

The Ludie and David C. Henley Social Sciences RESEARCH LAB

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2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Rios-Contreras directed a project on the Black Lives Matter movement and worked with Henley Lab Fellow Sarah Kashani ('22). Sarah reflected on the experience, "As I conclude my final year working at the Henley Social Science Research Lab, I am incredibly grateful for the immense opportunity to not only work on multiple projects for a variety of professors but also be able to pursue my own passions and research. This year I have split my time between helping students gain further knowledge on SPSS coding for final projects and working with Dr. Rios-Contreras in the sociology department on research done on the Black Lives Matter movement. I have been coding 2015 transcripts from the original Black Lives Matter Protests and comparing the modern-day rendition of the movement to these initial interviews. We are examining white allyship, organizational shifts, and the retention rate of BLM over the last 7 years. Dr. Rios-Contreras and I hope to publish our work together sometime in the new year and are excited to use our research to add more to the literature on the BLM movement."

Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research Presentations

Henley Undergraduate Research Fellows presented their own independent research projects at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research (SCCUR). Their topics ranged from Islamophobia and immigration to mass shootings and social media. All projects utilized the Chapman Survey of American Fears. This year, it was hosted by CSU San Bernardino and featured some 800 participants from 80 institutions. SCCUR's "...purpose is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of the best research, scholarship, and creative work of undergraduates in the region, and thus to encourage excellence in undergraduate achievement."

Team FEAR

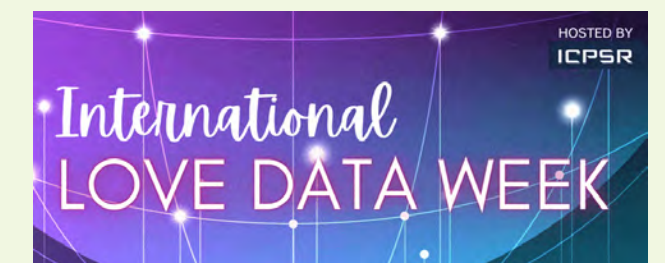
Each summer, a team of undergraduate researchers assembles to work on the Chapman Survey of American Fears (an in-depth examination into the fears of average Americans). The students work on group projects, such as researching new content areas for the FEAR survey, and they analyze the results of the survey. In the Henley lab, they receive advanced training in statistics, research methods, data analysis, and specialized software. All the data analysis for the FEAR survey is conducted in the Henley lab. Student researchers use FEAR data throughout the academic year in research projects and theses.



In the photo, from left to right, first row, Eva Jones ('24), Lexi Reekie ('23), Christian Grevin ('22), second row, Markos Buhler ('23), Nicole Drew ('23), Dani Espiritu, Sociology, third row, Dr. Ann Gordon and Talisa Flores, Political Science, fourth row, Dr. Chris Bader and Dr. Ed Day, Sociology, not pictured, Sarah Kashani ('22), Mateo Guerra ('24)

Henley Lab Loves Data

In addition to ongoing tutoring and workshops in quantitative methods and survey research, the Henley Lab serves as the gateway to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) with access to a data archive of more than 250,000 files of research in the social and behavioral sciences. This year, we participated in International Love Data Week, with a full week of webinars ranging from data visualization to COVID and even the Pandora Papers.



Disaster Preparedness Research

The Henley lab is partnering with the National Weather Service on a project to develop and test public warnings about wildfires. Working with talented students and faculty across Wilkinson, including the Babbie Center and Ideation Lab, the project aims to address the urgent need for effective public messaging and has developed concrete design solutions. Henley Lab students have been researching California wildfires, and analyzing data collected by the Babbie Center. The work has already been implemented by NWS offices across the Western Region.

It has been a busy year for the Henley Lab! Our work has been cited widely in the news media, most recently by outlets such as *the New York Times*, *the Orange County Register*, and *Psychology Today*. Our students have been accepted into prestigious law schools, and our research has assisted the National Weather Service, helping to make all of us safer from disasters. In addition, the lab provided support five

days a week to students who needed tutoring in SPSS and quantitative methods for courses that include this content. The Henley Lab provided resources to assist students and faculty in pivoting between an in-person and virtual environment, including videos and guides for remotely accessing and using SPSS.

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Student Achievement and Research

Over the years, Henley Lab fellows have become known for getting into prestigious graduate schools and law schools such as Columbia, USC, UCLA and the London School of Economics (to name a few). They have also gone on to careers at the State Department, local government, academia, non-profits, and the private sector. This year's graduates continued this fine tradition. Roxy Amirazizi ('22) who was in the Honors Program and majored Political Science and Philosophy was accepted to the USC Gould School of Law. Reflecting on her time in the lab, Roxy said, "The Henley Lab has been a highlight of my undergraduate experience. I remember my first day as a Chapman student, I went into Dr. Gordon's office and told her I wanted to get involved in undergraduate research. Since joining the lab, I have pursued so many projects that I am passionate about... I have had the opportunity to work closely with many professors and join many projects pertaining to subjects like human rights. The opportunities that the lab has given me are unheard of and unique for undergraduate students... I am confident that the skills I learned in the lab will guide me through the next three years in law school and through the rest of my life!" The lab also congratulates Sarah Kashani ('22) who was in the Honors Program and majored in Political Science and Business for her acceptance to the University of San Diego School of Law.

Research projects in the Henley Lab are interdisciplinary and have included such topics as human rights and the Black Lives Matter Movement this year. For example, students have been working with Dr. Minju Kwon on a project entitled *Naming, Shaming, and the Laws of War: When Does the ICRC Go Public?* This research, "... examines conditions under which the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) publicly criticizes violations of international humanitarian law in armed conflict. The ICRC has emphasized the principle of confidentiality to maintain access to communities as a neutral organization. However, the ICRC sometimes criticizes particular violators of international humanitarian law while going beyond its principle. When and why does the ICRC go public? We are conducting a content analysis of approximately 2230 news releases published by the ICRC between 1995 and 2020." The students have gained valuable research experience and played an integral part in the project. As Dr. Kwon observes, "Our undergraduate student researchers have actively participated in the project by providing creative ideas for coding rules, collecting news releases based on keywords, coding the texts, and increasing intercoder reliability. The student researchers can experience research design and data collection as well as content analysis methods."