The Center for the Study of Women, Gender, & Sexuality

Seminar and Practicum in Engaged Research

Since 2009, seventy undergraduates have partnered with forty 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
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   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

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6. Darren E. Arquero, ’10 & Equality Texas
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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
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9. Kori Bertun ’13 & League of Women Voters – Houston
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11. Philomena Bradford ’13 & Voices Breaking Boundaries
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