

Critical Analysis in Social Psychology

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Library Reading: The Development of Social Psychology, Gilmour, G. and Duck, S., London: Academic Press, 1980.

Psychology as a human science, Giorgi, A. New York Harper and Row, 1970.

Evaluating Research in Social Psychology, Mayo, C. and LaFrance, M. Monterey, Ca.: Brooks/Cole, 1977.

Evaluation: There will be a midterm essay exam worth 1/3 and a final essay exam worth 1/3. In addition, students will be required to submit a 10-12 page paper on a topic to be discussed in class.

Goals: The main goal of the course will be to develop the skills needed to evaluate and conduct research in social psychology. Emphasis will be placed on observation of the social world, development of meaningful theories, and the creation of valid methodologies for relating theories and observations. In the process we will closely examine the distinction between discipline and profession in relation to scholarship and the "real" work world.