**Sociology 315 Research Paper Feedback Sheet**

**Fall 2019**

**PAPER REQUIREMENTS:** The requirements for your sociology 315 paper are articulated in detail in a document on Canvas (Research Paper Guidelines). This rubric separates the required sections for review. Your Peer Review is also evaluated here.

1. **Submission of acceptable rough draft and participation in peer review.**

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1. **Title and Variable Summary.**
   1. Is there a paper title?
   2. Were the variables to be used in the analysis summarized under the title?

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1. **Introduction.**
   1. Does the paper start with a brief introduction, and (quickly) address the “who cares?” question? That is, does it tell the reader *why* we should be concerned about the topic that is being examined and provide references to support these statements?
   2. Is this section concluded by explaining what your study will examine/do/add to the literature?

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1. **Literature Review**
   1. Was the literature review material ordered in a way that was logical, clear, and easy to follow? Remember that we want the literature review to:
      1. Very quickly and briefly (as covered in the introduction) introduce the dependent variable and tell readers why it is important to study it.
      2. Link the dependent variable to the independent variable, discussing the appropriate theory and literature.
      3. Bring in the control variable and discuss the appropriate theory and literature.
   2. Were there enough appropriate references cited in the paper so that you were convinced the author had a good grasp on the relevant literature (minimum of 10 academic sources)?
   3. Does the literature review conclude with conceptual hypotheses?

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1. **Data and Methods Section**
   1. Did the methods section describe the dataset that is being used, including information on the nature of subject under study, where the sample was drawn from, the response rate of the survey, and the number of subjects?
   2. Did the section describe the specific measures that will be used in the study and where appropriate, provide a critique of the limitations of the measures?
   3. Does the section conclude with empirical hypotheses?

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1. **Overall Professionalism and Structure and Compliance with Formatting Criteria**
   1. Paper must comply with guidelines provided in Canvas.
   2. Typographical, grammatical and spelling errors should be eliminated.
   3. The paper should appear professional.
   4. Citations must follow ASA format.
   5. All works cited in the paper must appear in the references; all references must be cited in the paper.

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