

JRP 1000: Theory and Method of Qualitative Health Research
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

ESSENTIALS OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH (EQR) COURSE SERIES

This course is part of the Centre for Critical Qualitative Health Research (CQ) EQR curriculum (<https://ccqhr.utoronto.ca/education/about-course-series/>). CQ is an extra-departmental unit located in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, with an overarching aim of building capacity in the health sciences to advance critical and theoretically informed qualitative inquiry. The course is offered collaboratively by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute.

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PREREQUISITES

The course is an advanced introductory level course and has no specific course prerequisites; however, preference will be given to PhD learners. Some knowledge of social theory is beneficial toward success in the course. Permission of the instructor(s) is required for enrollment. Audits

are not generally accepted. Priority is given to PhD learners in departments/faculties that are “contributing members” in CQ with optimal backgrounds and current research situations for benefiting and contributing to the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced introductory graduate course designed to provide learners with a comprehensive understanding of the principles and practice of qualitative inquiry in health research. Learners will examine the philosophical assumptions and paradigms underpinning qualitative research, common methods of data generation, elements of study design, and reflexive data analysis. Attention will be paid throughout to the intersection between ontology, epistemology, methodology, and method. The course provides opportunities to attain practical, hands-on experience with critical evaluation, reflexivity, developing research questions, data generation, and data analysis. JRP 1000 was originally designed in 2009 by Dr. Pia Kontos (Dalla Lana School of Public Health) and Dr. Barbara Gibson (Rehabilitation Sciences Institute).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course aims to provide learners with an advanced introduction to qualitative health research, including the interplay between philosophical assumptions and methodological approaches. Learners will be expected to engage in critical reflection and debate of the ideas presented. At the completion of the course learners will:

- Appreciate the scope and complexity of qualitative inquiry
- Understand some key philosophical assumptions, paradigms and methodological approaches in qualitative research
- Be able to explain the relationship between the study purpose, research questions, and study design
- Understand how to choose different data generation techniques and acquire basic skills in their use
- Understand the notion and practice of reflexivity and its role in the research process
- Understand the various ways that rigour and quality are enhanced in qualitative research
- Be familiar with the basics of qualitative analysis
- Be able to deliberate on approaches that can ensure rigor and trustworthiness in qualitative research

COURSE SCHEDULE

SESSION AND DATE	TOPIC	DEADLINES
1. January 10	Overview of Qualitative Research	
2. January 17	Paradigms and Traditions of Inquiry I	
3. January 24	Paradigms and Traditions of Inquiry II	
4. January 31	Interviews and Focus Groups	
5. February 7	Participant Observation and Document Analysis	Assignment #1 (due before midnight)

6. February 14	Arts-Based Health Research	*Drop Date: February 20*
February 19 – 23	READING WEEK NO CLASS	
7. February 28	Research Design I	
8. March 6	Research Design II	
9. March 13	Analysis and Interpretation I	Assignment #2 (due before midnight)
10. March 20	Analysis and Interpretation II	
11. March 27	Evaluating Qualitative Research	
12. April 3	Open Class	Assignment #3 (due April 10 before midnight)

COURSE FORMAT

This course utilizes a variety of approaches to teaching and learning about qualitative research:

- Learner-led group discussion of readings/audio-visual material
- Engagement with guest lecturers
- In-class exercises
- Assignments

Weekly seminar discussions and presentations are best when they are dynamic, informed, creative, stimulating, and collective. This requires that learners read and think about the required material assigned for each week's class and attend seminars fully prepared to participate. **The success of this course relies on the active participation of learners. You will be expected to attend all classes, participate in group discussions, talk about your research, and critically engage in conversation about the reading/audio-visual material.** Required readings/audio-visual material are to be used as needed for assignments and will also be useful resources for learners who wish to follow up on ideas introduced in the course.

