Seminar and Practicum in Engaged Research

Since 2009, seventy-six undergraduates have partnered with forty-three different non-profit organizations serving Houston-area and Texas communities. The students and agencies collaborated to design research projects that would benefit the agencies and the communities they serve. This research was presented at public receptions attended by the non-profit representatives, the general public, and Rice University students, staff, and faculty.

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1. Allyssa Abacan ’13 & Baylor Teen Clinic
   Sexual, Reproductive, and Urological Health Between Two Populations

2. Sayra Alanis ’15 & Baylor Teen Clinic
   The Effects of Social Media on Young Adults

3. Cecilia Alvarez ’14 & Fe y Justicia Worker Center
   A Life Writing Book: Narratives of Domestic Workers in the Houston Area

4. Daria Anichkova, ’10 & Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center
   Work-related Rights Violations and the Low-Wage Immigrant Worker Community

   Performance, Art, and Community Healing: Lessons from Six Months with the T.R.U.T.H. Project

6. Darren E. Arquero, ’10 & Equality Texas
   Safe Schools Initiative and LGBT Students in the Houston Independent School District

7. Alex Barksdale, ’11 & Texas Gay/Straight Alliance Network
   Safe Spaces: Staff and LGBTQ Youth Experiences

8. Julia Barrow ’13 & American Civil Liberties Union of Texas
   An Exploration of Sex Education Policies in Houston Public High Schools

9. Kori Bertun ’13 & League of Women Voters – Houston
   Volunteer Retention at the League of Women Voters - Houston

10. Theresa Boyer ’11 & Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
    Protesters at Planned Parenthood

11. Philomena Bradford ’13 & Voices Breaking Boundaries
    Cross, Sustain, and Incite: Bodies in Motion
12. Ana Builes ’14 & Tahirih Justice Center
Establishing a System of Referrals for the Houston Pro-Bono Legal Group

13. Leah Cabrera-Marquez ’15 & HATCH
Examining How Community Organizations Affect Student Achievement

14. Micaela Elizabeth Canales ’16 & Good Neighbor Healthcare Center
Prenatal Care Access at Good Neighbor Healthcare Center

15. Catherine Chantre ’15 & AIDS Foundation Houston
Do Housing-Assistance Programs Effectively Support PLWHA?

16. Quincy Christian ’14 & YMCA International
The Cultural and Institutional Barriers to the Refugee Women's Project Experienced by Iraqi and Bhutanese Refugee Women

17. David Cirillo ’18 & Tahirih Justice Center
Gender Identity & Detainment: Transgender-specific Issues in Texan Immigration Detention

18. Joshua Cory ’13 & Bering Omega Community Services
Housing Assistance Program Impact Assessment

Grassroots Organizing and Women's Leadership in the Community of Blanca Navidad, Nuevo Laredo

20. Tori Dominguez ’15 & Rice University Well Being; Houston Area Women’s Center
Alcohol and Consent

21. Jasmine Elliott ’12 & Tahirih Justice Center
287(g)’s Impact on the Relationships among Law Enforcement Officials, Service Providers, and Immigrant Women in Houston, TX

22. Brooke English ’19 & Texas Transgender Non-discrimination Summit
Determining Access to Anti-Discrimination Policies in Community Colleges for Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Populations

23. Khadijah Erskine ’16 & Hatch Youth
Retention of Minority Youth in the Hatch Youth Program

24. Erin B. Felton, '09 & Daya
The Effect of Immigration Law on Domestic Violence in Houston's South Asian Community

25. Colleen Fugate ’14 & Fe y Justicia Worker Center
Communication among Transnational Families

26. Taylor Gamez ’16 & Fe y Justicia Worker Center
For Domestic Workers, By Domestic Workers: A Graphic Novel Towards a Collective Understanding of Rights

27. Sarah Gao ’20 & University of Texas Medical Branch
The Pedagogy of Consent: An Analysis of The Fourth R Health Curriculum
28. Meredith Glaubach ’17 & 
*Last Organic Outpost*
Opportunities and Challenges 
Experienced by African Immigrant 
Women when Urban Farming in 
Houston

29. Raven Graves ’15 & 
*Baylor Teen Clinic*
Sexual-Schemata among African- 
American Women – A Focus Group 
Approach

30. Cristina Halliburton, ’11 & 
*YMCA International Services of Houston*
What Factors Determine, Influence, 
and Encourage Immigrants to Seek 
Out Legal Help: An Engaged 
Research Project at YMCA 
International Services of Houston

31. Sophie Haase ’13 & *Baylor Teen Clinic*
The Efficacy of HIV Risk 
Assessments for Minority Men Who 
Have Sex with Men

32. Alissa Hart ’13 & 
*The Bridge Over Troubled Waters*
Impact of Spanish Literature at The 
Bridge Over Troubled Waters

33. Monica He ’13 & *Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Inc.*
Social and Financial Barriers to 
Preventative Health Care for Lesbian 
Women in Houston

34. K. C. Kaching Ho ’15 & *Girls, Inc.*
Strong, Smart, and Bold: Optimizing 
Empowerment Programs for Girls

35. Caroline A. Holcombe, ’09 & 
*Children at Risk*
The Gender Gap in Dropout Rates in 
Greater Houston's High Schools

36. Matthew Holloway ’15 & 
*The Heritage Society*
Law, Community, and History: A 
Look at Houston's Queer History

37. Lyahn Hwang ’13 & 
*The Children’s Assessment Center*
Analysis of the Current Level of 
Cultural Competency at The 
Children’s Assessment Center

38. Gary W. Johnson II, '09 & *Texas Association Against Sexual Assault*
Sexual Assault Primary Prevention 
Programs

39. Lawrence Johnson ’12 & *Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center*
Conceptions of Compensation 
Entitlement Among HIWJC Clients

40. McKenzie Johnson ’16 & 
*Houston Fire Department*
Women in the Houston Fire 
Department

41. Leah Kanihan ’20 & *Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents*
Forming Families: LGBTQ 
Adoptions and Religious Right of 
Refusal

42. Vineeta Kapahi, '10 & *Mothers for Clean Air/Galveston Houston Association for Smog Prevention*
What Factors Impact Response to 
Health Hazards in Environmental 
Justice Communities?

