

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**SEMINAR IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 602/702
WINTER 2013**

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Class: Select Fridays from 1:00-3:50 in Social Sciences, Room 921

Course Requirements

Carried over from Fall 2012: This is a pass/fail class and you are expected to attend all classes. You need to attend classes to pass the course. You are also expected to participate in class as this class is set up to help you and without your active participation and questions it is difficult to know if it is meeting your needs. Please ask lots of questions! There are very few readings assigned for this class. The ones listed below are available online on Blackboard and please read before the class so that we may discuss them together.

For the Winter term, you have to do more than read, attend class and participate. Both MA and PhD students are required to submit an abstract to the Sociology Graduate Research Symposium and then make a presentation during the Symposium, March 7-8, 2013. Furthermore, MA and PhD students both have important tasks to complete by May 15: MA students will write thesis proposals and have them approved by their supervisors; PhD students will write and submit the manuscript of a journal article for peer review by Departmental faculty. You are expected to be working on these projects over the course of the semester. To get you off to a strong start, you will write and submit a two-page proposal for your thesis or article by February 8. (See the detailed schedule of requirements on pages 3 and 4 of this syllabus.)

Winter Topics and Readings

Week 1: Introduction to the Term (January 11)

Note: Class will start at 1:30 today.

Cornwall, M. (2010). From the Editor: Ten Most Likely Ways an Article Submission Fails to Live up to Publishing Standards. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 49, 4: i-v.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01531.x/pdf>

Monbiot, G. (2011). The Lairds of Learning.

<http://www.monbiot.com/2011/08/29/the-lairds-of-learning>

Please read the materials related to your assignments, in the Assignments section in Blackboard.

Week 2: Writing the Academic CV and Preparing/Giving Presentations (January 25)

Reading: “Categories of Publications for a CV or Scholarship Application”

Wallace, J.E. (2012). “The Curriculum Vitae”

Anonymous (2011). The Academic CV Template.

Mah, M. (2009-2011). *Less is More: Presentation Design*. Prepared for the Office of Faculty Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary.

Wallace, J.E. (2012). “Making Power Point Presentations: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Bad Slides.” (Documents in Blackboard.)

Week 3: Tales from the Field Part One (February 8)

Session with senior MA and PhD students

Week 4: Practice Session for Symposium (March 1)

Week 5: Tales from the Field Part Two (March 15)

Session with former MA and PhD students

Readings: Van Vooren, N., Spalter-Roth, R., & Scelza, J. (2009). *Continuing to Pay Attention to the Master’s Degree in Sociology*. Data brief prepared for the American Sociological Association.

Van Vooren, N., Spalter-Roth, R., & Scelza, J. (2011). *Sociology Master’s Graduate Join the Workforce*. Data brief prepared for the American Sociological Association.

Spalter-Roth, R., Thomas, J., & Levine, F.J. (2000). *New Doctorates in Sociology: Professions Inside and Outside the Academy*. Research brief prepared for the American Sociological Association. (Documents in Blackboard.)

Week 6: The Ethics Application (April 5)

Readings: What does the Ethics Approval Process Involve?; CFREB Ethics Information; CFREB Application Form; CFREB Consent Form; CFREB Confidentiality Form (in Blackboard)

Canadian Sociological Association. (2012). Statement of Professional Ethics.

<http://www.csa-scs.ca/files/www/csa/documents/codeofethics/2012Ethics.pdf>

**Winter Term Timetable
of 602 Course Requirements**

**Sociology 602
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When?	What?	Where?	Who?
<i>January 20</i>	Abstract Submission to GSRS	gsrs13@ucalgary.ca	MA and PhD
<i>February 8</i>	Two-Page Summary Proposal	602 – Liza McCoy and Student's Supervisor	MA
<i>March 1</i>	Practice Presentation for GSRS	602 in SS 921	MA and PhD
<i>March 7 and 8</i>	Actual Presentation for GSRS	MacEwan Student Centre	MA and PhD
<i>May 15</i>	Research Proposal	Department of Sociology Graduate Office (with supervisor's signature)	MA

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February 8	Two-Page Summary of Practice Manuscript Submission	702 – Liza McCoy	PhD
March 1	Practice Presentation for GSRS	702 in SS 921	MA and PhD
March 7 and 8	Actual Presentation for GSRS	MacEwan Student Centre	MA and PhD
May 15	Manuscript Submission	702 – Liza McCoy	PhD