**General Guidelines for Individual Final Project Papers**

**Eng302, fall 2014**

Each student must submit an individual final project paper. Your paper is due by the end of the assigned final exam period for our course – Thursday, 12/11, 3pm.

The expected length is 6-8 pages, plus the bibliography and appendices. Good writing and editing and appropriate use of semantic terms and metaphor theories are important.

Your paper should minimally include the following information, though not necessarily exactly as ordered or as completely separate “sections” of your paper:

* A good description of the language corpus/corpora used for the project
* A careful characterization of the project goals (i.e., those related to our class, though there’s no reason to discuss the class itself ☺).

In other words, include a careful description of the relevant metaphor research question(s) or hypotheses that shaped the project and of why your chosen text or texts are useful/interesting for exploring those issues.

* A well-articulated but succinct explanation of the theoretical perspective(s) that underlie your research question(s)

This explanation can be incorporated into your discussion about the project goals.

* A detailed explanation of the methodology used for data collection, including how you searched for the relevant examples, how you verified them, how you organized them, what complications arose, and how any complications may have limited what data you ultimately included in your analysis, etc.
* A detailed description of your analysis of the metaphors/metaphoric patterns in your data and of how you performed this analysis.

You should make sure to emphasize results relevant to the original project goals, though you might add any other theoretically relevant but unexpected observations. You should use appropriate examples from your data to illustrate your points. You should also discuss any limitations on the conclusions you can draw, explaining why. You could also optionally include a discussion of other questions that are raised by your analysis and of ways your result might provide interesting input into other kinds of analysis of the same or similar corpora, etc.

* *If you worked with a partner, make sure you have incorporated information about what work in data collection and analysis you did as an individual. This can, if you prefer, be part of an appendix rather than part of the main body of the paper.*
* *Make sure to have a bibliography, including your theoretical sources, any metaphor websites or such you might have used, and your data sources.*
* *Please include an appendix or appendices of your texts, if they’re smallish and/or of any files of data and of any large tables too big to be part of the body of your paper.*