# **AERI 2010**

## **Dissertation Proposal Seminar**

When: Tuesday, 6/22 Part I - 10:30 - 12:00 pm Part II - 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Where: Great Lakes South

#### Abstract:

Ciaran Trace will be convening a workshop on the topic of the "Dissertation Proposal" Tuesday, June 22, from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

This workshop is intended for PhD students who are at the dissertation proposal stage. The workshop begins with the premise that the dissertation proposal is the foundational articulation of a person's dissertation study. Particular emphasis will be placed on the process of developing and articulating key components of the dissertation proposal including the literature review, rationale for and significance of the study, and the statement of the problem and methodological design.

To participate everyone must submit the following items on or before **Sunday**, **May 30th**, **2010** to Ellen-Rae Cachola aeri at gseis dot ucla dot edu. Ellen will then assemble these documents into a packet and email the packet to all participants the following week in advance of the workshop.

1. A short outline (maximum 5 pages) of your dissertation proposal in which you briefly cover the components outlined above. As part of the outline, you should include a section discussing the top 2 or 3 issues that you are grappling with, or see yourself grappling with, in putting together the finished dissertation proposal.

2. Your institutions guidelines for the dissertation proposal.

I'd like to spend the first part of the workshop talking generally about the dissertation proposal. However, we will spend the bulk of the time discussing the dissertation proposal outlines and the specific problems and/or issues that people are encountering as they work through this process. This means, of course, that people must be willing to share their outlines in advance of the workshop. Please be aware that in sharing advice and insights from our own experiences we are just one forum for feedback and this advice is not intended to supplant the key role that your dissertation committee plays in helping you craft a dissertation proposal.

If you intend to take part in this workshop please let Ciaran know cbtrace at ischool dot utexas dot edu as soon as possible

#### Convener:

Ciaran Trace (Texas)

#### **Bios:** TBA



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