EVALUATION

Activity/Assignment	% Final Grade	Due Date
Class preparation, attendance, and participation (including leading one class discussion)	15%	(January 10 th – April 3 rd)
Theoretical Application Paper (three pages)	15%	February 7 th
Data Generation and Analysis Paper (five pages)	30%	March 13 th
Critical Annotated Bibliography (eight pages)	40%	April 10 th

Due Dates and Formatting:

All assignments are due on the dates specified and are to be uploaded to Quercus. Late assignments will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and with prior discussion with the instructors.

Late assignment penalties: Points will be deducted for handing in assignments late unless permission is obtained ahead of time (5% if turned in one day late; 10% two days late; 15% three days late and so on).

Please double-space all assignments and use 12pt font. Page limits must be strictly adhered to using 2.54 cm margins. Please format assignment filenames as follows: last name_first name_course name_assignment name. All assignments must have a title page and be formatted per American Psychological Association (APA) 7th Edition (https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/apa_changes_7th_edition.html).

Exceeding page limit: Pages beyond assignment limits will not be marked.

DETAILS OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS

1. Class Preparation, Attendance, and Participation (15%):

- a) Reflect on assigned readings/audio-visual material, prepare for in-class exercises, and share your questions and comments with the class.
- b) Lead a seminar discussion based on the week's readings/audio-visual material. The idea is not to simply summarize the readings/audio-visual material; rather, “workshop” the material and engage your classmates in a critical discussion about the key concepts. For example:
 - Was there new/challenging learning for you?
 - Anything you are confused about?
 - Anything you are not sure you agree with?
 - Were there particular concepts/material that resonated with you?
 - How does this relate to your own research? (e.g., Do you think about your methodology/method differently now?)
 - Can you suggest/lead the class in an activity that helps make the material “stick”? (e.g., a game to remember different philosophical perspectives, acting out a “bad” interview, or analyzing a portion of an interview transcript together)

2. Theoretical Application Paper* (15%)

DUE DATE: February 7th

Length: Three pages (double-spaced) + appendix

This assignment requires you to creatively review some aspect of our culture's representation of a **health-related topic** of your choice. Right from the beginning of the course, learners should watch in the media and popular press, public texts, etc. for items related to health, illness, the body, and health care. Books, stories, movies, health/advertising campaigns, popular brochures or literature (e.g., financial, leisure, marketing), print media, the internet, film, social/public spaces, fashion, music, sports, government policies, poetry, and fairy tales are possible sources of cultural representations.

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With this assignment, you will put skills to use that you have been developing in class to problematize and/or “rethink” a particular health-related cultural representation.

Students should select **one** item or observation for analytic theoretical commentary. The analysis should be of the cultural representation itself (for example, do not provide an overview of research on the health-related topic). You need to discuss how the health-related topic is **constructed**, and how that construction may or may not be problematic.

Approach your critique through the lens of a particular qualitative paradigm and/or concept. This can be informed by readings and class discussion from sections S1-S3, and/or learning outside JRP 1000 (e.g., previous course work; lived experience). The chosen paradigm or concept should be named, briefly described, and then applied as a lens through which to guide your analysis. Do not assume shared understanding of terminology – explicitly define how you are using terms. Include the item being analyzed (e.g., photograph, video) as an appendix.

Some questions that may guide your analysis (you do not have to specifically answer these; they are meant to give some direction):

- What is it an instance of, or what assumptions are made about health, illness, the body, and/or health care?
- What’s going on in the text/image?
- What is the intent or effects?
- What is taken for granted?
- What is left out?
- How else could the object have been portrayed? What would the effects be?
- What are implicit or explicit assumptions in the text/image?
- What concepts from the course does it invoke?
- What theoretical problems are raised?

3. Data Generation and Analysis Paper (Analytic Memo)[†] (30%)

DUE DATE: March 13th

Length: Five pages (double-spaced) + required appendices

For this assignment, you will conduct an in-depth one-to-one interview with a friend about a topic of your mutual choosing. The assignment is designed to give you an opportunity to engage in and reflect on a common qualitative data generation strategy. Because of university ethics requirements, the work you do for this assignment cannot be part of a research study that will be published in any form.

