

47. Internship Assignment #2: “Internship Presentation”

For this assignment you will prepare an oral and visual presentation for the class that integrates your internship organization with the themes of the classroom readings, field speakers and discussions. Building on the Mission and History assignment, you will explore how your internship organization is making an impact and what tools and methods they are using to do this. You will discuss the different elements of structure and agency at play at your organization—in its activities and mission. You will also be presenting on the role you play at the organization and how you perceive your impact on the organization, on the community, and on the greater society now and in the future.

Please prepare an 8-10 minute oral *and* visual* presentation that addresses the following:

- What is your organization’s mission? What methods does it use to make change happen? (brief overview)
- What structural changes is your organization trying to make?
- How does human agency come in to play at your organization, in its mission/approach, and with the people with whom you are working/interacting (staff and/or clients, community members, and others involved in the organization’s work)?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of your organization’s approach to social change? Have your views on the organization and the strategies it uses changed in the time you have been there?
- What is the project you are working on at your internship? What skills do you bring to the work?

- How will your work impact the short term and long term work and mission of the organization?
- How has your work at your internship thus far changed or reinforced your own views, perceptions, and goals in life?

* The visual portion of the presentation should include a poster with photographs and documentation, and/or items for your internship or your project work at your internship.

You will be graded based on:

- a) How thoughtfully and thoroughly you address the questions in a written outline of your presentation that you will hand in on the day of your report (the outline is not an essay, but a detailed summary of the points you make in the presentation)
- b) the content and delivery of your oral presentation
- c) your visual and/or creative representation of your experiences and thoughts

Emphasis will be placed on how you draw on class readings and discussions to talk about and frame the issues, methods, and experiences at your internship. This means to receive an A, you must list class readings or field speakers in your written outline and show how they relate to your internship.