3/26 On what will you focus this quarter (here and in independent work)? What is a concept paper? Distinguishing project goals, objectives/specific aims or questions. Assignment for next week: draft project goal and objectives.

4/2 Moving from what is known to the next question as a basis for research. Be prepared to discuss for your project the significance of your area of work, what is known, and share your draft project goals, objectives/aims or questions of group editing.

4/9 Getting funding for your research now and in the future: the funding assignment. Points you need to think through before/as you write your concept paper: what will sell your project? The design, methods, sample size, budget? What questions do you have?

4/15 DUE DATE: turn in your next iteration of banner paragraph, goals and objectives
4/16 Peer editing of your submission, questions regarding your study design, etc.

4/22 DUE DATE: Send in funding search results
4/23 Funding assignment discussion

4/29 Send in draft concept paper for “peer editing”
4/30 Peer editing of your submission

5/7 Next steps: plans for the summer, forming a thesis advisory committee (TAC), planning for the fall, remaining questions for concept paper/presentations

5/14 10-minute Presentations, 5 minutes for questions

5/17 CONCEPT PAPER DUE

The goal of this seminar series is to provide you with a secondary structure for career development and proposal development – that is a set of activities to complement and enhance the work you do with your advisor. This course is Pass/Fail.

This term there are 3 products for this course: 1) a search and participation in a discussion regarding funding for your area of research; 2) a 10-minute power point presentation presenting your concept for your research project; 3) a 2-3 page concept paper on your proposed research project.