In-Depth Interview

Conduct an in-depth, one-to-one interview with a friend about a topic you mutually agreed upon. For example, this may be a health-related experience, perspectives on the health system,

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what health means to them, etc. Non-health related topics are also fine (e.g., a meaningful or life changing experience, or the experiences of being a graduate student). Develop an overarching research question to guide your inquiry and development of your interview guide.

You should draw on readings and class discussions of interviewing to carry out an interview that draws from **an interview guide** that might address the following: The details of the experience; how it came to happen; ways the event/activity involved others; ways it affected your respondent's attitudes, self-perception, relationships, and interactions with others; how was it perceived by others; and how the respondent felt about the experience. Your interview should last about 45 minutes. You should tape record the interview and transcribe it verbatim.

You are to submit the following:

1. An overarching research question (can be included in the body of your paper)
2. The interview guide (appendix)
3. The tape recording of the interview and transcript (appendix; use track changes to mark up the transcript with analytic insights/memos)
4. An analytic memo (**maximum** five double-spaced pages) in which you:

a) *Offer a brief analysis of the interview (roughly three double-spaced pages).*

You need to produce a brief analytic commentary about the experience of your respondent. What did you learn about the respondent? You are not required to conduct a full-scale analysis of the transcript (e.g., coding), but you must at least suggest some directions for analysis of the interview. You can, for example, highlight (using track changes) interesting passages of interview text from the transcript and reflect analytically in your paper on what has been said. What did you learn about the person that you didn't know previously? What kind of an impression was the person trying to achieve? What is missing from the interview? In other words, what lines of inquiry would you need to undertake to extend your understanding of the respondent or on interviews with other respondents? Also reflect on how the interview medium might influence how the interview unfolded (e.g., Zoom vs. in-person).

b) *Reflect on your experience with this exercise (roughly two double-spaced pages).*

You might consider the following issues (this is not exhaustive, nor do you have to cover all the points): What thoughts and feelings did you bring to the interview exercise? What feelings came up for you as part of the experience? Did those feelings affect how you interpreted the data? What are your strengths and weaknesses as an interviewer? What worked? How so? What would you do differently the next time? Why? What impact did your choice of respondent have on the interview you conducted? How did the interview interaction proceed? Did you detect moments of conversational tension or "power" struggle in the conversation? Were you speaking the same "language"? What work did you have to do to keep the interview talk focused appropriately? What was the experience of transcription like? What assumptions did you bring to your research question and interview guide?

You will be evaluated on how well you describe your engagement in interviewing (including how well you can engage in the approach to interviewing that we will have discussed in class), and the experience of your respondent. The care you take in producing your transcript, the quality of the analytic discussion in relation to the data, and intellectual creativity (e.g., interpretation rather than summarizing), and your capacity to raise interesting questions about the interview process that draw on and extend class readings and discussions will also be considered.

4. Critical Annotated Bibliography[‡] (40%)

DUE DATE: April 10th (one week after last class)

Length: Eight pages (double-spaced) + copies of the publications that you have reviewed

For the final assignment, you must identify, read and write about **three** high quality published **empirical** qualitative research articles (not mixed methods and not a conceptual or review article) on a topic of your choice. Using what you have learned in the course, you will write a critical response to each article and an overall synthesized assessment about how the research area has been explored by the work you have reviewed.

The point is not to simply summarize the article (although you will need to give a general account about it) but to **engage in a critical reflection** about what the article tells you about how the topic has been researched. To do this well, you need to reflect and write about how the authors have researched the topic, analyzed their data, and represented their research practice in writing.