43. Camila Kennedy ’17 & 
*Fe y Justicia Worker Center*
Understanding Information Barriers 
to Legal Resources Among 
Immigrant Women in Houston

44. Zara Khan ’17 & *Baylor Teen Health Clinic*
Young Women’s Perspectives on 
Sex and Social Media
45. **Anne Kim ’14 & Baylor Teen Clinic**  
Effects of Text Messaging on Sexual Health of Young Female Patients

46. **Rachel W. Kinney, ’09 & Houston Area Women’s Center**  
What Factors Encourage Sexual Assault Victims to Seek Help?: An Engaged Research Project at the Houston Area Women’s Center

47. **Emily Larimer ’11 & Healthy Family Initiatives**  
Following Healthy Family Initiatives’ Home Visitation Program

48. **Tori Laxalt ’14 & Texas Obituary Project**  
Contextualizing the Texas Obituary Project: An Intersection of Houston’s LGBT Community, the HIV/AIDS Crisis, and Digital Media

49. **Olivia Lee ’17 & Equality Texas**  
Barriers to Healthcare in the Transgender Community

50. **Xingyi Li ’20 & Tahirih Justice Center**  
Intersection of Barriers: Assessing the Needs of East Asian Immigrant Sexual Violence Survivors

51. **Katie Lobodzinski ’19 & UT Health McGovern Medical School**  
Imagining LGBTQ Cultural Competence In Psychiatry

52. **Elana Margosis ’19 & Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast**  
Evaluating Assessment Methods of a Middle School Health Curriculum used by Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in Houston, Texas

53. **Hazel Marshall ’20 & Texas Transgender Non-Discrimination Summit**  
Transgender Experiences in University Mental Health Systems

54. **Zoe Matranga ’16 & Montrose Center**  
"Got a pause button?": Oral Histories of LGBT Seniors at the Montrose Diner

55. **Sara Millimet ’11 & LIVE Consortium**  
LIVE Consortium’s Anti-Stigma Campaign: An Effective Instrument in Reducing HIV-Stigma?

56. **Amanda Mills ’13 & Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston, Inc.**  
LHI of Houston Oral History

57. **Claire J. Newman, ’10 & HATCH**  
Best Practices for LGBT Homeless Youth Shelters in the Houston Area

58. **Johannah Palomo ’20 & Clinic Access Support Network**  
“The Most Grassroots Thing You Can Do”: Exploring Barriers to Abortion Access in Texas

59. **Cristell Perez ’16 & Fe y Justicia Worker Center**  
Dying for Recognition: Workers’ Memorial Day Project

60. **Maria Pickett ’13 & Women’s Storybook Project**  
Developing a Center for the Women's Storybook Project

61. **Senyte Pierce ’19 & Bel Inizio**  
What Happens Beyond the Finish Line?: Assessing Social Support Needs for Bel Inizio (BAMBI) Graduates
62. Rachel Poppers ’14 &
   Houston Area Women’s Center
   Sexual Violence at Rice University:
   A Workshop and Research Response

63. Kendall Post ’15 &
   Rice University Well Being;
   Houston Area Women’s Center
   Sex, Relationships, and Consent at
   Rice University

64. Leeyah Rassu ’14 &
   Houston Area Women’s Center
   How Age, Occupation, and Weekly
   Engagement Influence The Retention
   Rate of Volunteers in The Houston
   Area Women’s Center Hotline

65. Joshua Redwine ’13 &
   Queer Voices on KPFT
   Community Funded Radio and the
   Houston LGBT Community

66. Anna E. Roberts, ’10 &
   Houston Area Women’s Center
   Examining State Legislation and its
   Influence on the Houston Area
   Women's Center

67. Jessica Shim, ’11 & Baylor Teen
   Clinic
   Can Family Influence Teens to
   Practice Safe Sex?: An Engaged
   Research Project with Baylor Teen
   Clinic

68. Lena Silva ’13 &
   Houston Area Women’s Center
   What Factors Encourage Spanish-
   Speaking Survivors of Domestic
   Violence To Seek Help?

69. Sabrina Toppa ’12 &
   Tahirih Justice Center
   Knowledge Barriers for Female
   Houston-Area U-Visa Holders

70. Saima Toppa ’12 &
    Tahirih Justice Center
    The Implications of the One-Year
    Asylum Filing Deadline on Gender-
    Based Violence Survivors

71. Katie Webber ’19 &
    Hillel Houston
    LGBT Inclusion and Identity in
    Jewish Community

72. Anne Wei ’14 &
    The Children’s Assessment Center
    Barriers to Care for Spanish-
    speaking Clients at the CAC

73. Jenny Wen ’13 & Baylor Teen
    Clinic
    Comparing Teen Health Clinic Staff
    and College Students’ Attitudes
    toward Sexual Assault

74. Casie Wilson ’13 & AssistHers
    AssistHers Volunteer Evaluation and
    Retention

75. Jocelyn Wright, ’11 & Houston
    Interfaith Worker Justice Center
    Domestic Workers in the Houston
    Area

76. Alexander Wyatt ’11 & HATCH
    Researching GLBT Bullying