

Sociology 99: Senior Thesis Seminar 2015-2016

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Course website: <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k61463>

Senior Thesis Information: <http://sociology.fas.harvard.edu/pages/writing-senior-thesis>

Note: Some dates and topics are tentative and will depend on the types of projects thesis writers are pursuing. Updated versions of the syllabus will be posted to the course website as they are available so always check the website for the current version.

Session 1: Introduction

Friday, September 11, 12pm – 1:30pm, WJH 601

Rachel Meyer will present the thesis process. Beth Truesdale, Departmental Writing Fellow, will introduce herself.

Guest speaker: Jocelyn Viterna, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Session 2: Research Question and Prospectus

Wednesday, September 16, 4pm – 6pm, WJH 401

- Examine introductions from published articles for different ways of setting up a research puzzle/question
- Look at sample prospectus and discuss what should be included in your prospectus

Session 3: Qualitative Methods

Wednesday, September 23, 4pm – 6pm, WJH 401

- Ryann Manning, Qualitative Advisor, introduces various qualitative research methods

Session 4: The Process of Writing and Time Management

Wednesday, September 30, 5:15pm – 6:15pm, WJH 401

Guest speaker: Sheila Reindl, Associate Director, Bureau of Study Counsel

Deadline: Thesis Prospectus and Prospectus Approval Form

- Form must be signed by advisor
- Due in Undergraduate Office by 1 pm October 2

Session 5: Writing I

Wednesday, October 7, 4pm – 6pm, WJH 401

Guest Speaker: Beth Truesdale, Departmental Writing Fellow, Sociology

Session 6: Qualitative Coding Workshop

Tuesday, October 13, 7pm – 9pm, Barker Center 114

- Asad Asad facilitates an evening coding workshop for Sociology and Social Studies thesis writers who collected interview data over the summer. Sign up by October 6.

Session 7: Quantitative Analysis Small Group Meeting (TBD)

Week of October 19

Week of October 26: No Group Meeting

- Kristin available for individual appointments.

Session 8: Writing II

Wednesday, November 4, 4pm – 6pm, WJH 401

Guest Speaker: Beth Truesdale, Departmental Writing Fellow, Sociology

Session 9: Qualitative Coding Workshop

Wednesday, November 11, 7pm – 9pm, Barker Center 114

- Asad Asad facilitates an evening coding workshop for Sociology and Social Studies thesis writers. Sign up by November 4.

Session 10: Group Study Session

Wednesday, November 18, 4pm – 6pm, WJH 401

- Group work session to enable discussion of projects, questions, concerns.

Week of November 23: No Meeting, Thanksgiving**Week of November 30: No Group Meeting**

- Kristin available for individual appointments.

Deadline: Chapter due to advisor

Thursday, December 3

Week of December 7: No Group Meeting

Deadline: Progress Report and signed recommendation due

- Progress report must be signed by advisor
- Due in Undergraduate Office by 1 pm December 11

Session 11: Check-in and Writing Support

Week of January 25

Session 12: Writing III

Week of February 1

Guest Speaker: Beth Truesdale, Departmental Writing Fellow, Sociology

Deadline: Completed thesis due Tuesday, March 8

Two bound copies of your completed thesis due in Undergraduate Office by 1 pm