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Geog 696

Janice Kentala Pre-proposal review

1. Was statement of purpose clear? – Yes, the statement of purpose was clear. The research will analyze future of cemeteries as a viable use of open space in an ever-increasing urban landscape.
2. What did you like about the introduction? Anything that should be changed or added? The introduction was very well written. You did a good job talking about why it is an important issue.
3. Is this research feasible in one year? – Yes this research seems to be feasible in one year, especially with the background you have already researched.
4. Does it identify a gap in refereed literature and possibly policy/law or social need? Yes, you talked briefly in the intro about how the issue of diminishing space needs to be brought to conversation, however maybe putting more emphasis on the fact that hardly anyone talks about it, it is a sensitive topic in our society. This would make your issue appear even more important.
5. Are the research questions clearly stated? – Research questions are incorporated as sentences but is not clearly stated.
6. Were the sources of data identified? –Yes, sources will come from Census 2010, online sources, official data regarding burial regulations of LA area.
7. Were shortcomings addressed? – Needs to point our shortcomings of the data, perhaps it could be bias? Census data will be at least 2 years old in your research, could that be a problem?
8. Were methods to collect data and limitations discussed? -Also need to point out shortcomings with methods. Yes methods was discussed
9. Any specifics that needed to be fixed? –Going in a good direction. I marked some small word choice and grammatical errors on the paper.