

**CLPS Social Psychology Core, Semester I, 2012 - 2013**

**Metcalf 410, Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00**



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**Course description**

The purpose of this course is to offer graduate students a high-level introduction to current social-psychological topics. The course comprises two core topics: Social perception and interpersonal behavior. For each topic, a recent book and selected additional reading are the basis of class discussion. Each student will lead one discussion (possibly two), submit a 500 word response to the week's reading one day before class, and write two 6-9 page papers, one per topic. The orientation of the paper, theoretical or empirical, is a matter of negotiation.

When completing the course, the student is expected to be able to evaluate current (and historical) thinking in social psychology critically and intelligently. The student is expected to see scientific production in its historical and intellectual context and be able to transcend that context should the need present itself.

**Readings**

Jussim, L. (2012). *Social perception and social reality. Why accuracy dominates bias and self-fulfilling prophecy*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Binmore, K. (2007). *Game theory. A very short introduction*. Oxford, England. Oxford University Press.