

## **FINAL RESEARCH ESSAY – SOC 783 TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES**

Thirty percent (35%) of your grade will be based on a research essay due on **June 18, 2017**. Please follow the guidelines below, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I answer most e-mails within 24 hours. You may come and see me for help during my office hours or e-mail me to make arrangements for another time that is convenient for you. In other words, there is no excuse for problems with this assignment! My schedule is very flexible and I enjoy meeting with students – please take advantage of this fact☺!

I have also posted some readings, under Week 7, which will help you to think about how to pick a topic (“Picking a Research Topic” Turabian 1-3), how to look for sources (Sociology Writing Group Chapter 4) how to plan an argument and write the paper (Turabian chapters 6-8 and 11-16) and how to finish up and edit your paper (“SWG – Part III”). There is also a citation guide from the American Sociological Association that you should follow for structuring your in-text citations and your reference list.

### **STRUCTURE:**

The purpose of this essay is to think sociologically about transnationalism. The assignment is very broad – you may choose any topic related to transnationalism, whether we have covered it in the class or not. I will approve the topic and make sure that your research question is narrow enough to answer successfully in an essay of this length.

The final essay should be approximately 3,500 words (10-12 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. Font). You should not exceed a maximum of 4,000 words.

### **TIMELINE:**

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| <b>April 13, 2017</b> | A few preliminary sentences in class about your potential topic (You can change it at any time with my approval)  |
| <b>April 14, 2017</b> | One-paragraph statement explaining your choice of topic is due via e-mail. I will approve your topic and you can begin work. You may send this at ANY time; you do not have to wait until the due date. |
| <b>May 18, 2017</b>   | A short (1-3 pp.) preliminary summary of your work is in the HOMEWORK VAULT by 8:00.  |
| <b>June 18, 2017</b>  | FINAL ESSAY IS DUE in the <b>HOMEWORK VAULT</b> by 23:59.   |

**LATE ESSAYS** will be marked down by 2 points per day (out of a maximum of 35 points).