sophomore year. A mix of culture shock and a deeper yearning for understanding the relationship between music and identity lead me to choose the topic and research question of my paper I have submitted. Enjoy!

Adam Gaudreault
Adam is a senior at the University of New Hampshire who is majoring in Sociology and Justice Studies, with a minor in Political Science. He is the captain on UNH’s judo team as well as a competitive mixed martial artist. Adam has been interested in the field of Criminal Justice for some time and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. He currently lives in Salem, NH when not at school, and works as a maintenance worker at Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson, NH.

Ryan Johnson
Ryan Johnson, born on April 10th, 1987, is currently a super senior majoring in Sociology and plans to graduate in December 2010. The paper I submitted was for Professor Jennifer Esala’s Sociological Theory class for part of our Midterm exam, and is about the Positive effects of video gaming on our society, and how playing video games could change the world.

Kristin Kashgegian
Kristin Kashgegian will graduate from the University of New Hampshire in May 2010 with a Sociology and Justice Studies dual major. My Submission to the Perspectives Journal was completed as my Justice Studies Seminar research paper. My immediate plans after graduation will be interning at a law firm for the summer and I will be attending the University of New Hampshire in August for my Masters Degree in Justice Studies. I aspire to continue to working hard, studying, researching and attend law school in the future.
Katie-Ann Lawrence
Katie-Ann Lawrence is a junior Sociology and Women Studies dual major. Her primary interests in Sociology are female sexuality and gender inequality, focused research. She also enjoys conducting family relations research. Katie-Ann likes qualitative and quantitative, but more recently has been enjoying more and more qualitative research. After graduation she hopes to attend NYU’s doctoral sociology program.

Kathryn Miller
Kathryn Miller is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. Miller is a dual major in Sociology and Justice Studies and a member of the varsity Nordic ski team. Her essay is on juvenile delinquency and how family income, geography, and structure affect it and was written for Karen Van Gundy’s Sociological Analysis class. Miller is looking to pursue a career in the field of law.

Celie Morin and Jessica Maxfield
Celie Morin is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. She is majoring in Sociology with minors in Psychology and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Studies. Jessica Maxfield will be graduating UNH this spring (2010) with a major in Sociology. Their paper on the sitting positions of college men and women was a culmination of a semester-long research project for Professor Catherine Moran’s Methods of Social Research course

Kristina Moritz
Kristina became a University of New Hampshire student her sophomore year in 2007. She declared sociology as her major the beginning of her junior year right before studying abroad in Barcelona Spain. Her favorite sociology classes were poverty and social problems. She just recently graduated with a Bachelors degree in sociology with a business minor and plans on joining AmeriCorps NCCC for a year.

Kate E. Newman
Kate E. Newman will be a senior at the University of New Hampshire- Durham in the fall of 2010 majoring in sociology. Originally from South Florida, Kate is one of six children. She has a particular interest in the sociological aspects of conservation and the environment.

Leah B. O'Connor
Leah B. O'Connor, originally from upstate New York at has recently graduated with the Class of 2010. She finds that Sociology has helped her understand the unique predicaments of all individuals and believes that the impact social environment needs to be taken into greater consideration when battling poverty, crime or any other obstacle. Leah hopes to do some traveling post graduation and eventually return to school for a higher degree.
Ceylan Ozberak

Ceylan Ozberak is entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. She is Sociology major with dual minors in Spanish and Hospitality Management. Her essay on the social factors of the college lifestyle and undergraduate weight gain was written for Professor Catherine Moran’s course, Sociological Analysis.

Sarah Rogers

My name is Sarah Rogers and I am currently a senior at UNH; graduating in only a few short days. My major is sociology and I minored in business administration. I have enjoyed my experience in the sociology department throughout my four years of college and chose this piece from sociological theory. Following graduation I hope to find a career in journalism or magazine writing. If things do not work out I hope to go to graduate school to obtain a masters degree in social work.

Tanya Rouleau

Tanya Rouleau is pursuing a double major in Psychology and Sociology. She completed this project for Methods of Social Research. Her interests include developmental psychology, and sociology of the family.

Bethany Schmidt

Bethany Schmidt will be entering her senior year at the University of New Hampshire, majoring in sociology with a minor in psychology. Her literature review on community-based corrections and recidivism was completed for Professor Karen Van Gundy’s Sociological Analysis class last fall. She continues to pursue her interests in criminology, recidivism, penology, and correctional theory. After graduating from UNH she plans to attend graduate school to further her studies in these areas.

Victoria Vinciguerra

Victoria Vinciguerra is a junior Sociology major. She has a minor in both Justice Studies and Education. Her plan after finishing her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology, Victoria plans on going to graduate school for Education. Teaching Elementary school is her top priority. She is from Portsmouth New Hampshire and hopes to stay in New Hampshire to pursue her teaching career.

Zachary Field

Zachary Field is entering his junior year at UNH. He is a dual major in Sociology and International Affairs, with a minor in Italian. He plans to study abroad in Italy in the coming year, and perhaps conduct a sociological study after the semester ends. His paper on humor in the workplace was written for Professor Van Gundy’s Sociological Analysis class.