

Course Assistant Feedback for Lawrence Dallman

American Pragmatism

University of Chicago, Assistant to Anubav Vasudevan, Fall 2017

Rate your C.A.'s performance – how well was the C.A. able:

1. to explain the course material?
 - a. Not Applicable (0) – 0%
 - b. Poorly (0) – 0%
 - c. Adequately (1) – 7.14%
 - d. Quite Well (6) – 42.86%
 - e. Excellently (7) – 50%

2. to conduct discussions?
 - a. Not Applicable (0) – 0%
 - b. Poorly (0) – 0%
 - c. Adequately (7) – 50%
 - d. Quite Well (1) – 7.14%
 - e. Excellently (6) – 42.86%

3. to respond to questions and comments?
 - a. Not Applicable (0) – 0%
 - b. Poorly (0) – 0%
 - c. Adequately (0) – 0%
 - d. Quite Well (6) – 42.86%
 - e. Excellently (8) – 57.14%

4. to respond to written material?
 - a. Not Applicable (1) – 7.14%
 - b. Poorly (0) – 0%
 - c. Adequately (0) – 0%
 - d. Quite Well (3) – 21.43%
 - e. Excellently (10) – 71.43%

What were the special strong points of your course assistant?

1. detailed feedback on papers and openness to discuss all the questions posed. Brought in ties to other major thinkers, which was very helpful

2. Excellent at explaining material, knew tons of interesting stuff about this era of American philosophy

3. very approachable, very chill

4. Great discussion leader. I especially appreciated his thorough and thoughtful comments on my midterm paper.
5. Very good at leading discussions, offered alternative formulations + ... of the material. That was very helpful.
6. Lawrence was really good at explaining concepts clearly and directly answering students questions. He is incredibly knowledgeable and was able to apply this knowledge to the course.
7. He brought in interesting insights from outside the assigned readings and was good at synthesizing thoughts or ideas to show where they fit in the historical landscape of ideas.
8. Lawrence did a good job of answering students' questions with material and I was pleased with the paper feedback quality.
9. He was very approachable and responded well to questions
10. He provided good explanations and made the environment very comfortable for discussion.
11. Obviously knows material + open to feedback
12. LIKEABLE, CASUAL WITHOUT BEING TOO INFORMAL
13. explained concepts very well, provided own insight, led discussion in a meaningful direction while also accommodating questions and answering them well
14. Lawrence's discussions were very different from Anubav's lectures, which helped provide a complementary approach to the readings. His impeccable handwriting on papers is a plus
15. The C.A. was very good at responding to students and staying close to the text while also bringing in other authors when necessary.

What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions?

1. Be more structured in terms of discussion sections and address main concerns of certain papers read in class.
2. Maybe plan discussion sections a bit more to avoid awkward silences
3. I can't really think of anything ... Would love to have him again.
4. Maybe assign questions to students – sometimes students didn't seem prepared (not his fault!)

5. Discussion felt kind of like question and answer, maybe he could lead discussion more purposefully or stuck on specific arguments for longer
6. The class could've done better with guiding questions, though this is largely a result of not making it through the syllabus
7. I think he could have come with more materials to our discussion sections because sometimes we ran out of information to discuss
8. He could start by asking us a question and leading the discussion that way.
9. I would suggest trying to foster a discussion among the students, especially if the students don't have clarification questions
10. The C.A. perhaps strayed from the professor significantly, which has positive elements but the views were sometimes hard to parse.



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism ~~PHIL 20110~~ PHIL 20116

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Autumn 2017

Today's Date: 17 Nov 2017 Your Year: 4th Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? discussion section and grading papers

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? detailed feedback

on papers and openness to discuss all the questions posed. Brought in ties to other major thinkers, which was very helpful.

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? Be more structured

in terms of discussion sections and address main concerns of certain papers read in class.



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: ~~PHIL 30100~~ American Pragmatism 1:30 Fri

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 17

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 4th Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Grading reading section

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? Excellent at explaining material

Knew tons of interesting stuff about this era of American philosophy

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions?

COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

PHIL
20116

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism ~~PHIL 20116~~

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Autumn 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 4th Major: Econ + Phil

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Lead discussion sections,
help grade papers

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? very approachable,
very chill

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? Maybe plan
discussion sections a bit more to
avoid awkward silences

COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism, PHIL 20116

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 4th Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Leading discussion, grading papers w/ comments

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:

excellently

quite well

adequately

poorly

(not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:

excellently

quite well

adequately

poorly

(not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:

excellently

quite well

adequately

poorly

(not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:

excellently

quite well

adequately

poorly

(not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant?

