

# 2020-2021 Faculty Leadership Forum: Social Science Methodology and Methods

Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 10-11

Now in its 3rd year, the 2020-2021 Faculty Leadership Forum called Social Science Methodology and Methods (SSM&M) will once again meet to discuss qualitative research topics. Active participation in this group results in an end-of-year stipend to be used for departmentally approved things. A few key items to note that are different than last year:

- **The group will meet via Zoom on Thursdays from 2-3pm.** We know that this will not work for everyone's schedule, and we will revisit the date/time for the spring semester to potentially reach more/different folks. Fall dates: 10/01, 11/05, and 12/10-11.
- **The SSM&M FLF will once again host a two-day Data Dive in December:** Thursday, 12/10 and Friday, 12/11 from 9am-2pm (includes lunch break). We will meet virtually to check-in about data analysis goals and offer a professional development lunch session. Periodic breaks will be scheduled for folks to pause and discuss their analysis...as qualitative work should not be done in isolation. The days will be blocked for you to work on data analysis as the campus transitions from fall to winter break. \*This is optional given it is prep week, but we encourage you to attend if you can.
- **'Qualitative Research during COVID-19' is the selected topic for the first meeting.** We will explore adapting data collection methods (video interviews/observations) and dissemination of findings (productivity, turn-around time of journal reviews and impact on tenure, and timeliness of data collected pre-COVID). Resources that align with the monthly topic will be sent one week prior to the meeting.

If you are interested and able to participate in the FLF on the selected dates/times, send an e-mail to Anne Karabon at [akarabon@unomaha.edu](mailto:akarabon@unomaha.edu) with your department affiliation by Friday, September 11th. If you are unable to join on Thursdays from 2-3pm but are interested in participating either in spring and/or the Data Dive Days in December, let us know, and we will add your name to the contact list. We will submit the application to the Center for Faculty Excellence at the end of day on Friday, September 11th.

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## Focus of the Group:

This FLF will meet monthly to discuss and share resources on research topics and methodologies pertinent to social sciences; mainly focusing on qualitative and mixed-methods research methods. A group to talk informally about anything related to social science qualitative research. Participants are encouraged to draw on their own qualitative research projects to inform the discussion. This may include experiences in the field, struggles/challenges in analysis, how to effectively write up a methodology section with limited manuscript space, innovative manners to disseminate findings (e.g. poetry, scripts, digital media), epistemological, theoretical, and methodological alignment, and the use of qualitative software. Put simply, this is a group to seek and share advice, vent, celebrate accomplishments, and geek out on all things social science research-y. This FLF is intended to support your current work and inform future endeavors.

## FLF Goals:

- To discuss current issues/topics related to qualitative research and highlight different methodologies.
- To review and provide feedback on the methodology sections of conference proposals, grant submission, and manuscripts.
- Host a 2-day Data Dive for qualitative researchers to engage in data analysis
- We will support a university-wide steering committee to guide the direction of the Social Science Research Commons (SSRC).

## Meetings:

We will meet once per month for 1 hour to discuss the topics below. To participate in this group, you must read an article or chapter related to the topic. Selections that fit the topic will be sent via email one week before the meeting however you are encouraged to search for a piece on your own. Each meeting will focus on qualitative research methodology and methods.

<b>Fall 2020</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 1st 2:00-3:00pm	Qualitative Research during COVID-19: Adaptation and unexpected effects Social Science Research Center- innovative methods
November 5th 2:00-3:00pm	Promote qualitative work for the public good Qualitative Inquiry- Special Issue
December 10th & 11th 9:00am-2:00pm	Data dive- 2 days of qualitative analysis *Details provided at first meeting
<b>Spring 2021</b>	
January TBD	Topic- TBD
February TBD	Topic- TBD
March 12th TBD	Topic- TBD
April 9th TBD	Topic- TBD

## Competition Description

Faculty Leadership Forums (FLFs) are intended to connect faculty from across campus who either serve in similar leadership roles or are developing similar professional interests that lead toward leadership on campus. Faculty Leadership Forums are an investment in our current and future campus leaders.

Each ACTIVE participant will receive up to \$100 for professional development or classroom instruction-related expenses in accordance with departmental processes. Leaders of groups of 8 or more will receive \$300 instead of the customary \$100. Please note, all applications are subject to limited participation cap.