

Exercise 1: RSCA week Poster Assignment

Purpose of this assignment: Research, creative, and scholarly activities are part of academic life our campus are proud to pursue. A visit and reflection of veteran professionals' works is a great opportunity to provide insights into your academic and career interests, to develop your critical thinking ability, and to practice accurate and objective communication of what you observe. CSU Stanislaus Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Week 2009 is scheduled between Oct 5 to 9. Various activities conducted by the faculty, staff, students, and members of the community at large will take place, through which you may engage your curiosity and practice your problem solving skills.

To complete this assignment:

1. Visit poster displays of RSCA week between Tuesday (Oct 6) morning and Friday (Oct 9) noon in the Event Center.
2. Be sure to visit all the displays. Even though the research topics or creative activities might not interest you at the first glance, you may find lots of inspirations after you give it an in-depth look.
3. Select one poster that particularly interests you.
4. Use the following template for your report.
 - a. Identifying information
 - i. Poster title
 - ii. Name(s), title(s), and department(s) of the author(s)
 - iii. Describe the structure of the poster. Your description should include, but not limited to the following information:
 - What is the purpose of this poster? What types of activities is conducted? Is there any data collected? What is the data collection method? How did the author(s) interpret the results? Does the study respond properly to its purpose?
 - b. Report
 - i. Reasons of choice: Why did you choose this particular poster? What components interest you? (Please elaborate and be specific)
 - ii. What did you learn from this poster display? (Please elaborate and be specific)
 - iii. What did you learn from this poster visit in general?
5. Writing requirement: Typewritten, 12 size font, double spaced, 1 inch margins, use standard capital and small letters, cite sources and quotations in APA format (if applicable), use paragraphs properly, demonstrate thoughtful consideration of your topic

and sources, and be free from spelling errors and grammatical errors. Pages are to be numbered, preferably in the bottom center or top right corner.

6. This is an optional assignment, which can be used to replace one of your test scores.
7. Due: 6:15pm on Oct 21 via blackboard submission.