

# **COMPSCI 289**

## **Assignment 2: Seminar Reviews**

**Worth 10% of your final grade**

**This assignment is due by 5:00pm on Friday 30 October 2020**

**This is an individual assignment**

### **Aims**

The aim of this assignment is to give you experience in summarising, assessing and critiquing research seminars.

### **Objectives**

- Summarise oral presentations
- Critique presentations and written handouts
- Identify interesting questions

### **Background**

For this part of the course you will summarise and reflect upon the presentations which are given by your fellow classmates. The goal being to produce a succinct summary of what you've heard in the presentation, and also to apply a critical lens to the approach taken by the presenter in the presentation. You will be assigned three (3) presentations to assess and will write up a maximum of 1 page per presentation.

### **Guidelines for the content of your seminar reviews**

For each presentation you have been assigned to review, you should provide the following information - in no more than 1 page per presentation:

#### **Presentation title, presenter name and date of presentation**

#### **Summary of the presentation**

- What was the topic being presented?
- What were the key points presented about the research and its potential?
- This needs to be your own summary of the research presented and not taken from the 1-page handout provided by the presenter

#### **A critique of the presentation approach**

- What were the strengths and weaknesses of the presentation you saw?
- How well does the 1-page handout summarise and support the presentation?

#### **A good question**

- What do you think was the best question asked about this presentation?
- What made this a good question?
- How well was it answered by the presenter?

### **Notes**

We expect this assignment to be presented to a high standard. You must use consistent formatting, good grammar and spelling, and a professional written style. You are *not* expected to provide references beyond identifying the paper that is the subject of each presentation; that said, you may find it useful to read some of the background literature beyond the presented paper to support you in making your assessment.

**Submit**

An electronic copy of your reviews as a single PDF to Canvas by 5:00pm on Friday 30 October. Please name your review using your UPI (e.g., ramo001-reviews.ppt).

**Questions**

Direct questions about this assignment to the class Piazza discussion for Assignment 2 (accessible via Canvas).

**Assignment 2 Rubric***Criteria*

- Comprehension: Understood the concepts in the research presentation and summarised them succinctly
- Critique: Identified the main strengths and weaknesses of the presentation and handout provided by the presenter
- Insight: Chosen a good question from those posed to the presenter and identified why this question had impact
- Overall quality: Clarity and professionalism of written reviews