Some suggestions for issues to consider in writing each critique include the following (this is not an exhaustive list, nor do you have to cover all the points; it is meant as a starting place for your own thinking about how a topic has been researched qualitatively):

- a) How are the authors constructing a given topic as an object of investigation? How do the authors discuss the purpose of their research? How are the authors representing/treating a topic as a problem or as something that needs to be known? There are, for example, many ways of treating “teen-aged smoking” as an object of inquiry. Policy-oriented health promoters might approach it as a health problem that needs to be changed. Social psychologists might look at it in terms of a knowledge-attitude-behavior framework. An ethnographer may be interested in the culture of teen smoking. A grounded theorist may be concerned with the meaning that smoking has for teen-aged smokers. Some authors draw on more than one organizing framework to make sense of, or “produce” their topic as a specific type of problem that, in turn, calls for a congruent research response. You need to write about how the authors constitute their object of inquiry.

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- b) Is the work located within a specific paradigm and/or tradition of inquiry? How so? Do the authors explicitly locate their work within a set of theoretical concerns or preoccupations? Do the authors name their work as an instance of, or something informed by, an organized approach to qualitative research (e.g., phenomenological study or ethnography)? Is that naming warranted? Is the study a “good”/ “bad” example of this tradition of inquiry? Why? How do the authors use the various research labels we have discussed in class? Is their usage a good one?
- c) Research process: How much do the authors tell you about how they have gone about their research? Are you satisfied with what you know about how they carried out their inquiry? What did they leave out of their account? What, if anything, do you want to know about how they proceeded? What difference would it make? How do they represent the research process in the first place? How did they conceptualize and generate their data? Do their data generation strategies make sense to you? In other words, have they produced useful data? Will the data help them speak to the research problem they have set for themselves?
- d) What does the text look like? What sections and subsections are being used here? What is being said in the introduction? In the conclusion? And in other sections? What is being given most “airtime” in this text? What does this tell you? What does this exclude? How is quoted material being represented and commented on here? Where is the analysis being accomplished? What does this tell you about how the author is communicating? What does the text’s visual appearance tell you?
- e) What argument is being made? In qualitative research making an argument involves writing about empirical findings in some way. What kind of argument is the author making? What is the scope of the argument? What specific claims are being made? How are these claims and/or the overall argument supported? How is data being used and commented upon? How were they expressed by the authors and used to support their argument? Are data theorized? Is the theorization convincing? What kind of analysis is being done in the text? What story is being communicated? Is it plausible? Does it resonate with you?

In addition to the individual critiques of each paper, you need to include an overview (synthesis) where you offer some analytic commentary about the overall treatment of the research area within the literature you have read. What work are you most drawn to and why? What methodological perspectives did you find most compelling? How do different traditions of inquiry construct different objects? What might methodological perspectives not represented in your selection of reading add to the investigation of your topic area? What are the similarities and differences in how authors working from different traditions have researched this area? What works and what doesn’t? Given what you’ve read, how might you go about researching your area?

In evaluating this assignment, your ability to draw on class readings and discussions to produce original, thoughtful and creative commentary on specific examples of qualitative research will be evaluated. Simply summarizing what the authors have done and said will not be enough. Nor will simply pointing out what is missing. Your ability to critically assess the articles and how well you convey an understanding of the implications of different ways of researching a topic area from a qualitative perspective will be considered.

SESSION BY SESSION OUTLINE

S1 Overview of Qualitative Research

Required Readings

1. Bhattacharya, K. (2017). Unit 1: Meeting qualitative methods: Qualitative research and culture. *Fundamentals of qualitative research: A practical guide* (pp. 8-10). Routledge. **Please do the exercise within this reading, which we will discuss during our first session together.**
2. Merriam, S.B., & Tisdell, E.J. (2016). Chapter 1: What is qualitative research? *Qualitative research: A guide to design and implementation* (4th ed., pp. 3-21). Jossey-Bass.
*Available as an audiobook on common platforms such as Audible and Google Play.
3. Nicholls, D. (2017). Qualitative research. Part 1: Philosophies. *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation*, 24(1), 26-33.

Additional Readings

Centre for Critical Qualitative Health Research, Facey, M., Gastaldo, D., Gladstone, B., & Gagnon, M. (2018). *Learning and teaching qualitative research in Ontario: A resource guide*.

