Fall Quarter 2012 Professor Amy Bridges

Friday 9AM to noon, Rm 317 abridges@ucsd.edu

General Research Seminar

Quarter Students

**ASAP**: fill out questionnaire and email response to AB

September 21 Introduction

How this class will work. participation, exemplary work, your research paper, literature review, research design, etc. (refer to fine print below) Getting from “I am interested in” to a proposal.

 Discussion of proposal puzzles and questions.

***For the next class, two things***:

 read: “Green Manhattan” and “Urban Ecological Footprints”

 Think about a research topic. Use guide in reader. Send to AB by Thursday noon 9/27

September 28

 David Owen, “Green Manhattan, Everywhere Should be More Like New

 York” The New Yorker Oct 18, 2004 and

 William Rees and Mathis Wackernagel,“Urban Ecological Footprints: Why Cities Cannot be Sustainable – and Why They are a Key to Sustainability” (excerpts), from Environmental Impact Assessment Review by the same authors. Elsevier Science Publishing 1996

***For the next class, Oct 5***:

 Move from topic to proposal; use guide in reader. send to AB by noon Sept 13

 read Bridges and Kousser, “Where Politicians Gave Power to the People”

**October 5**

Amy Bridges & Thad Kousser, “Where Politicians Gave Power to the People: Adoption of the Citizen Initiative in US States” State Politics and Policy Quarterly Vol. 11 #2

 Discussion of research proposals; assignment to groups

 How will you find sources?

 Reasons for a literature review, purpose of same

 ***Sign up for mandatory meeting with AB***

***For the next class, Sept 28:***

Readings list for literature review

 Read Bruce Vladeck, “The Political Economy of Medicare”

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***For the next class, October 12***:

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October 12

 Discussion of Bruce Vladeck “The Political Economy of Medicare;

 Medicare Reform Requires Political Reform” Health Affairs

 Volume 18 #1 Jan/Feb 2011What is the status of your case study? What do you hope to argue in your paper?

 Discussion of literature reviews, research design, progress and problems

 Discussion of *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy*

**Sign up to meet with AB next week**

***For the next class***: draft research design and email to AB by noon 10/20.

**October 21** *no class, meet with AB*

**October 28**

 Discussion of Donald G. McNeil Jr, “Chimp to Human to History Books: The Path of Aids” The New York Times October 18, 2011

Discussion of rough drafts

 Format and other requirements for final paper.

 Discussion in groups

 ***Sign up to meet with AB next week***

**November 2** *no class, meet with AB*

**November 9 Research Conference**

Presentations of rough draft of papers. Rough Draft should be emailed to me by

 Noon 11/12. Class will probably last until 3:30. Attendance and

 presentation are absolutely mandatory. Breakfast (8:30) and lunch will be

 provided

November 23 Thanksgiving holiday, no class.

November 30 LAST CLASS. Final paper due by NOON