Great discussion leader

I especially appreciated his thorough and thoughtful comments on my midterm paper.

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions?

I can't really think

of anything... would love to have ~~him~~ him again.

COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism PHIL 20116

Course Assistant's Name: Lancey Ballman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: Nov. 17, 2017 Your Year: 4th Major: Fundamental

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? lead discussion, answer questions
about papers

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? Very good at leading discussion
offered alternative formulations & course realization of
the material that was very helpful

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? _____

COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: 20116 American Pragmatism

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: Nov. 17 Your Year: 4th Major: History and Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Lead discussion sections
and grade papers

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? Lawrence was really

good at explaining concepts clearly and directly

answering students questions. He is incredibly knowledgeable
and was able to apply this knowledge to the course.

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? _____

Maybe assign questions to students

Sometimes students didn't seem prepared (not his
fault!)

COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism ~~20100~~ 20116

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Autumn 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 3rd Major: Fundamentals

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Running discussion, grading

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? He brought in interesting

insights from outside the assigned readings, and was good at synthesizing
thoughts or ideas to show where they fit in the historical landscape
of ideas.

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? Discussion felt kind

of like question and answer, maybe he could have had discussion
more ~~focused~~ purposefully or stick on specific arguments for longer



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Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism, Phil 20116

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall '17

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 4 Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Paper feedback + leading discussion

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material: excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions: excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments: excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material: excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? Lawrence did a good job of answering student's questions with material, and I was pleased with the paper feedback

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? Quite The class quality could've done better with guiding questions, though this is largely a result of not making it through the syllabus



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: ^{20116 =} ~~20150~~ American Pragmatism

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Autumn 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/2017 Your Year: 3rd Major: Political Science

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Grade papers, lead discussion
Section

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? _____

He was very approachable and responded
well to questions

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? _____

I think he could have come with more
materials to our discussion sections because sometimes
we ran out of information to discuss



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: AMERICAN PRAGMATISM, 21600, 2

Course Assistant's Name: Dahlmann Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 2 Major: Undeclared

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Facilitating discussion sections, grading

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? He provided good explanations and made the environment very comfortable for discussion.

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? He could start by asking us a question and leading the discussion that way.



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Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism PHIL 20116 sec 2:30 sect.

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 4th Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Leading ^{Leading} Discussion sections + grading midterms

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:

excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:

excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:

excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:

excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant?

Obviously knows

material + open to feedback

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions?

I would suggest

trying to foster a discussion among the students, especially if the students don't have clarification questions



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: AMERICAN PRAGMATISM, PHIL 21600(2)

Course Assistant's Name: LAWRENCE DALLMAN Quarter and Year: FALL 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/2017 Your Year: 4TH Major: PHILOSOPHY

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? LEADING DISCUSSION, GRADING

PAPERS

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? LIKEABLE, CASUAL

WITHOUT BEING TOO INFORMAL

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? N/A



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Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism 21600^{sec} 02

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: 11/17/17 Your Year: 3 Major: Philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Lead discussion
grade papers

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? explained concepts

very well, we provided own insight, led
discussion in a meaningful direction while also
accommodating questions and answering them well

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? NA



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COURSE ASSISTANT EVALUATION: FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism - PHIL 21600, Section 2

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dalmon Quarter and Year: Autumn '17

Today's Date: 11/15/17 Your Year: 4th Major: History

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? Lead discussion and grade essays for undergrads

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

C. to respond to questions and comments:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

D. to respond to written material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

III. What were the special strong points of your course assistant? Lawrence's discussions were very different from Annbar's lectures, which helped provide a complementary approach to the readings. His impeccable handwriting on papers is a plus

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? _____



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Course name, number and section: American Pragmatism Section #2

Course Assistant's Name: Lawrence Dallman Quarter and Year: Fall 2017

Today's Date: 17 Nov 2017 Your Year: 3rd Major: philosophy

I. What were the C.A.'s primary duties in this course? The C.A. helped grade the papers and led discussion.

II. Rate your C.A.'s performance -- how well was the C.A. able:

A. to explain the course material:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

B. to conduct discussions:
excellently quite well adequately poorly (not applicable)

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good at responding to students and staying close to the text while also bringing in other authors

IV. What could your course assistant have done better? Suggestions? The C.A. perhaps necessary

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