Course Syllabus

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POS 7930: Professional Development in Security Studies I

Department of Political Science

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COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Description

This class prepares Ph.D. students for teaching, submission of articles to peer-reviewed journals, grant writing, and other questions related to an academic career. Topics include professional and research ethics, preparation for applying for academic jobs, effective reviewing of article manuscripts, preparation for publication, and other issues that are relevant for pursuing a successful academic career in Political Science.

Attendance and Grading

The class will meet every two weeks for 2 hrs each. Students will be graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. In order to earn a Satisfactory grade, students are expected to:

- Attend all class meetings.
- Come to class prepared; that is, students are expected to have completed all the readings prior to the class meeting.
- Participate in class discussions.
- Complete all assignments by the deadlines. Assignments that are completed in a sloppy or unprofessional manner, or are incomplete, do not count towards the completion requirement. All assignments are detailed online on the course home page.

The usefulness of this course heavily depends on how well prepared you are for class. Class format will be discussion; as such, you are expected to participate in each class meeting.

Required Texts and Materials

All readings (listed below) are available electronically.

Additional Course Policies:

Disability Access:

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Ferrell Commons Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116.

Academic Conduct Policy:

Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. If you are uncertain as to what constitutes academic dishonesty, please consult The Golden Rule, the University of Central Florida's Student Handbook (http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/) for further details. As in all University courses, The Golden Rule Rules of Conduct will be applied. Violations of these rules will result in a record of the infraction being placed in your file and receiving a zero on the work in question AT A MINIMUM. At the instructor's discretion, you may also receive a failing grade for the course. Confirmation of such incidents can also result in expulsion from the

University

Meeting Dates and Topics

Jan 15

Class Contents and Expectations

Preparing for the Job Market:

- The research presentation – introductory discussion (see Assignment in Module "Research Presentation")
- From Resume to Curriculum Vitae – introductory discussion (see Assignment in Module "CV")

Jan 29

Diversity in the Political Science Academic Profession; The Role of Implicit Biases

Assignment: Implicit Biases (see Module "Diversity")

Read:

Lavariega Monforti, Jessica and Mellissa R. Michelson. 2008. "Diagnosing the Leaky Pipeline: Continuing Barriers to the Retention of Latinas and Latinos in the Discipline." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 41(1): 161-166.

Novkov, Julie and Scott Barclay. 2010. "Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered in Political Science: Report on a Discipline-Wide Survey." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 43(1): 95-719.

Monroe, Kristen Renwick et al. 2014. "Gender Equality in the Ivory Tower, and How Best to Achieve It." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47(2): 418-426.

Feb 12

Professional Ethics in the Discipline

Read:

APSA Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms. 2012. *A Guide to Professional Ethics in Political Science*, 2nd ed. Washington, D.C.: American Political Science Association. (APSA Ethics Guide (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1075409/files/42253733/download?verifier=WT3E9BZiSpv42z1IBGsfQLwbX6OqMvqhC4PRxIbM&wrap=1) (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1075409/files/42253733/download?verifier=WT3E9BZiSpv42z1IBGsfQLwbX6OqMvqhC4PRxIbM&wrap=1) (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1075409/files/42253733/download?verifier=WT3E9BZiSpv42z1IBGsfQLwbX6OqMvqhC4PRxIbM&wrap=1))

Feb 26

Academics as Scholars

How to Review for an Academic Article; Preparing an Academic Article for Publication; Trends in Publication

Niemi, Richard G. 2006. "Reducing the Burden of Manuscript Reviewing." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39(4): 887–89.

Miller, Beth, Jon Pevehouse, Ron Rogowski, Dustin Tingley, Rick Wilson. 2013. "How to Be a Peer Reviewer: A Guide for Recent and Soon-to-be PhDs." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46 (1): 12-123.

Stimson, James A. n.d. "Professional Writing in Political Science: A Highly Opinionated Essay." Retrieved at http://www.unc.edu/~jstimson/Working_Papers_files/Writing.pdf (http://www.unc.edu/~jstimson/Working_Papers_files/Writing.pdf) .

Weeks, Gregory. 2006. "Facing Failure: The Use (and Abuse) of Rejection in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39(4): 876-882.

AJPS blog http://ajps.org/2013/12/ (http://ajps.org/2013/12/) ; read postings on "Seven Deadly Sins of Publishing" (Dec. 6, 8, 9, 10, 2013)

Evans, Heather K. and A. Moulder. 2011. "Reflecting on a Decade of Women's Publications in Four Top Political Science Journals." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(4): 793-798.

Mar 19

Applying for Academic Jobs; Applying for Grants and Fellowships; How to Make the Most of Conferences

Assignment: see Module "Grants"

Read:

Mathews-Gardner, Lanethea; Michelle D Deardorff, Grant Reeher, William Hudson, MaryAnne Borrelli, Glen Halva-Neubauer. 2008. Getting a Job at a Teaching

Institution—and Then Succeeding: A Q&A with Experienced Teacher-Scholars. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 41(3): 575-578.

Miller, William J. 2011. "Navigating the Academic Job Market in Treacherous Times." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 578-582.

Saiya, Nilay. 2014. "Navigating the International Academic Job Market." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47(3): 845-848.

Ishiyama, John, Alexandra Cole, Angela Nichols, Kerstin Hamann and Kimberly Mealy. 2012. "Graduate Student Teacher Training Courses, Job Placement, and Teaching Awards in the United States." In Eszter Simon and Gabriela Pleschová (eds.), *Teacher Development in Higher Education: Existing Programs, Program Impact, and Future Trends.* London & New York: Routledge, pp. 34-52.

Smith, David T. and Rob Salmond. 2011. "Verbal Sticks and Rhetorical Stones: Improving Conference Presentations in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 583-588.

Salmond, Rob and David T. Smith. 2011. "Cheating Death-by-PowerPoint: Effective Use of Visual Aids at Professional Conferences." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 589-596.

Apr 2

Pursuing a Successful Academic Career

A Day in the Life of a Professor; Tenure & Promotion; The Importance of Mentoring; Work-Life Balance

Read:

Hesli, Vicki L; Jae Mook Lee, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. 2012. "Predicting Attainment in Political Science: What Else Besides Publications Affects Promotion?" *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45(3): 475-491.

Marshall, Bryan W. 2011. "So You Want Tenure? Factors Affecting Tenure Decisions in Political Science Departments." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 571-577.

McLaughlin Mitchell, Sara and Vicki I. Hesli. 2013. "Women Don't Ask? Women Don't Say No? Bargaining and Service in the Political Science Profession." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(2): 355-369.

Hesli, Vicki L and Jae Mook Lee. 2013. "Job Satisfaction in Academia: Why Are Some Faculty Members Happier Than Others?" *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(2): 339-354.

Apr 16

Teaching and the Role of Teaching

Assignment: "Teaching"

Read:

Butcher, Charity and Timothy Kersey. 2015. "When Winning Is Really Losing: Teaching Awards and Women Political Science Faculty." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(1): 138-141.

Hamann, Kerstin; Philip H. Pollock, and Bruce M. Wilson. 2009. "Who SoTLs Where? Publishing the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42(4): 729-735.

other: TBD

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