

Subject: Re: Swimming Skills Research for MC498
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 at 1:56:43 PM Central Daylight Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: Ezzo, Julia
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Good Afternoon Julia,

These resources are excellent. Thank you for your assistance!

Best,

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From: Ezzo, Julia <julia@msu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 10:59 AM
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Swimming Skills Research for MC498

Hi [REDACTED]

Since your topic is so niche, I think dissertations and thesis would be your best bet for finding substantive information. I did some basic searching listed below and listed out some publications that might be useful. I didn't look in-depth at these, nor did I review all the results, but I wanted to show you what you might find if you follow the same path.

I did a search of the [MSU Digital Repository](#):
swim AND Detroit AND skill OR ability
swim AND Lansing AND skill OR ability

[A study of swimming ability and related factors](#)
1960 thesis

[The facilitation of fundamental motor skill learning in young children](#)

[The effect of a motor skill intervention on the fundamental motor skills and sustained activity of African-American preschoolers who are at-risk](#)

I don't think this thesis specifically mentioned which city was used (I just skimmed

so I could be wrong), it did say it was a city that recently had lots of unemployment from the auto industry. I think given that it's a MSU thesis, it is most likely Detroit, Lansing, or Flint.

[Water safety education in Michigan : teachers as navigators towards water safety for children and youth](#)

[Recreation behavioral patterns and characteristics of urban residents in relation to Belle Isle Park, Detroit, Michigan](#)

Searching across [global thesis and dissertations](#) may also discuss your topic to a degree.

I did the same search as mentioned above, but I filtered results by subject, for example by Recreation

[Measuring the equity of recreation opportunity: A spatial statistical approach](#)

[Urban Park Redevelopment: Neighborhood Benefits and Leisure-Time Physical Activity Engagement](#)

I also searched the [Library's catalog](#), because records from Special Collections and University Archives can be found here.

[Swimming records, 1932-1962.](#)

These records contain swimming championships programs for 1941, 1959, 1960, 1962, a handout of land exercises for competitive swimming from 1956, and a memo about judging by lanes from 1956. Also included are 22 volumes of scrapbooks which contain newspaper articles about the Michigan State University swim team, local high school and recreational teams, as well as some articles about swimming on the national level.

One approach to consider, while it doesn't speak to swimming skills, is to find the location of public swimming pools over time in these areas and look at the racial make up of the neighborhood surrounding these pools. You could also include lakes that have a swimming area in this analysis.

[This 1934 thesis talks about the location of various public pools in Lansing Trend of industrial and municipal recreation in the Lansing community](#)

[An analysis of the parks and recreation system of the City of East Lansing, Michigan](#)

1969 thesis that talks about pool availability for the public, including at certain schools

****Tip for searching these: use the magnifying glass icon to search for word like swim and pool to find where those terms appear in the text.**

[Local newspapers might also be helpful](#)

I hope this helps and let me know if I can assist you further.

Best,
Julia

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Good Morning Julia,
My name is [REDACTED], current senior in James Madison College. I am currently working on my research project for my MC498 Senior Seminar in Social Relations course with Professor Louise Jezierski. I am contacting you today regarding any historical qualitative information about swimming at MSU and in the greater Lansing and East Lansing areas. My research investigates the trends of swim skills amongst black communities in Lansing and Detroit, and historical data is important for my research. If you are able to find anything on this topic, whether it be pictures, books, newspaper articles, etc... It would be greatly appreciated if you could share them with me, or if we could even have a conversation about what I'm looking for. I look forward to hearing from you.

best,

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