Course Syllabus

January 17  Introduction


January 24  The Research Process and Social Inquiry


- Chapter 2. The Context of Constructing and Formulating Research Questions
- Chapter 3. Gap Spotting
- Chapter 4. A Critical Evaluation of Gap-Spotting Research

January 31  Designing a Qualitative Study

Creswell, John. 2013. *Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design* (Links to an external site.)

- Chapter 3. Designing a Qualitative Study
- Chapter 4. Five Qualitative Approaches to Inquiry
- Chapter 5. Five Different Qualitative Studies
- Chapter 6. Introducing and Focusing the Study

National Science Foundation. 2004. *Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research* (Links to an external site.)
In-class exercise
I am studying___ to better understand what/why/how …
This study is important for planning scholarship because…
My role as a planning scholar is to…
I expect to use [type(s) of methods] because…

February 7    Designing with Validity and Reliability
Dion, Douglas. 1998. “Evidence and Inference in the Comparative Case Study (Links to an external site.)” Comparative Politics 30, 2 (January): 127-145.
National Science Foundation. 2004. Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research (Links to an external site.)

• James Mahoney, “The distinctive contributions of qualitative data analysis” p. 95-100
• David Collier, “Qualitative Versus Quantitative: What Might This Distinction Mean?” p. 71-76
• Susan S. Silbey, “Designing Qualitative Research Projects” p. 121-126
• Vilna Bashi, “Improving Qualitative Research Proposal Evaluation” p. 39-44

Creswell, John. 2013. Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design (Links to an external site.)

• Chapter 10. Standards of Validation and Reliability in Qualitative Research

February 14    Participatory Practice, Authority, and Action Research
(Assignment 1 due)


Sandiford, Peter. 2014. “Participant Observation as Ethnography or Ethnography as Participant Observation in Organizational Research (Links to an external site.).” in Kenneth Strang, ed. The Palgrave Handbook of Research Design in Business and Management, Palgrave Macmillan, p.411-446.

February 21  Focus Group and In-Depth Interviewing


February 28  Ethnography and “Ethnographic Approaches”

Creswell, John. 2013. Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design (Links to an external site.). Appendix E: An Ethnography


National Science Foundation (2004) *Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research* (Links to an external site.)

- Elijah Anderson, “Urban ethnography” p. 33-37

**March 7**

Case Study Research I

Yin, Robert. 2016. *Case Study Research: Design and Methods*

- Chapter 1. Getting Started
- Chapter 2. Designing Case Studies
- Chapter 3. Preparing to Collect Case Study Evidence

Flyvbjerg, Bent. 2006. "*Five Misunderstandings about Case Study.*" *Qualitative Inquiry* 12, 2 (April): 219-245.


**March 14**

Spring Break

**March 21**

Case Study Research II

*(Assignment 2 due)*

Yin, Robert. 2016. *Case Study Research: Design and Methods*

- Chapter 4. Collecting Case Study Evidence
- Chapter 5. Analyzing Case Study Evidence
- Chapter 6. Reporting Case Studies


**March 28**

Process Tracing


April 4  
Content Analysis and a Touch Mixing Methods

Smith, Charles. 2000. “Content Analysis and Narrative Analysis (Links to an external site.)”


National Science Foundation (2004) Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research (Links to an external site.)

• Victor Nee, “A Place for Hybrid Methodologies” p. 101-104
• Charles Ragin, “Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Research” p. 109-115
• Terre Satterfield, “A Few Thoughts on Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods” p. 117-119

April 11  
Review and Critique of Doctoral Research Proposals

(each student sign up for a pair of proposals stored in the Files section of Canvas)
April 18       Analyzing and Interpreting Qualitative Research


Creswell, John. 2013. Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design (Links to an external site.)

- Chapter 8. Data Analysis and Representation
- Chapter 9. Writing a Qualitative Study


- Chapter 4. Fundamentals of Qualitative Data Analysis, p. 69-104
- Chapter 5. Designing Matrix and Network Displays, p. 107-119


April 25       Research Ethics


U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "Subpart A - Basic HHS Policy for Protection of Human Research Subjects (Links to an external site.)


May 2         Presentation
(Assignment 4 due)