Megan Goff

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EDUCATION

Indiana University - Bloomington August 2026-Present
Ph.D. Student in Sociology

Valparaiso University May 2025
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Minor in Applied Statistics
Christ College Honors Distinction
Summa Cum Laude
GPA: 3.990 of 4.000 | Deans List (6 of 6)

Thesis: Raising the Bar(bell): A Quantitative Approach to College Students' Views, Attitudes, and Behaviors Surrounding Gym Attendance by Gender

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Valparaiso University Department of Psychology April 2024-May 2025

- Assisted in data collection and created a presentation on in homelessness and competency to stand trial evaluations study
- Assisted in study design of judicial interpretations of Indiana's juvenile competency to stand trial provisions
- Presented research on homelessness and competency to stand trial evaluations to present at 4 local and national conferences

Independent Study January 2025-May 2025

- Designed independent study on race and perspectives on the Black Lives Matter Movement in the United States Senate as part of coursework
- Utilized, coded, cleaned, and analyzed external data from the American National Election Survey (ANES) for quantitative analysis
- Conducted content analysis of 61 instances of U.S. Senators referencing the Black Lives Matter Movement for favorability

Senior Thesis January 2024-December 2024

- Designed and conducted a quantitative study to assess college students' behaviors and perspectives on gym attendance
- Coded and analyzed quantitative data by utilizing spreadsheets and statistical software
- Wrote a research paper to describe the process and the study's implications

- Presented research at 2 local and state conferences

PRESENTATIONS

Megan Goff. 2025. “Raising the Bar(bell): A Gender Analysis of College Students’ Views, Attitudes, and Behaviors Surrounding Gym Participation.” Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Hanover, IN, October 2025.

Megan Goff, Kayla Smith, Kisie Temu, David Ankerberg, Madison Small, Kaori Hamatani Floyd, Lindsey Ortiz-Bautista, Abby Thompson, Skylar Easha. (2025). “Crisis at the Stand and on the Streets:
Understanding the Intersections Between Substance Abuse and Criminalization in Competency Outcomes Amongst People Experiencing Homelessness.” Psychfest, Valparaiso, IN, April 2025.

Megan Goff, Kayla Smith, Kisie Temu, David Ankerberg, Madison Small, Kaori Hamatani Floyd, Lindsey Ortiz-Bautista, Abby Thompson, Skylar Easha. (2025). “Crisis at the Stand and on the Streets:
Understanding the Intersections Between Substance Abuse and Criminalization in Competency Outcomes Amongst People Experiencing Homelessness.” Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, Valparaiso, IN, April 2025.

Megan Goff. 2025. “Raising the Bar(bell): A Gender Analysis of College Students’ Views, Attitudes, and Behaviors Surrounding Gym Participation.” Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, Valparaiso, IN, April 2025.

Lindsey Ortiz-Bautista, Abby Thompson, Bryanna Bass, Allie Kom, David Ankerber, Kaori Hamatani-Floyd, Kisie Temu, Madison Small, **Megan Goff**, Rylee Garza-Valtierra. (2025). “Juvenile Competency in Indiana: A Comparative Analysis of Legal Statutes and Forensic Psychological Studies.” Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, Valparaiso, IN, April 2025.

Megan Goff, Kayla Smith, Kisie Temu, David Ankerberg, Madison Small, Kaori Hamatani Floyd, Lindsey Ortiz-Bautista, Abby Thompson, Skylar Easha. (2025). “Crisis at the Stand and on the Streets:
Understanding the Intersections Between Substance Abuse and Criminalization in Competency Outcomes Amongst People Experiencing Homelessness.” The National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Pittsburg, PA, April 2025.

Jack E. Colwell, **Megan Goff**, Conner Daehler, Ellie McCauley, & Kyle Morrison. (2024). "Depletion of the Groundwater Commons in the Ogallala Aquifer: An Interdisciplinary Approach from Science, Technology, and Society." Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, Valparaiso, IN, April 2024.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Goff, Megan. 2025. "Raising the Bar(bell): A Quantitative Approach to College Students' Views, Attitudes, and Behaviors Surrounding Gym Attendance." *Manuscript in Progress*.

Goff, Megan. 2025. "Black Voices, Senate Choices: An Assessment of the Racial Threat Hypothesis and Contact Theory Through the Black Lives Matter Movement." *Manuscript in Progress.*

Smith, K., **Goff, M.**, Thompson, A., Kom, A., Easha, S., & Cross, H. 2025. "Crisis at the Stand and on the Streets." *Manuscript in Progress.*

Ortiz Bautista, L., Thompson, A., Bass, B., Kom, A., Ankerberg, D., Hamatani Floyd, K., Temu, K., Small, M., **Goff, M**., Garza-Valtierra, R., & Cross, H. 2025. "Juvenile Competency in Indiana: A Comparative Analysis of Legal Statutes and Forensic Psychological Guidelines." *Data Collection in Progress*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Valparaiso University Department of Sociology and Criminology, Valparaiso University Access College, Introduction to Sociology, August 2024-December 2024

- Aided in grading worksheets and tests
- Held office hours for students to ask questions about the course and of the sociology major generally
- Managed diverse workload

Teaching Assistant, Valparaiso University Access College, Finding Your Voice, January 2025-May 2025

- Worked with students on developing their own unique expression
- Interacted with people from diverse backgrounds
- Helped others complete their best work

Conference Coordinator, Valparaiso University Department of Sociology and Criminology, May 2024-August 2024

- Invited scholars to a conference on science and religion
- Planned and coordinated scheduling of the conference
- Collected information on suitable speakers and possible keynotes

OTHER

Alpha Kappa Delta Honors, Spring 2024-Present
Society Member

Microsoft Excel Certified Associate, April 2024