Toronto: eCampusOntario. <http://qualitativeresearchontario.openetext.utoronto.ca/>

Eakin, J. M. (2016). Educating critical qualitative health researchers in the land of the randomized controlled trial. *Qualitative Inquiry*, 22(2), 107-118.

Greenhalgh, T., Snow, R., Ryan, S., Rees, S., & Salisbury, H. (2015). Six 'biases' against patients and carers in evidence-based medicine. *BMC Medicine*, 13(1), 1-11.

Hunt, M. R., Mehta, A., & Chan, L. S. (2009). Learning to think qualitatively: Experiences of graduate students conducting qualitative health research. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 8(2), 129-135.

Luciani, M., Jack, S. M., Campbell, K., Orr, E., Durepos, P., Li, L., ... & Di Mauro, S. (2019). An Introduction to Qualitative Health Research-Un'introduzione alla ricerca sanitaria qualitativa. *Professioni Infermieristiche*, 72(1), 60-68.

Morse, J.M. (2012). Introducing the first global congress for qualitative health research: What are we? What will we do – and why? *Qualitative Health Research*, 2 (2), 147-156.

West, C. H., Rieger, K. L., Chooniedass, R., Adekoya, A. A., Isse, A. A., Karpa, J. V., ... & Martin, D. E. (2018). Enlivening a community of authentic scholarship: A faculty-mentored experience for graduate students at the 2016 qualitative health research conference. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 17(1), 1609406918808122.

S2 Paradigms and Traditions of Inquiry I

Required Readings

1. Green, J., & Thorogood, N. (2018). Chapter 1: Qualitative methodology in health research. *Qualitative methods for health research* (4th ed.) (pp. 3-28). SAGE.
2. Merriam, S.B., & Tisdell, E.J. (2016). Chapter 2: Six common qualitative research designs. *Qualitative research: A guide to design and implementation* (4th ed., pp. 22-42). Jossey-Bass. *Available as an audiobook on common platforms such as Audible and Google Play.
3. Reeves, S., Albert, M., Kuper, A., & Hodges, B.D. (2008). Why use theories in qualitative research? *BMJ*, 337, 631-634.

Highly Recommended Resource

Gastaldo, D. *Research paradigms*. Available at: https://ccqhr.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Research-Paradigms_2011_DG.pdf

Additional Readings

Bengtson, V.L., Burgess, E.O., & Parrott, T.M. (1997). Theory, explanation, and a third generation of theoretical development in social gerontology. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 52B(2), S72-S88.

Crotty, M. (1998). Introduction: The research process. *The foundations of social research: Meaning and perspective in the research process* (pp. 1-17). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

Good, B. J. (1994). How medicine constructs its objects. *Medicine, rationality, and experience* (pp. 65-87). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Grant, B. M., & Giddings, L. S. (2002). Making sense of methodologies: A paradigm framework for the novice researcher. *Contemporary Nurse*, 13(1), 10-28.

Guba, E.G., & Lincoln, Y.S. (2005). Paradigmatic controversies, contradictions, and emerging confluences. In N.K. Denzin & Y.S. Lincoln (Eds.), *Handbook of qualitative research* (3rd ed., pp. 183-191). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

Pritlove, C., Angus, J., Dale, C., Seto-Neilson., Kraimer, M. (2023). Binary blues: Exploring beyond dichotomized gender comparisons with a theory-driven approach. *Qualitative Research*. doi.org/10.1177/146879412111049323.

Sandelowski, M. (1993). Theory unmasked: The uses and guises of theory in qualitative research. *Research in Nursing, 16*, 213-218.

Upshur, R.E.G. (2001). The status of qualitative research as evidence. In J. M. Morse, J. M. Swanson & A. J. Kuzel (Eds.), *The nature of qualitative evidence* (pp. 5-27). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Inc.

Willis, K., Daly, J., Kealy, M., Small, R., Koutroulis, G., Green, J., Gibbs, L., & Thomas, S. (2007). The essential role of social theory in qualitative public health research. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, 31*(5), 438-443.

