SUMMER 2009

COURSE REFERENCES

AEC 874: FIELD DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

INTENSIVE SPSS TRAINING SESSIONS (Weeks 3)
During June 1-5, Margaret Beaver will conduct intensive SPSS training. These sessions will meet daily (1:00pm-3:00 pm) in the AEC Micro-Computer Laboratory (403 Ag Hall).

Reading

WEEK 1: 5/19 & 5/21; OVERVIEW
Tuesday Overview of the course; Discussion of the survey research project.
Thursday Panel Discussion: Key informants for survey research project.

WEEK 2: 5/26 & 5/28; I. INTRODUCTION
Tuesday Class Discussion of the survey research project/Nature of Research
Readings: Nature of Research

Thursday Panel Discussion: Practitioners

WEEK 3: 6/2 & 6/4; I. INTRODUCTION (cont.)
Tuesday Readings: The Research Proposal
Ch. 3. "Selecting & Shaping the Research Topic," pp. 20-34.


Levine, J. “Guide for Writing A Funding Proposal”


MSU’s Writing Center (http://writing.msu.edu/). See the www site for writing services available to graduate students.

Thursday
Readings: Planning The Field Study

Ch. 1 "Initiating a Survey," pp. 3-25.
Ch. 2 "Planning the Project," pp. 26-54.

Ch. 1. "Planning for Field Operation," pp. 1-18

Ch. 17. Bulmer, "Interviewing & Field Organization," pp. 205-217

Casley & Lury, Data Collection in Developing Countries.

WEEK 4: 6/9 & 6/11; I. INTRODUCTION (cont.); II. DATA COLLECTION METHODS
Tuesday
Readings: Ethics of Fieldwork
Devereux, S. & J. Hoddinott (Eds.), 1993. Fieldwork in Developing Countries.
Ch 12. Wilson, "Thinking About the Ethics of Fieldwork," pp. 179-199

MSU African Studies Center. "Ethics for Research in Africa"


Indiana University. 2001. “Ethical Codes and Survey Researchers,” skim

MSU Institutional Review Board (IRBs)—Research Involving Human Subjects
IRB WWW Site: http://www.humanresearch.msu.edu/ skim
IRB. 2009.”Consent Template for Human Subjects Participating in Research,” skim
IRB. 2009. “Initial Application Form,” skim