

Editorial Introduction

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Greetings Readers,

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Journal! First, the URJ would like to thank all of our reviewers—we could not do this without you! And to our authors—congratulations on your achievement! This issue truly represents the interdisciplinary spirit of the URJ and greatly exemplifies the high-quality research conducted here at UCCS. All five articles, which in various ways involve Colorado or Colorado Springs, show outstanding research and analysis that focus on a variety of topics, including Colorado economics and geography, Indigenous American history, cognitive psychology, sociological psychology, and immigration history and political science. Keep reading for synopses of these great works!

The first article of this issue, “Betting on Tourism? Limits of Tourism as a Rural Economic Development,” by Ryan Paul Armstrong, evaluates the impact of tourism on the rural community of Cripple Creek, Colorado. Armstrong argues that the economic boom since the 1960s and the development of tourism in the state have had negative impacts on the rural and local communities that house tourist attractions, leaving these communities vulnerable and degrading their quality of life.

Next is “The Death of Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture” by Ryan Gannaway. In his essay, Gannaway traces the decline of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and argues that this decline can be intrinsically linked to the Pikes Peak Gold Rush. Historical research of the Gold Rush and Indigenous cultural decline shows how the culture and lifestyle of Plains tribes were drastically and negatively altered due to the conquest of gold.

“The Effects of Negative Emotional Valence on Word Recall” by Joy Ful Woodward is a research study that investigates the effects of negative emotional valence on memory recall. A sample of 41 UCCS students were tested on their ability to recall negative words, taken from the Affective Norms for English Words word list. Woodward’s research is based on similar studies by Doerksen & Shimamura (2001), Hertel & Parks (2002), Kensinger & Corkin (2003), Madan et. al., (2012), and Talmi & Moscovitch (2004).

“Science, Conflict, and Migration: Public Perceptions About Immigration from Africa, 1920s to Present” by Abigail Senne examines the relationships between current African immigration trends, the history of sub-Saharan Africa, and economic and social factors in the United States as a primary country to which African migrants travel. Senne’s article not only analyzes secondary sources but also includes a short,

randomized survey conducted by the author in Colorado Springs of local opinions on African immigration.

The final article, “The Effects of Food Insecurity on College Students” by Maxfield Kelly, explores the importance of understanding the steps necessary to mitigate the effects of food insecurity through activism with local communities, thus effectively creating positive change in those communities. This article highlights the necessity for students and adults, in general, to understand how the varying severity of food insecurity affects their environment.

Again, the URJ would like to thank all those who made the publication of this issue possible. Despite continued hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic, our authors and reviewers committed to their work and went above and beyond. To our readers—enjoy!

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