The End . . . and The Future

Reflect . . . Review . . . Re-View

Course Evaluations

Final Exam Notes

The end is in sight. . . .

LAST CALL: If you have not yet submitted a Final Exam Question, please do that today . . .

SS Final Exam Submitted Question
This week in class we’ll re-view and wrap up the semester, talk about the Final Exam, and do end-of-the-term course evaluations, and moving on to the grand finale barbecue on Wednesday.

At this point it would also be a good idea to review your self-assessment skills, and, in addition, have a look at the self-assessment skills of the individuals in your Project Group. Talk about them, and about how you might improve the presentation of your skills to potential employers, graduate schools, law schools, veterinary schools, and the ilk, and even to your folks.

Summary / Review

Final Exam Notes

One future certainty, for next week: the Final Exam. And a live Final Exam chat Week 16 canvas—for last-minute questions about the exam. Pencil it in now.

Save-the-Date: Live Chat for the Final Exam, Sunday, 29 April 2018, from 7:00-8:00 CDT to Review for Final Exam

The Final Exam will be as described, and like the Midterm exam, it is “open book.” There should be no surprises. The cut-to-the-chase bottom line of the exam. . .
The Senior Seminar Final Exam is scheduled for Monday, 30 April 2018, 4:00-5:55 a.m. in Cina 214

However, you may take the exam earlier during Final Exam week. Details in class on Thursday.

Other details on the Final Exam are at <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth4653/ssexams_final.html#title>.

REM: Bring your Laptop to the Exam

On the Final Exam you must answer the **four (4) questions** on the final randomly generated by canvas from the pool of questions put together from the study questions on the annotated Week 14.

They may include . . .

- A **current affairs** question

- And questions made up from the **Study Questions** in the Final Exam Question Wiki, which you can find at Week 14 canvas:

  📚 **Final Exam Questions**
• Use the Annotated Contributed Question List from Week 14 as a Study Guide. Be sure to note my comments and other additions.

• Each question is worth up to 100 points.

Course Evaluations

This week we will do a brief in-class evaluation, which is a supplement to the one which our IT folks sent to you on-line (see below).

Please complete both of them carefully and thoughtfully as they are very important to this class, and to the Department and College.

This week we reflect, re-view, and review. We’ll step back and reflect on the semester, and make some suggestions for next time around. This week we ask you to reflect on the course itself, and tell us what you think by evaluating the course and its parts. Please take time to respond to those requests. Your responses are very useful and helpful to us, and to the operations of the Department and University. We look to you for suggestions for improvement in the future, and various administrators look to and at the results for program and performance
evaluations and for the future planning of course offerings. Course evaluations are one of the few places where you can have a real influence on how the University operates in the future.

The Information Technology Systems & Services (ITSS) sent you an 
**Invitation to Participate in an Online Course Evaluation.**

Evaluations are important to me, the Department Head, and the Dean, as well as everyone in our Department.

Please fill the online Course Evaluation out carefully.

Evaluations are anonymous, and will not be seen by the instructor until final grades for this course have been recorded.

**Project Term Papers**

If you haven’t received your Project Term Paper back with my comments, you should be receiving it shortly. It takes quite a while to read those and make careful and extensive comments on them, so please be just a little patient.

In the next two weeks I get to read and evaluate several hundred final exams, term papers, forum postings, and final projects. As you can imagine, that takes quite a bit of time—so have patience. I’ll be working at them pretty much continuously for the next two-and-a-half weeks. But, having said that, if you have any questions about any of those, please feel free to e-mail: mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu.

**On the Docket**

(cont.)
Cognition: Perception / Conception

- **REM Optical Illusions** . . .
  - Chabris, Christopher F., and Daniel J. Simons.

- **REM Roshomon Effect** . . .

- **Daniel Kahneman**
  - *Thinking, Fast and Slow* (2013)
    - Heuristics
    - Fallacies
    - Biases
• **Richard H. Thaler**

• **Nassim Nicholas Taleb**
  - Incerto -- an investigation of luck, uncertainty, probability, opacity, human error, risk, disorder, and decision-making in a world we don’t understand

• **Malcolm Gladwell**
  - *Outliers: The Story of Success* (2011)
• **Statistics**
  
  • Basics
    
    o Descriptive
    
    o Inferential
    
    o **Standard Deviation**
    
    o Rates
    
    o **Demography**
      
      • **Population Pyramids**
      
      • Italy slides: (.pptx)
    
    o Cf., Nassim Nicholas Taleb above

• **Ethics**

• **Skills Highlights**

• **Major Characteristics**
  
  slides: (.pptx)
    
    o Holism
      
      • Systems Analysis
    
    o Units of Analysis
      
      slides: (.pptx)
    
    o Comparative Analysis
- Quantitative-Qualitative Description and Analysis
  - “Bottom-up” Approach
- “People Skills”
  - Linguistic and Communication Skills
- Global Perspectives
  - Emic and Etic
- Long-range Perspectives
  - Diachronic Viewpoints
- Great Perennial Debates
  slides: (.pptx)
- History of Ethnological Theory
- Alternate Facts / Truth
  - Video (time permitting):
    - "Global Challenges and Anthropology"
      Part 16 of the series Cultural Anthropology: Our Diverse World
      (30 min., 2008, UM Duluth Library Multimedia GN357 .C8 2008 DVD, Pt. 16)
- Final Exam
- Evaluations / Feedback
- In the News, some examples . . .
  - tba
Assignments and Events

... this week are listed on your (1) ”Calendar”, and the (2) “Syllabus” sections of your canvas folder.

(1) This and Next Weeks’ ”Calendar”
(2) This and Next Weeks’ “Syllabus”

REM: **Class on the 25th of April** will be at 1006 Mississippi Ave, from 4:00-6:00. Food and beverages will be provided. It’s easy to get there, and from UMD it’s best to walk:

1006 Mississippi Ave.
55811-4918
N 046° 48.965
W 092° 05.550
Alt. 1,484 ft.

map from The University of Minnesota Duluth
If you have any **questions** right now, about *just about* anything—please do not hesitate to post them on the Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop in before or after class across the hall in Cina 215.

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~troufs/>