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About the Research Methods Class of Spring 2007

One of the highlights of this course in the spring of 2007 came at the very end of the semester when we held our semiannual journal cover competition. Each semester, students in the class submit journal cover designs in hopes that their work would be chosen by their peers to appear as the cover of the research methods journal. As an added incentive, students whose cover designs place in the top three spots earn last minute bonus points toward the course. Although we have always had a fair number of cover designs submitted, the students in the spring of 2007 proved to be far more creative and enthusiastic about this cover design competition than any before them. Although there were only 13 students who contributed their research papers to this journal, there were 19 cover designs submitted and the decision process involved three very competitive voting rounds.

Looking back, such enthusiasm had always been a part of this semester's PSY404 class. The students tackled some very ambitious projects in such a limited amount of time, and many of them, as I am sure you will agree, managed to produce a very solid paper in the end. I am very proud to present this year's PSY404 journal and would like to thank Steven Carter, who designed the winning cover as well as to all of the students who put forth that extra effort to contribute to the excitement of the journal cover design competition. I am indebted to the staff members of the HSP, supporters of the HSP as well as IRB members, and individual faculty members and students who have been graciously supportive of student research. Lastly, but most of all, I am very grateful to Brooke Smith for serving as volunteer course tutor for the spring 2007 semester and for volunteering to edit this semester's journal, well after her graduation in May of 2007.

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