

Summer Dissertation Proposal Workshop

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Welcome

- ▶ Why a Dissertation Proposal Workshop?
 - Effort to increase pool of poverty researchers from underrepresented minorities
 - Small numbers of underrepresented minorities completing doctoral degrees
 - ABD stage and its pitfalls

Selected NSF Data on Social Science Doctorate recipients (Citizens and Permanent Residents): 2015

Field	Total	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Black/ African American	Percent Female (2012)
Social Sciences	3,591	252	20	295	56%
Anthropology	397	38	4	17	
Economics	552	34	2	15	33%
Political Science	621	36	1	46	45%
Public Policy	233	9	1	50	
Sociology	598	50	1	53	64%

PhD Completion

- Multi-year study by the Council of Graduate Schools of several cohorts of entering graduate students at a number of U.S. and Canadian research universities found 10-year completion rates of about 50% among social science disciplines
- completion rates are:
 - higher in the physical and life sciences than in the social sciences and humanities;
 - higher for men than for women;
 - higher for majority than for minority students;
 - higher in smaller than in larger doctoral programs.