

## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Liberal Studies Program

Thesis Proposal Workshop

Spring 2017

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Four Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM

Books required: Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers (Eighth Edition)*

Laurie Rozakis, *Schaum's Quick Guide to Writing Great Research Papers*  
(2nd Edition)

### **Session I January 26**

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 23 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 16**

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 20**

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*

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