

Due: April 23, by email, in .doc, .odt. or .pdf formats (not .docx)  
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by 6:00pm

### Personal Manifesto

Being a *personal* manifesto, the course director does not feel inclined to predetermine or structure the outcomes by telling authors what the specific focal topics should be. At this stage, students in the course will have gathered ideas and questions, reflected on their own positions and choices, and considered what the future directions of anthropology (or their work in anthropology) might look like. The purpose of this essay is therefore a broad one, to provoke students' personal reactions, commentaries, and insights on topics raised in the course. If it helps to facilitate discussion, one could consider the following questions, among other possibilities:

Can anthropology ever be a truly universal discipline? Is Sameness impossible? Can anthropology be utilized for explicit self-study and self-knowledge by all peoples? Is it able to meet the challenge of oppressed people who seek solutions to their problems? Or is it useful only in providing information about powerless peoples to those in power? Is it to remain an adjunct to Western exploitation and manipulation of Third World peoples? Is there no anthropology that escapes the bounds of colonialism? What happens to fieldwork if one were to thoroughly decolonize anthropology? What happens to the writing process and written product, in a thoroughly decolonized anthropology?

*No* references are required for this essay, unless you are specifically quoting the works of others and feel the need to attribute certain ideas or passages to others. To be more specific, the course director is not looking for evidence of students having covered readings, which have already been covered in class discussions and the preceding essays. Therefore, if it is easier for the author to write directly without the structuring mediation of other writings, the author should feel free to do so.

If referring to the works of others, please remember the following:

Citation & references format (clickable link on the course website for essay1.pdf):

<http://www.library.mcgill.ca/human/SUBGUIDE/pdf/turab.pdf>

[follow the "parenthetical references with reference list at the end of the paper" option...except that you are **not** required to produce a list of references unless you used sources in addition to assigned readings]

Finally:

The *maximum* allowed length for the body of this essay is 5 pages.

Format: double-spaced, Times New Roman or Century, 12 pt. font, with 1-inch margins on all sides of the paper.

*Do not use footnotes or endnotes*, for any purpose.

Graded papers, with comments, will be returned by email on or before May 1st.

This essay, like the previous ones, is worth 20% of the final course grade.