

Fall 2015 Final Evaluation Form

TA: Laura Jaffee

EDU 310/610

Discussion Section

Laura...

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

I appreciated small group discussions and large group discussion when people were participating.

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

Laura effectively explained the readings and course content. I have a much stronger grasp on the current educational system in the U.S.

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

She had great questions to ask and responded very well to students' comments. At times, she seemed a bit apathetic and so was the class.

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

A smaller section would be great (although this is out of her control). A different, more casual set-up may be more helpful and facilitate more discussion and less laptop use, etc. Maybe some activities could encourage participation as well.

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We discussed being neutral in our class. Even if an opinion might not be the right one, that opinion should be heard and not shut down, including facts to breakdown why someone might have this opinion.

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

The presentations, If the article was hard to understand the presentations help understand them better.

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

It allowed me to further understand the readings and also gain a perspective of other students which I also thought was helpful.

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

She asked a lot of thought provoking but also open ended questions that helped create a very good discussion.

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

Maybe include more videos. It could probably facilitate discussion more, especially on days when people don't really feel like talking.

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Nothing!

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

It was good, everyone who wanted
to talk would.

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

Started it Great
added ~~my~~ comments,
& ended it to!

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

Just write more comments
maybe!

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

Discussions/reflection paper feedback

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

The readings came alive. Till a point, The class discussion did help.

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

explains really well. Got the best cookies

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

Don't emphasize on race as much. This is a class in real life. This is not a safe place to crib or complain. While I am not against the idea of race or anything, things got too emotional in class. We could have been more rational.

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I liked group work

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

helped go over the readings

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

ma very good

(sometimes it ran longer than it
needed to)

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

give more participation points so that
more people participate in student-led
lessons

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The group work was helpful!

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

Helped me to better understand readings/
concepts better

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

Awesome!

Sometimes dragged on

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

more pair-work, more videos / visuals

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Went over readings in language that was understandable.

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

OK. There was always these couple of people that wouldn't stop talking in the back + sometimes made it hard to hear.

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

Try to mix up the students! Not gonna lie the majority of people were white w a few students of color sprinkled in (I know we have more soc cause I see them in discussion) and I sometimes felt uncomfortable sharing my opinion. pls make section more diverse.

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The interactivensess of the course
and presentation.

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

The smaller setting allowed for more intimate dialogue and a better understanding of course content

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

She's the best

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

Just be Laura!!!

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weekly presentations were beneficial

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

It was helpful to discuss the readings in a smaller setting & delve into deeper issues not discussed in lecture

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

She encouraged participation & had a deep understanding of the material

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

Sometimes class was repetitive, bring in more views instead of repeating

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I liked the format and thought it was helpful in understanding content

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

More depth & clarity, and more practice application to reality.

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

I think Laura is great! Best TA I have had at SU, and I think her ability to lead discussion is excellent

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

Thanks Laura!

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

I think Laura thoroughly and clearly explains and
talks about all the materials in class

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

Discussion section helps us ~~be~~ better understand
and thinking about the materials we learn
in class

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

She does things, well - not just and
clearly

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

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Weekly group discussions w/ different presenters

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

Weekly group discussions helped me understand the readings but also helped me understand a more insightful view of education.

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

Laura did a great job facilitating and leading discussion by posing insightful questions.

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

Have more engaging activities to get more of the class involved.

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

The handouts and class discussion were really helpful with understanding the material.

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

We reviewed certain terms and quotes from the author and broke down what each of these terms were trying to convey.

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

She posed great questions and helped us to think more deeply on the material.

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

Maybe more handouts but everything was great.

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I liked how she made more use of the whiteboard + showed more video clips as the semester went on, it made for a more engaging + worthwhile discussion.

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

Section helped ~~me~~ grasp the readings more + helped me to understand the content of the readings.

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

She clearly was able to demonstrate her ideas.

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

Use of whiteboard, outlines, video clips were all a great part of section

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Students presented their idea about their assigned readings.

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

Students share their idea about the reading, and TA explains and add some details about the content in reading.

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

Laura is doing well to manage the time and help the discussion goes smoothly.

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

Have some activities to encourage student's participation.

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She was Awesome

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

I learned more in discussion than
in lecture

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

Discussion always felt kept under
control.

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Bring more snacks

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to share our opinion without it
getting out of hand

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helped me understand the readings

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

It was good she knew how to
guide the conversation to the answers
or ideas we were suppose to understand

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

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Discussion Section

Laura...

	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
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2. Presents clearly and understandably	1	2	3	4	5
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12. Shows enthusiasm for teaching	1	2	3	4	5
13. I would recommend Laura as a TA to other students	1	2	3	4	5

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

Good breakdowns of readings

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

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

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

This actually came up in the last discussion. When discussing material of a touchy subject it is important that everyone be able to contribute to discussion, ironically discussions often become a "safe space" for oppressed groups, and it becomes extremely difficult to contribute as someone not of an oppressed group.

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

open discussions, group-lead presentations

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

I felt very free to share my opinions and as such, the engaging discussions in class definitely enhanced my understanding.

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

Your leading improved as the semester went on. You could increase your prompting when the class remains silent for a while by rephrasing questions to help us understand.

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

See above!

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

Being able to hear from other people

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

Talking through ideas from class and readings

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

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

You would always use big words and say the same things over and over about ~~the~~ things, it was clear that if someone didn't agree with your opinion you thought it was wrong like when Obi said he thought teachers were somewhat at fault for poor education

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

She made things easy to understand. She encouraged participation even when none of us wanted to talk that day.

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

The discussion questions were key. She asked questions on tricky subjects that still allowed for good discussion.

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

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

Maybe more handouts on the readings?

The ones that we got were really helpful for summarizing + understanding the readings.

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

Discussing the readings in
further depth + specifically
relating them to
personal experiences

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

Students leading parts of discussion, I thought it really promoted group discussion +

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

She did a great job

↳ was very approachable and I was never nervous or embarrassed to share my ideas

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

Laura was awesome, I would highly recommend her as a TA!



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

I really (love) the ability to speak freely.

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

the readings are very difficult so
discussion helps A lot, ~~there~~

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

she lets students speak freely and
never shuts them down. She adds in
background info but never her own opinion.

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

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

It was good when you started handing out outlines. I liked when you stepped in to promote more thoughtful discussion.

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

Helped me understand the readings better.
Gave me the chance to develop my ideas.

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

Great! knows when to step in or pull back.

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

Use more multimedia

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

For me few times, I think ~~it~~ it would be in smaller groups for discussion.

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

The reading & class lecture were discussed ~~too~~ thoroughly in discussion that helped w my understanding. When we broke down big memes, it was very helpful.

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

Laura leads discussion well. She always presents thoughtful questions for us to discuss.

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

For improvement, I think we should do more small group and creative projects within the groups about the topic. Even centers would be helpful.