

# Spring 2016 Final Evaluation Form

TA: Laura Jaffee

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## Discussion Section

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4. Encourages questions and participation	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Allows students to share their views	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Helps clarify readings and assignments	1	2	3	4	5	did very good job
7. Demonstrates knowledge of subject matter	1	2	3	4	5	✓
8. Is available for office hours	1	2	3	4	5	
9. Provides helpful feedback on assignments	1	2	3	4	5	
10. Returns assignments within a reasonable timeframe	1	2	3	4	5	
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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

Great teacher! Extremely knowledgeable + thoughtful. Worked with section to find best way for 'discussion' - learned a lot.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Accompanied handouts for readings + mini discussions that were later brought together worked well.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

- Very good. reserved but spoke thoughtfully + knowledgeably

- engaged in class

- genuinely wanted to learn with us

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

CONFIDENCE!

maybe type instead of handwrite notes, kinda slow on white board

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

small group discussion AFTER you clarified points from reading

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Really enforced the main points of reading and clarified confusion

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura was a fantastic TA who ~~knows~~ has immense knowledge and is able to translate the knowledge to us in a way that is effective, clear, and thoughtful. The class wasn't always chatty and she found ways to combat this. She was always prepared and ~~one of~~ thoughtful.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Maybe do a whole group ~~around~~ share where they go around table so more ~~+~~ people participate in whole group.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

Breaking into small groups with leaders  
led to comfortable conversation  
that helped develop my thinking.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Refer to #14

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura presented new ideas I hadn't thought about that added to the convo. She placed our readings in a broader context which was cool to see!

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Nothing really. I appreciate that you took mid-semester feedback to improve our discussions.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

I liked the explanation of readings & concepts before we went into small groups

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

We expanded upon ideas in the readings & applied them to real life situations.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura was a great discussion leader. She's a fair grader, who gives good feedback and is open to adjusting class as the students desire. Her laid back style put students at ease and gave them the chance to take as much or as little from the course as they desired. Great work.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Maybe come with a few key points or concepts for each reading to discuss instead of asking if there's anything students want to discuss. She did this most of the time, though.



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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

The structure of discussion after reading assignments.  
(Laura clarifies, small group → whole group)

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Small group → felt comfortable sharing experiences + personal reflections on the readings

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Facilitated conversation very well, engaging,  
clarified misunderstandings

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Have students write down ideas / share with a partner prior to posing a question for students to share whole group, so, if called upon, students will be prepared w/ a response / thought.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

I liked how it provided a chance to get to know each classmate in a class that meets twice a week.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

It gave every student a chance to present their view on the readings

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She adapted well to the class' needs and allowed us to work in small groups since students were less willing to participate in a large group

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Perhaps encourage student participation in large groups through presentations or projects

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

She allowed us to decide how we wanted to do discussions of the articles we've read which was awesome.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

It went into more detail about the articles we were assigned and in a smaller group so we withheld more information.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She is ~~more~~ very capable and very enthusiastic about doing what she does.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Call on people more to make sure everyone is paying attention.

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

I really enjoyed spending time in small groups to discuss the readings and the background information from Laura really ~~helped~~ enhanced my understanding.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

The discussion section reiterated a lot of what was said in lecture, in a more engaging and interesting fashion.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura was always well prepared and had prepared notes to ~~teach~~ teach in discussion. She used a lot of wait time, which I suggest she changes to more then specific questions.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

You're doing great! Best T.A. ever 😊



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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

- able to talk in small groups to discuss  
the readings and then coming back together  
to discuss what we had learned

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

- had to present 2 times in small groups, so it made everyone delve deeper into the readings, in order to facilitate thoughtful conversations

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

- good discussion leader

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

- in general class should have more readings about gender + other aspects besides just mainly race

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small group work / discussion

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

deepened understanding on what was learned in lecture, cleared any confusion

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Lots of thought provoking questions, variety of resources

Great TA, very enthusiastic!

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

To improve participation, if no one answers don't answer for them, it makes people think

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15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

Discussion section further helped me in understanding the course/ readings. She was very open to different perspectives - allowing / encouraging debates.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Laura wasn't as assertive but very well prepared for every discussion section. She really wanted us to know the material!

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

More interactive discussions as a whole group.

Laura - you were amazing :)

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14. What, if anything, worked well for you in discussion section?

*discussing in small groups*

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

enabled me to talk openly  
about topics

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

Very good.

-made me like coming to class

-not intimidating

-talked to us like adults w/respect

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

maybe make everyone talk more?

not really, very good!



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Her clarifying material before class

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

More intimate setting to discuss  
further some details

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She takes hold of the class and  
effectively encourages critical  
thinking

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

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I liked how each week we were broken up into different groups with a different leader. It offered different perspectives and the chance to learn from other students.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

It cleared up any and all misunderstandings from the readings.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She is amazing! clear, informative and passionate.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

Nothing, she is truly the best.

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I really liked that we would split the class as a whole, split up into groups and then come back together to go over what we talked about. It lets everyone get to know what other groups talked about.

15. Comment briefly on how discussion section enhanced your understanding of course content.

She made sure we know what  
the readings were about.

16. Comment briefly on Laura's ability to lead discussion.

She would introduce what  
we were taking abt in the  
beginning & then let us off &  
and come back together but  
she would come to even  
ground to make sure that  
we all were good.

17. What could Laura do to improve discussion section? Do you have any advice for her?

She was good and discussion  
class worked very well