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I proudly present this journal full of wonderful research reports written by students in my PSY40400: Advanced Research Methods class in the Spring semester of 2016, as well as of those students who completed their independent thesis projects in the academic year of 2015-2016. If I were to characterize the students and their projects that are featured in this journal, I would say this is one of the most hard working and passionate group of students I have had. The diversity in the areas of research reveals that each student found a topic that mattered to them. A great proportion of students from the PSY40400 class of Spring 2016 also took the initiative to present their work at Lindenwood's in-house Student Research Symposium and Exhibition in April, and a good number of them decided to take further classes that involve conducting research: PSY32400: Psychological Testing, PSY48000: Psychology Research Lab, and PSY48300: Senior Thesis. The students in the PSY40400 class of Spring 2016 had one of the highest rate of participation in the Journal Cover Design competition in history. We ended up with more cover designs to choose from than there were students in the class! The winning design is featured as the journal cover and it was created by the very talented David De la Cruz. Lastly, I would like to thank Madison Vander Wielen, who helped to assemble this journal.

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