

## **Syllabus for CPSP118J Freshmen Colloquium for Media, Self and Society**

Spring, 2008

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This semester, the Media, Self, and Society Freshmen Colloquium: Exploring Television will focus on introducing students to the history and economics of television, analyzing television genres such as news and reality programming and exploring the relationship between television and society. In this context specifically, students will examine the changing ways in which the American family has been portrayed in sitcoms ranging from Leave it to Beaver and All in the Family, to the Cosby Show and Family Guy.

The colloquium will also include a focus on journalism-related issues such as the relationship between government and the press.

As always, students will be expected to participate in class room discussions as well as complete all assignments.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance at colloquium is mandatory (except for those who possess personal video conferencing facilities and can join us from the comfort of their dorm room).

However,

you are allowed two unexcused absences from class.

### **Assignments:**

To Be Announced in Class.

### **Grading:**

60% Written Assignments

40% Class Participation

### **Colloquium Schedule:**

January 29 News and Secrecy

February 5 Guest Speaker : The Relationship between Spies and Journalists

February 12 The History and Economics of Television

February 19 Trip to Library of American Broadcasting

February 26 Genres and Formats of Television

March 4 Dissecting Network News



# Syllabus

## CPSP 239J & CPSP 249J

### Media, Self & Society Practicum

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Over the past three semesters, we've talked a great deal about the importance of experiential, hands-on learning. We've encouraged you to get involved in different clubs, organizations, and activities in an effort to make sure that you took advantage of all that the University of Maryland and the surrounding area have to offer.

Now, as you embark upon your final term in College Park Scholars, we want you to continue your experiential education in a more formal fashion. We have several goals for CPSP 239J and CPSP 249J:

- We want you to gain professional awareness through your work in the “real-world” settings provided by internships and service-learning opportunities;
- We want you to make professional contacts for networking and recommendations;
- We want you to engage in an experience that you can put on a résumé and build upon as you continue your collegiate career.

## Requirements

1. The first day of the spring semester is January 28th, 2008. By **Wednesday, February 6th**, you should turn in a brief description (no more than a few paragraphs) of your intended practicum experience. This description should include the name, email address, and phone number of the person supervising your practicum. At this point, you should also begin to **keep a time sheet for the hours you work each week** (you will be required to submit this at the end of the semester).
2. **Keep a journal of your internship experience.** You should update this journal on a regular basis. This journal should include a discussion of what you are doing and how this compares to your expectations. Feel free to include anything you feel is relevant, peculiar, or interesting.
3. **May 1st, 2008** – Submit your timesheet, journal, and a summary of your overall practicum experience. This summary should be 3.5 to 4 pages in length and should respond to the following prompts:

Reflect upon your practicum experience and tell me what you've learned. Was it worth

it? Will this experience be beneficial to you in the future? If so, how? If not, why not? Why do you think we asked you to participate in this type of activity? Feel free to add anything you feel is relevant to the learning experience you've had this semester.

- 4. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** -- At the end of the spring semester, all Media sophomores will be required to complete a final evaluation assignment in order to earn a citation or completion certificate. I will provide you with the details about the evaluation in the spring semester.

## Grading

The practicum description (along with your supervisor's contact information), the journal (and time sheet), the practicum summary, and the final evaluation assignment will each count for 25% of your grade. It is essential that you turn in each assignment on time. Failure to do so will result in a lower grade.