
PSYC 4165 Lab

T 3/4 & Th 3/6 1:00-3:50

1. Turn in Lab 3 Reports
2. Review Lab 4 Instructions (Steve has extras; also check website)
3. Review your topic brainstorming from last week
4. *Optional: Prep 1 question you have about the mid-term tomorrow*
5. Hang tight

Agenda

- ❖ Brief Q&A for mid-term tomorrow [15m-tops!]
- ❖ Lab 4
 - ❖ Research speed-dating [10m]
 - ❖ Project Management for Dummies (Steve)
 - ❖ Lab 4 overview; Paper, Poster, Powerpoint; Collaboration Norms; Lit Review; Research Hacks
 - ❖ Work in Research Teams to write 2 Proposal Abstracts

Things to do

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- ❖ Your Team will submit 2 proposal abstracts, (~150 words ea.) describing a potential experiment

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Mid-Term Review [15m]

- ❖ If you are comfortable with verbally responding to any of the items on the review sheet, **YOU WILL PROBABLY DO BETTER THAN YOU EXPECT!**

Research Speed Dating

- ❖ Stand up. Push your chair in. Push your stuff under the desk.
- ❖ Pair up with a stranger (you will have to move around the room for this)
- ❖ In 120s or less, take turns explain an idea you have for an experiment (~1m each)
- ❖ Switch partners
- ❖ We'll do this at least 5 times

Lab 4 Overview

- ❖ 3-D: Each Team will Design, Deliver, and Describe an experiment in the domain of human perception.
- ❖ Experiment must be informed by published research (y'all got some reading to do)
- ❖ Requires an objectively testable hypothesis about a phenomenon of perception, worthy of study

CITI Training

- ❖ You must complete only 1 CITI training module under the heading
- ❖ Social Behavioral Research Investigators and Key Personnel
- ❖ Print completion certificate and turn-in to Steve

Paper, Poster, Powerpoint

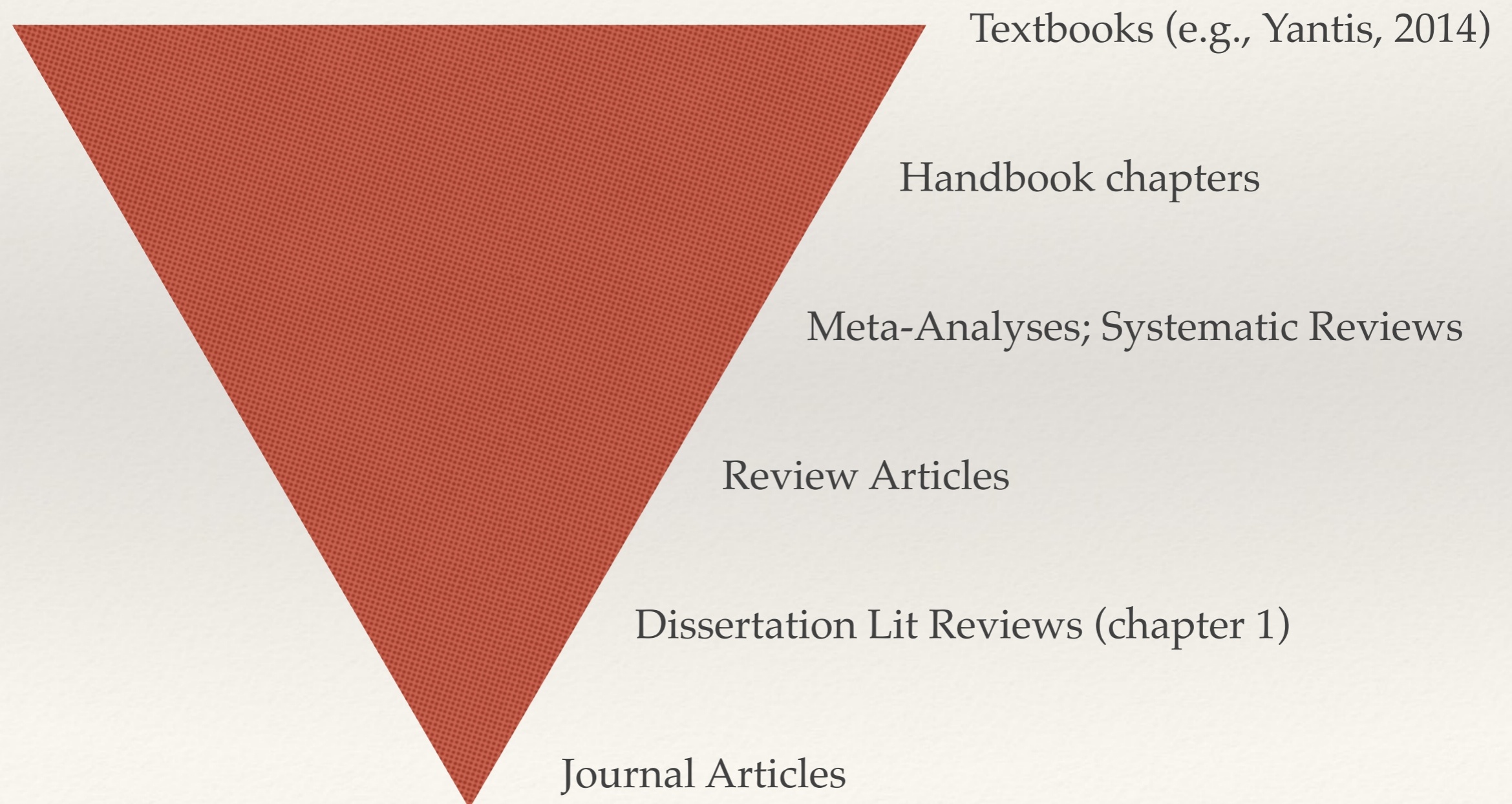
- ❖ Each Team will report their findings with 3 documents:
 - ❖ Lab report (5/2)
 - ❖ Poster for Undergraduate Research Day (see templates in Lab 4 Tools) (4/29)
 - ❖ Powerpoint for an in-class presentation (4/29)
- ❖ Each document will follow flawless APA format with the following sections: Introduction, Method, Results, & References.
 - ❖ For Lab report: Each team member will submit their own individual Discussion section

