

INLS 883-001: Research Colloquium

Fall 2013

Thursday, 2:00 – 3:15pm, Manning 214

Instructor:

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Course Description: Presentation and discussion of research issues, questions, methods, analytical approaches by students, faculty, or visitors.

Prerequisite(s): Doctoral student status

Textbook: None. The course will use papers published in the literature.

Grading Scheme:

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| 1. Class participation | 50% |
| 2. Journal | 50% |

Class Participation: In this class we will decide on subject material to discuss from a wide variety of topics. Students should participate actively in discussions. Visitors will also be invited to discuss various related topics.

Journal: Each student is expected to maintain a journal. This is something of a personal digital library where one will keep all materials related to this course, gathered in the course or elsewhere. I expect material beyond the reading list to be part of your journal. Current events and class discussion topics can also be part of your journal. I also expect tags, metadata and your own commentary added for each material as an outcome of your reading the material. I would strongly recommend the use of the SILS Lifetime Library (<http://lifetime-library.ils.unc.edu/>) for maintaining the journal as it allows controlled sharing. Please make the material readable by me so that I can evaluate the progress. This journal will be a persistent digital library that may help you later after the course and which you can grow as you gather more relevant material.

Statute of limitations: Any questions or complaints regarding the grading must be raised within one week after the score or graded assignment is made available (not when you pick it up).

Course Communication (Sakai): Sakai-based course website has been set up and it is the responsibility of every student to **check the Sakai website regularly** for announcements and materials. The Announcements section of the website will be the source for all **official announcements** related to the class. Your instructor may announce tests, assignments, or changes to assignments in class, but there is no guarantee or promise that such announcements will be made in class. The Announcements section of the website is the **only** official, reliable source for announcements, changes, etc. from the instructor. If something the instructor says in class conflicts with information posted by the instructor on the website, then the information posted on by the instructor **on the Sakai website takes precedence**. Verbal instructions are easily misinterpreted, and they do not leave a documentation trail. All students should be able to access the system.

Honor Code: The UNC Honor Code is in effect for all work in this course. When work or ideas are not your own, you must attribute them. Unless otherwise stated, all assignments in this class are individual assignments, meaning that the substance of the work you turn in must be your own. If you have any doubts or questions about a course of action or a specific situation, please ask for clarification. Students should NOT receive (or give) major creative assistance or ongoing minor support on individual assignments. If you have any questions about this, please ask me.

Special Accommodations:

If any student needs special accommodations, please contact the instructor during the first week of classes.