

## **Milligan counseling program presents summer research conference**

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (July 26, 2016) — With research topics ranging from Facebook's impact on self-esteem to the effects of online gaming, graduate students in Milligan College's Master of Science in Counseling (M.S.C.) program will present their findings at the program's inaugural summer research conference on Thursday, July 28, in the college's Gregory Center from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

"This conference is a great chance for our graduate-level counseling students to showcase their evidence-based research to the community," said Dr. Joy Drinnon, professor of psychology and director of undergraduate research. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for area counselors to learn about new research in their field. In the future, we hope to provide professional development for them, as well."

Topics for the conference will examine brain chemistry changes with online gaming, the impact of prayer on clients with depression, societal effects on body dissatisfaction in females, as well as many other presentations.

Milligan's M.S.C. program offers concentrations in school counseling and clinical mental health counseling. In addition, through a cooperative agreement with Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Milligan offers a certificate of graduate study in counseling ministry which introduces students to basic knowledge about both secular and Christian perspectives on counseling and how these may be applied in a church-based setting.

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