Willis, J.W. (2007). History and context of paradigm development. In *Foundations of qualitative research: Interpretive and critical approaches* (pp. 27-65). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

S3 Paradigms and Traditions of Inquiry II

Required Readings

1. Carter, S. M., & Little, M. (2007). Justifying knowledge, justifying method, taking action: Epistemologies, methodologies and methods in qualitative research. *Qualitative Health Research, 17*, 1316-1328.
2. Merriam, S.B., & Tisdell, E.J. (2016). Chapter 3: Expanding the qualitative paradigm: Mixed methods, action, critical, and arts-based research. *Qualitative research: A guide to design and implementation* (4th ed., pp. 4372). Jossey-Bass. *Available as an audiobook on common platforms such as Audible and Google Play.
3. Smith, L.T. (2013). Introduction. *Decolonizing methodologies: Research and Indigenous peoples* (pp. 1-19). Zed Books Ltd.

Dissertation Example from CQ Methodological Award Winner

MacLachlan, J. (2022). *Naalagiursaniq Tunnganarnirlu (Learning to Listen and be Welcoming): Engaging Inuit Perspectives on Timimut Ikajuqsivik (Rehabilitation Services) for Children in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut*. Available at:

https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/bitstream/1807/125250/1/MacLachlan_Janna_Lynn_202211_PhD_thesis.pdf

Comments from CQ Awards Committee: <https://ccqhr.utoronto.ca/2023/05/16/2022-23-cq-dissertation-award/>

Additional Readings

Alasuutari, P. (1996). Theorizing in qualitative research: A cultural studies perspective. *Qualitative Inquiry, 2*(4), 371-384.

Bourdieu, P., & Wacquant, L.J. (1992). *An invitation to reflexive sociology*. University of Chicago press.

Bourdieu, P., & Wacquant, L.J. (1992). Toward a social praxeology: The structure and logic of Bourdieu's sociology. *An invitation to reflexive sociology* (pp. 1-60). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Brothers, S., Lin, J., Schonberg, J., Drew, C., & Auerswald, C. (2020). Food insecurity among formerly homeless youth in supportive housing: A social-ecological analysis of a structural intervention. *Social Science & Medicine*, 245, 112724.

Browne, A. J. (2000). The potential contributions of critical social theory to nursing science. *The Canadian Journal of Nursing Research=Revue Canadienne de Recherche en Sciences Infirmières*, 32(2), 35-55.

Charmaz, K. (2000). Grounded theory: Objectivist and constructivist methods. *Handbook of qualitative research* (pp. 509-535). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

Eakin, J. (2010). Towards a 'standpoint' perspective: Health and safety in small workplaces from the perspective of the workers. *Policy and Practice in Health and Safety*, 8(2), 113-127.

Eakin, J., Robertson, A., Poland, B., Coburn, D., & Edwards, R. (1996). Towards a critical social science perspective on health promotion research. *Health Promotion International*, 11(2), 157-165.

Edley, N., & Wetherell, M. (1997). Jockeying for position: The construction of masculine identities. *Discourse & Society*, 8(2), 203-217.

Gibson, B.E., & Teachman, G. (2012). Critical approaches in physical therapy research: Investigating the symbolic value of walking. *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*, 28(6), 474-484.

Grahame, P.R. (1998). Ethnography, institutions, and the problematic of the everyday world. *Human Studies*, 21, 347-360.

Hunt, M.R. (2009). Strengths and challenges in the use of interpretive description: Reflections arising from a study of the moral experience of health professionals in humanitarian work. *Qualitative Health Research*, 19(9), 1284-92.

Jenkins, T.M. (2014). Clothing norms as markers of status in a hospital setting: A Bourdieusian analysis. *Health*, 18(5), 526-541.

