

Sociology 995b – Professional Development and Career Seminar
Spring 2006
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11:30-12:20 Monday

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Goal:

This course compliments the professional development seminar in college teaching by covering other dimensions of a college faculty member's profession – research and service – and to consider career planning more broadly and early in your graduate student program. The additional hour allows us to develop and expand material on understanding the job market, planning a graduate student career, initiating a research record, developing collaborative research relationships with faculty members, writing a curriculum vitae, submitting articles for publication, balancing teaching, research, and service commitments, understanding an academic career, learning about non-academic careers, learning about funding opportunities, and maintaining a research record. In the course of addressing these broad goals, we also intend that new graduate students will become familiar with faculty member's research areas.

Grading:

This is a one (1) credit hour course offered as *Pass/No Pass*. A *Pass* depends upon faithful attendance, a constructive, engaged attitude, and conscientious and timely attention to the assignments. No tests or formal papers will be required. It is important that you do not miss class or come to class late as it may result in a *No Pass* for this course.

Tentative Schedule

| Date | Topic | Assignment Due |
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| Jan. 9 | Graduate Guide; Memorandum; POS; requirements for the degree; Grad studies bulletin. | #1 Become familiar with Grad Studies web site. Print out Memorandum or POS form & current time line for graduation. Report back to the class other items you found. |
| Jan. 16 | <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No Class</i> | None |
| Jan. 23 | Student Annual Evaluations; Awards/Fellowships to apply for | #2 Review the graduate bulletin and turn in summary of requirements for your degree. |
| Jan. 30 | academic jobs; letter of intent | #3 Turn in potential list of fellowships for both Sociology and UNL Grad Studies. |
| Feb. 6 | Non-academic jobs and letter of intent; designing a vitae; research directions. Social Science Index and journals | #4 Turn in <u>related</u> academic job announcement & your letter of application for this job. |
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| Feb. 13 | External Funding Program Announcements (PA's) (e.g., NIH, NSF) | #5 Turn in your vitae and 1 page on your research interests and thesis or dissertation topic. |
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| Feb. 20 | Graduate career: Professional memberships, conference presentations and abstracts (posters & papers). Giving presentations at Conferences | #6 Turn in PA and a paragraph explaining how the PA relates to your research interests. |
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| Feb. 27 | Open Topics Week | #7 Turn in conference name/call for papers and your abstract. |
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| Mar 6 | Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF); Dr. Helen Moore will present Search the web for Sociology faculty research. | #8 Turn in slides for your presentation. |
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| Mar 13 | Spring Break | None |
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| Mar 20 | Student Presentations - 4 Search the web for an <u>outside</u> faculty member at UNL. | #9 Turn in 2 page summary of research for two sociology faculty in your area. |
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| Mar 27 | Student Presentations - 5 Have you got your Award Applications Done? | #10 Turn in 1 page summary of research for one faculty in your area but outside of the Soc. Dept. |
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| Apr 3 | Research and the IRB Finding committees and mentors Balancing teaching, research, service | Bring completed Memorandum or POS to class. Classmates will review them. |
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| Apr 10 | Ethics, politics, pecking orders and culture in academe. Wrap Up and Future Planning | Turn in Memorandum or POS form. |
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| Apr 17 | Open Topics – Class if Needed. | None |
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| Apr 24 | No Class | None |