

# Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

## DMin Social Science Research Prospectus



### 0. Working Title

1. **The Problem or Objective** [ 1 paragraph, single-spaced]
2. **Research Questions** [Short, succinct, clear, use bullet points to enumerate] [1 paragraph single-spaced]

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3. **Working Hypothesis** [1 paragraph, single-spaced]
4. **Key Concepts** (bullet-pts. list) [make sure they connect back to the problem-question-hypothesis] [1-2 paragraphs]
5. **Methodology and Research Plan (e.g., My research project will be an ethnographic case study of a congregation; the research project will be a basic/applied research project; I will use non-probability sampling including snowball sampling; my target population is; my sample population is, etc.)** [1 page, single-spaced]
6. **The Literature Review: and their Interpretation of the Problem [1-2 pages, single-spaced] [talk to your readers and Angela Morris on this]**
  - Scripture [2-3 scriptural authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
  - Tradition [2-3 denominational/doctrinal authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
  - Experience [2-3 practical theological authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
  - Reason [2-3 philosophical/scientific authorities and their interpretation]
7. **Other Literature Review: and there Interpretation of the Problem (these are suggestions) [ 1-2 pages, single-spaced] [talk to your reader and Angela Morris on this]**
  - Economics [1-2 economic authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
  - Sociology [1-2 sociological authorities and their interpretation of the problem]  
Race, Class, Gender Analysis – which you will get in class
  - History [1-2 historical authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
  - Psychology [1-2 historical authorities and their interpretation of the problem]
8. **Bibliography [1-2 pages, single-spaced]**
  - Key Concept (list books, articles, websites related to the concept)
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9. **Protocols [As needed] [we will create these during the seminar]**
  - Congregational Questionnaire
  - Interview Data Sheet

- Photographs
- Timelines
- Historical Documents
- Participant Observation Data Sheet
- Informed Consent Sheet
- Other

**10. Timeline to Graduate [use a calendar to project out] – ½ page**

- Research and Writing
- Submit/Revise/Resubmit/Revise/Resubmit
- Oral Defense Scheduled
- Oral Defense Finished
- Graduation

*The entire Social Science Research Prospectus should be no more than 10 pages, single-spaced (including bibliography).*

Please email [acowser@lpts.edu](mailto:acowser@lpts.edu) with questions. We press on! Drs. Reistroffer and Cowser

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