

## Final Project - Due December 20, 2016

For the final project, draft a 10-15 page paper with the following components.

- 1- An introduction laying out your research questions and why it is interesting and important
- 2- A theory section specifying how you will operationalize and test your research question. Discuss alternative theories and how they can potentially be ruled out
- 3- A data section laying out the data you collect, how it will allow you to find evidence for your theory and evidence against alternative theories
- 4- An empirical section where you test your theory and alternative theories. Include statistical results and plots as appropriate. Test the relevant hypotheses formally. Interpret the magnitude of effects where appropriate. Discuss threats to inference (e.g. omitted variables, measurement error, etc.)
- 5- A conclusion summarizing your findings with respect to your research question and implications of those findings

Note that it is ok if you don't ultimately find support for your theory, if you find support for an alternative theory, or if you find out your test is not powerful (the standard errors are large enough that both your theory and alternative theories are consistent with the data).