Community forum on Family Wellbeing
Presentations of Original Research by Undergraduate Students
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Education Team

Cambrya Jones
(a) Is there an association between parents’ educational achievement and their children’s educational achievement?
(b) Is there an association between the children’s educational achievement and sense of family wellbeing?

Malika James
(a) Is there an association between level of parental involvement and educational achievement?
(b) Is there an association between educational achievement and sense of family wellbeing?

Junaid Adedolapo (Dolapo)
(a) Is structural background associated with academic achievement?
(b) Is academic achievement associated with sense of family wellbeing?

Erica Fernandez
(a) Is ethnic makeup associated with educational aspiration?
(b) Is educational aspiration associated with sense of family wellbeing?

Health Team

Tosha Johnson
(a) Is there an association between eating ‘soul food’ and exercising infrequently and perceived body image?
(b) Is there an association between perceived body image and sense of family wellbeing?

Fata Karva
(c) Is there an association between obesity and body self-esteem?
(d) Is there an association between body self-esteem and sense of family wellbeing?

Anthony Simpson
(a) Is there an association between parents’ lifestyle and one’s current lifestyle?
(b) Is one’s current lifestyle associated with sense of family wellbeing?

Economics Team

Michael Woodhull
(a) Is there an association between identification with culturally negative advertising and culturally negative views of self?
(b) Are culturally negative views of self negatively associated with sense of family wellbeing?

Greg Jones
(a) Is unemployment associated with feelings of social dislocation?
(b) Are feelings of social dislocation negatively associated with sense of family wellbeing?

Whitney White
(a) Is there an association between community characteristics and level of gentrification?
(b) Is there an association between level of gentrification and sense of family wellbeing?

Alyssa Lyon
(a) Is there an association between transportation access and medical health care access?
(b) Is there a positive association between medical care access and sense of family wellbeing?

Family Structure Team

John McKay
(a) Is there an association between family structure and young adult drug experimentation?
(b) Is there a negative association between drug experimentation and sense of family wellbeing?

Ross Morgan III
(a) Is there an association between the influence of the black church and the black community’s acceptance of black homosexual families?
(b) Is there an association between black homosexual families’ acceptance by the black community and their sense of family wellbeing?

Valerie Pierpoint
(a) Is there an association between adolescent drug use and grandparents being in the home?
(b) Is there an association between grandparents being in the home and sense of family wellbeing?

Rachael Nyanjom
(a) Is there a negative association between attitudes toward traditional family forms and interraciality?
(b) Is there a positive association between attitudes toward interraciality and family wellbeing?

Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Auditorium, Frick Fine Arts Building, University of Pittsburgh
Light dinner served from 5:30 to 6:00 pm; student presentations from 6:00 to 8:30 pm