MALS 7000: Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies / Inventing the Self

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**Research Proposal Guidelines**

In two or three paragraphs, your proposal should introduce your topic, identify your genre, and articulate the intellectual or scholarly *motives* for the project. (See Gordon Harvey’s “Elements of the Academic Essay.”) Your proposal might include a hypothesis, but that’s not necessary. You may not be ready for one yet.

Be sure to include the following (in whatever order is logical within the framework of your proposal):

1. A brief description of your project and how it relates to theories or representations of the self.

2. A description of the methodology you plan to use–and why you plan to use it. You might want to name works whose methodologies will be models for you.

3. A practical research plan–how you will find the material you need: academic databases, bibliographies of works on your topic, course readings, readings for other courses, useful online materials, etc.

4. A list of texts you plan to discuss in the project.

**Dates**

April 14 Draft due in class / proposal workshop

April 18 Revised proposals due (to me, via email)