Kincheloe, J.L., & McLaren, P. Rethinking critical theory and qualitative research. In N.K. Denzin & Y.S. Lincoln (Eds.), *Handbook of qualitative research* (3rd ed., pp. 303-342). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

Layder, D. (1994). Meanings, situations and experience. *Understanding social theory* (pp. 57-74). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

Lock, M., & Kaufert, P.A. (1998). Introduction. In M. Lock, & P.A. Kaufert (Eds.), *Pragmatic women and body politics* (pp. 1-27). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Lopez, K.A., & Willis, D.G. (2004). Descriptive versus interpretive phenomenology: Their contributions to nursing knowledge. *Qualitative Health Research*, 14(5), 726-735

Poland B. (1992). Learning to 'walk our talk': The Implications of sociological theory for research methodologies in health promotion. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, 83(Supplement 1), S31-S46.

Power, E.M. (1999). An introduction to Pierre Bourdieu's key theoretical concepts. *Journal for the Study of Food and Society*, 3(1), 48-52.

Prasad, P. (2005). Qualitative research as craft: Postpositivist traditions and research styles. *Crafting qualitative research: Working in the postpositivist traditions* (pp. 3-42). New York: M.E. Sharpe Inc.

Robertson, A. (1990). The politics of Alzheimer's disease: A case study in apocalyptic demography. *International Journal of Health Services*, 20(3), 429-442.

Rock, M., McIntyre, L., & Rondeau, K. (2009). Discomforting comfort foods: stirring the pot on Kraft Dinner® and social inequality in Canada. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 26(3), 167-176.

Willis, J.W. (2007). History and Foundations of Interpretivist Research. In *Foundations of qualitative research: Interpretive and critical approaches* (pp. 27-65). Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

S4 Interviews and Focus Groups

Required Readings

1. Bhattacharya, K. (2017). Unit 6: Data collection methods: What are qualitative interviews; the interview process; types of interview questions; and tips and strategies for conducting qualitative interviews. *Fundamentals of qualitative research: A practical guide* (pp. 126-137). Routledge.
2. Kinitz, D. J. (2022). The emotional and psychological labor of insider qualitative research among systemically marginalized groups: Revisiting the uses of reflexivity. *Qualitative Health Research*, 32(11), 1635-1647.
3. Merriam, S.B., & Tisdell, E.J. (2016). Chapter 5: Conducting effective interviews. *Qualitative research: A guide to design and implementation* (4th ed., pp. 107-136). Jossey-Bass. *Available as an audiobook on common platforms such as Audible and Google Play.

Highly Recommended Resource

Hsiung, P.C. (2010, August). *Lives and legacies: A guide to qualitative interviewing*. Available at: <https://www.utoronto.ca/~pchsiung/LAL/> (This resource was developed by Dr. Ping-Chun Hsiung, Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto Scarborough)

Additional Readings

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S12 Open Session

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Required Readings

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The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another’s differences. U of T does not condone discrimination or harassment against any persons or communities.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students must adhere to the [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#). **It is your responsibility to know what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour.** You are responsible for ensuring that you do not act in such a way that would constitute cheating, misrepresentation, or unfairness, including but not limited to, using unauthorized aids and assistance, personating another person, and committing plagiarism. For more information see [U of T Academic Integrity](#) website.

Academic integrity includes understanding appropriate research and citation methods. If you are uncertain about this, please seek out additional information from the instructors or from other institutional resources including the following:

- This tip sheet provides clear and helpful information about appropriate academic citation: <http://guides.library.utoronto.ca/citing>
- This site offers a series of scenarios to help students understand how to prevent themselves from being subject to academic offence allegations <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic-integrity/students/scenarios>
- Before handing in assignments students can also review this [academic integrity checklist](#) provided by the UofT Centre of Teaching Support & Innovation:
 - I have acknowledged the use of another’s ideas with accurate citations.
 - If I used the words of another (e.g., author, instructor, information source), I have acknowledged this with quotation marks (or appropriate indentation) and proper citation.

