

SWOSU Students Involved in Violent Video Game Research

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SWOSU students Georgia Miller and Kelly Groves (middle) recently received NASA research scholarships for work under the direction of Dr. Melinda Burgess (right) in the SWOSU Department of Psychology. Their research will focus on violent video game research. Also pictured is NASA grant investigator Madeline Baugher (left).

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Kelly Groves and Georgia Miller, both senior psychology majors from Weatherford, have been awarded NASA research scholarships.

They will be working under the tutelage of Dr. Melinda Burgess, associate professor in the SWOSU Department of Psychology. Their research will focus on the increased violent thoughts and desensitization to violence which has been shown to be experienced by those playing violent video games. Their research is attempting to answer the question, "Does playing violent video games change men's and women's views of violence toward women?"

SWOSU is a member of the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium that provides scholarship funds for students in science and technology areas at member institutions. SWOSU matches these funds with an equivalent amount of its own. All scholarship awardees are required to volunteer 10 hours of their time to either the Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford or another appropriate community service organization.

Grant principle investigator is Madeline Baugher, faculty member in the Department of Entrepreneurship and Computer Systems. More information about the program may be found at <http://www.swosu.edu/academics/ace/compsci/nasa/grant.asp>.