

Editorial Introduction

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Greetings Readers,

Welcome to the Summer 2020 Edition of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Journal! This issue showcases the arduous research of four UCCS undergraduate students straddling the realms of communication, psychology, ethics, and health sciences. Read on to browse quick previews of the papers found in this issue!

First up is “Sexual Double Standards in ‘Misery Business’: How Social Power Aids in Reproducing and Challenging Gender Inequality” which explores the interaction of the music industry and double standards between men and women. The author discusses how the lead singer of Paramore, Hayley Williams, once contributed to these double standards by writing and singing the song, but how she later recants the position of the song in an attempt to speak against the double standards that men and women are held to regarding their sexuality.

“The Mystery of the *Titanic*” examines one of the most famous maritime accidents in history, the sinking of the ship *Titanic*. The author discusses the various factors that could have led to the ship’s sinking, from the atmospheric conditions of the night to the flaws in the ship itself. With this analysis comes a discussion of how less lives could have been lost, and an overall understanding of the tragedy of the accident, and a nod to how ship construction improved since the sinking of the *Titanic*.

“Identities of Physician-Patient Interactions in the Medical Field of the Dying” questions how physicians can provide the best care possible to their patients, namely those who are dying. This paper compares various approaches to physician-patient interactions and argues that an “interpretive” approach provides the most ethical care for a dying patient while still maintaining patient autonomy to ensure the patient is best deciding how she wants to spend her final days.

Finally we have “MDMA-Assisted Psychotherapy for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: An Overview.” This paper dives into how MDMA psychedelic psychiatric treatment can both help and hinder those with PTSD by delving into the physiological effects of MDMA on the human body and comparing MDMA-assisted psychotherapy to other common PTSD treatments, like cognitive behavioral therapy/eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy.

After reading these previews we hope you realize just how cool the research our undergraduate students at UCCS are engaging in! So, we editors humbly invite you to grab a beverage, relax, and dig into these four fascinating articles that will surely leave you thinking about their implications in wake of reading them. Happy reading!

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