Collaboration Norms

“Would you work on a research project with this person again?”

Lit Review

- ❖ Start broad, end narrow



Where to look: Steve's 3 favs

- ❖ **GoogleScholar:** Good place to start; can be hit and miss
- ❖ **ProQuest** (proquest.umi.com): Dissertations and articles, decent search tools
- ❖ **WebofKnowledge:** The Ultimate database for scientific journals; very powerful search tools
- ❖ Can search from campus; if off-campus, use VPN

Research Hacks

- ❖ Save all of your project files (.pdf, .r, .py) on a shared GoogleDrive.
Keep your files organized; use clear labeling
- ❖ Setup shared GoogleDocs (e.g., proposals, outlines, even presentations).
Evernote is another great option
- ❖ Maintain a detailed task list (to-do):
 - ❖ “3/4 Steve: READ Harvey et al (1999); Was oblique effect found in Golden Retrievers? (Y/N)”
- ❖ Maintain a detailed log (done):
 - ❖ “3/5 Steve: Harvey et al (1999); oblique effect was NOT found in Golden Retrievers.

Research Hacks

- ❖ Save your literature search results in a document (include search terms, meta-data, and abstract)
- ❖ Summarize findings from articles as simple statements:
 - ❖ “Motion detect~lum contrast; JND.30 > JND.00”
- ❖ Cite from abstract: If a finding is not in the abstract, it's probably not worth citing
- ❖ Use reference lists to trace research back in time; try to find the first experiment that investigated a similar problem

Research Hacks

- ❖ Maintain a list of relevant keywords; becomes a dictionary & thesaurus
- ❖ Operational definitions often differ! What might those differences tell you about the problem?
- ❖ Make diagrams of everything (exp. design, models)
- ❖ Chapter 1 Knowledge: the most crucial knowledge to understand a topic is almost always in chapter 1

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2 Proposal Abstracts

- ❖ Proposal Abstracts (~150 words ea.)
 - ❖ State perception phenomenon / effect, cite 2 sources
 - ❖ State briefly why this a worthy experiment
 - ❖ Describe an experiment to test this
 - ❖ include: IVs and DVs
 - ❖ State your expected results

Looking ahead

Next week...

- ❖ Submit 1 Formal Proposal (it's just like a lab report):
 - ❖ Introduction (with cited literature)
 - ❖ Method
 - ❖ Expected Results section