

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Liberal Studies Program Thesis Proposal Workshop Spring 2010
E. M. James Duke and Richard Duke LSHV-497-06 Four Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 PM

Books required: Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers* (7th Edition)
Laurie Rozakis, *Schaum's Quick Guide to Writing Great Research
Papers*
(2nd Edition)

Session I January 28

Go over rules and roles
Narrow/Focus: Refine interest to question, problem, topic
Review Thesis Proposal Form, and discuss a completed thesis proposal
Discuss research methods
Liberal Studies goals and emphasis

Session II February 25 Session in Library Room 156 (Dubin AV Room)

Focus thesis topic proposal toward organizing research and writing
Designing effective research for individual topics
 Read Rozakis, Chs. 1, 2, 3, and 4
 Read Turabian, Chs. 1, 2, and 5
Focus on Sources: Read Turabian Ch. 3
Bring to Workshop draft of Title, Problem Statement, and Review of Related Literature

Session III March 25

Focus on probable content and schedule of thesis, and refining research methods
 Read Rozakis, Chs. 12 and 13
 Read Turabian, Chs. 6, 7, 9, and 10
 Read Rozakis, chs. 9, 10, and 11
Presentation of student proposals and schedules
Focus on Value premise of Liberal Studies
Bring to Workshop draft of entire thesis proposal.

Session IV April 15

Overview of final thesis requirements
Share mentor-approved method, outline, and beginning research
All students present progress to date
Read Turabian, Chs. 11, 15, and 16
Read Rozakis, Ch. 20
Review *Thesis Guidelines*
Bring to Workshop revised draft of entire thesis proposal

Deadline for submission of final thesis proposal and signed approval form is April 22.