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Scherer Receives \$500 Undergraduate Research Grant

Marthamary Scherer was recently awarded a \$500 grant from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity for her proposal entitled "The Changing Nature of the Kentucky Sheriff's Association in Crime, Deviance and Society."

Scherer, a senior sociology major from Marion, Ky., is researching the history of the Kentucky Sheriff's Association (KSA). Her research will focus on changes in the organizational structure and purpose of the KSA, power struggles throughout its history, and whether there has been equal demographic representation in the organization. After finishing the research, Scherer plans to complete a book on the subject.

Dr. Lillian Daughaday, Associate Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Roger Weis, Director of American Humanics, will both assist Scherer with her project. "She is a serious student who works hard to achieve her goals. I have no doubt that she will complete this project," Daughaday said of Scherer.

Scherer plans to present her findings at Murray State's *Scholars Week* and to the Kentucky Sheriff's Association. Once completed, the book will be used as a fundraiser for the Kentucky Sheriff's Boy's and Girl's Ranch, a free summer camp for "at-risk" children that attempts to promote mutual respect between law enforcement and troubled youth.

More information about the URSA program can be found online at <http://campus.murraystate.edu/services/ursa/> or by calling (270) 809-3192.