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GENERAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

Syllabus for Semester and Extended Quarter Students

**ASAP**: fill out the questionnaire (emailed separately) and email response to AB.

**August 28** Introduction

How this class will work. Participation, READER, exemplary work, your research paper, literature review, research design, Research Conference (refer to fine print, below). Who got an A?

 Getting from “I am interested in” to a proposal.

***For the next class:***

 Read: “Green Manhattan” and “Urban Ecological Footprints”

Think about a research topic; send idea to AB by Thursday Sept 6, noon

 Study Grammar Advice

**September 7**

 David Owen, “Green Manhattan, Everywhere Should be More Like New

 York” The New Yorker Oct 18, 2004 and

 William Rees and Mathis Wackernagel,“Urban Ecological Footprints: Why Cities Cannot be Sustainable – and Why They are a Key to Sustainability” (excerpts), from Environmental Impact Assessment Review by the same authors. Elsevier Science Publishing 1996

***For the next class***:

 Move from topic to proposal; send to AB by noon Sept 13

 read Bridges and Kousser, “Where Politicians Gave Power to the People”

**September 14**

 Amy Bridges & Thad Kousser, “Where Politicians Gave Power to the People: Adoption of the Citizen Initiative in US States” State Politics and Policy Quarterly Vol. 11 #2

 Discussion of research proposals; assignment to groups

 How will you find sources?

 Reasons for a literature review, purpose of same

 ***Sign up for mandatory meeting with AB***

***For the next class:***

*R*eadings list for literature review, to AB by noon Wednesday, September 20.

**September 21** *class will begin at 10:30*

Discussion of research proposals, assignment to groups

 Writing the Literature review

 Rough draft by lit review to AB by noon Sept 28,

**September 28** *class will begin at 10:30*

The reason for research design, and its purpose

 Discussion in groups.

 What is the status of your case study?

 ***Sign up for meeting with AB for week of October 2***.

**For the next class, Oct 12**: list of books for literature review, and read Bruce

 Vladeck, “The Political Economy of Medicare”

**October 5** *no class, work on paper;*

**October 12**

 Discussion of Bruce Vladeck “The Political Economy of Medicare;

 Medicare Reform Requires Political Reform” Health Affairs

 Volume 18 #1 Jan/Feb 2011

What do you hope to argue in your research essay?

 Discussion of literature reviews, research design, progress and problems

 Discussion in groups

 **Sign up to meet with AB next week**

For the next class, October 26, Read “From Chimp to Human”

**October 21** *no class, meet with AB*

**October 28**

 Discussion of Donald G. McNeil Jr, “Chimp to Human to History Books: The Path of Aids” The New York Times October 18, 2011

Discussion of rough drafts

 Format and other requirements for final paper.

 Discussion in groups

 ***Sign up to meet with AB next week***

**November 2** *No class, work on paper.*

**November 9** **Research Conference**

Presentations of rough draft of papers. Rough Draft should be emailed to me by

 Noon 11/12. Class will probably last until 3:30. Attendance and

 presentation are absolutely mandatory. Breakfast (8:30) and lunch will be

 provided

**November 16** discussion of rough drafts; difference between rough draft and

 final paper.

**November 23** *Thanksgiving holiday, no class.*

**November 30**  LAST CLASS **DECEMBER 7** Final Paper due by NOON