- When paraphrasing the work of others, I put the idea into my own words and did not just change a few words or rearrange the sentence structure
 - I have checked my work against my notes to be sure I have correctly referenced all direct quotes or borrowed ideas.
 - My references include only the sources used to complete this assignment.
 - This is the first time I have submitted this assignment (in whole or in part) for credit.
 - Any proofreading by another was limited to indicating areas of concern which I then corrected myself.
 - This is the final version of my assignment and not a draft.
 - I have kept my work to myself and did not share answers/content with others, unless otherwise directed by my instructor.
- I understand the consequences of violating the University's Academic Integrity policies as outlined in the [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#).

USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ASSIGNMENTS

The use of generative artificial intelligence tools and apps is strictly prohibited in all course assignments unless explicitly stated otherwise by the instructor in this course. This includes ChatGPT and other AI writing and coding assistants. Use of generative AI in this course may be considered use of an unauthorized aid, which is a form of cheating.

ACCESSIBILITY

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability or health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me/us and/or the Accessibility Services Office as soon as possible. The Accessibility Services staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations. The sooner you let them and me know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course. For more information, or to register with Accessibility Services, please visit: <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/as>.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Mental Health Resources

- [U of T's Central Hub for Student Mental Health Resources](#)
- [SGS Graduate Wellness Services](#)
- [Student Life Health and Wellness](#)
- MySSP: 1-844-451-9700 (or use the app) (see [UofT MySSP site](#) for more information)
- Good2Talk: Call: 1-866-925-5454 or Text: GOODTOTALKON to 686868

Tri-Campus Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre ("The Centre")

- The Centre has a location on all three campuses to help students who disclose to access supports and, in cases where the student chooses to formally make a report, the Centre will explain the process, and facilitate the making of the report to the University and/or to the Police. The Centre can be contacted through its confidential phone at 416-978-2266 or thesvpcentre@utoronto.ca.

- Students are encouraged to call or email for an appointment, which will be booked as soon as possible. **Students in crisis or in need of immediate support related to sexual violence can contact Women’s College Hospital Sexual Assault Care Centre at 416-323-6040.**

Office of the Ombudsperson

- As part of the University’s commitment to ensuring that the rights of its individual members are protected, the University Ombudsperson is devoted to ensuring procedural fairness and just and reasonable outcomes.
- The Ombudsperson offers confidential advice and assistance for complaints and concerns and can recommend changes in academic or administrative procedures where this seems justified. For information, see <https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/ombudsperson>.

Other Resources and Supports for DSLPH Graduate Students

Resource	Summary Description
The Office of Graduate Affairs	Provides a variety of services, including academic, program and personal advising. DSLPH students that require any assistance or information regarding coursework extension, program requirements, etc..
Graduate Department of Public Health Sciences Student (GDPHS) Handbook	This resource provides comprehensive information on getting started, enrolment, policies and procedures, financial matters, awards and funding opportunities, student services and more.
DLSPH Student Resources	This resource site includes information for incoming students, the GDPHS Student Handbook, program requirements, policies and forms, online learning resources, timetables, course database, information for international students, professional opportunities, mentorship program, health & well-being, public health students’ association, and PhD Final Oral Exams.
U of T Graduate Student Union	The UTGSU is a voice for over 18 500 students as well as a platform for community building and services. UTGSU supports and advocates on behalf of graduate students.
Health Sciences Writing Centre (for DLSPH PhD students)	The Health Sciences Writing Centre provides free individualized, confidential writing instruction to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop your writing skills • Improve your capacity to plan, organize, write, and revise academic papers (in any subject!) • Manage ESL/EFL language challenges The Centre works with all students, for all assignments, at all stages of the writing process. Visit the website to book an appointment or for more information.
UofT Academic Success Centre	Offers group workshops and individual counselling to develop strategies for a range of learning challenges such as time

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	management, stress and anxiety, memory, exams, note taking, textbook reading, concentration.
UofT Career Services	Provides opportunities to meet employers, industry experts and alumni; strategies to Identify goals and navigate career decisions; and resources: Improve your resume, interviews, and online presence.