

Example Position Paper

Economic and social needs.

Using the historic Minnesota state government shutdown of 2011 as a backdrop, Interfaith Advocacy describes the work of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, an interfaith advocacy group that brings together leaders from Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim traditions to advocate on behalf of a range of policies. As the nation's first statewide interfaith lobbying group, the story of the JRLC facilitates an examination of the role of political advocacy groups in state level American politics: what they are, how and why they form, how they mobilize citizens to participate in the political process, how they work to influence government, and what their impact is on American democracy. With research based on two years of in-depth interviews, participant observation, and analysis of archival records, this volume offers proof that it is possible to build successful long term political coalitions among improbable allies. The book investigates both the strengths and weaknesses of this model of advocacy and concludes that the presence of religious advocacy groups in the political process offers substantial benefits of representation, concern for underrepresented issues and groups, and the development of networks of social capital. Interfaith Advocacy is grounded in the theoretical literature of political science but also accessible to all readers who have an interest in political advocacy, state politics, or religion and politics.

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Having been originally introduced as a term to facilitate discussion of a specific group of patients regarded as entering a state of unawareness following coma, the 'Persistent Vegetative State' (PVS) has established itself as an apparently discrete medical condition with clear-cut implications for ethicists and lawyers that exceed any scientifically based understanding. As a consequence of this upgrading, conclusions drawn about the status and hence the management of this uncommon condition have been increasingly extended to other patients with much more common forms of disability. This book traces the origins of prevailing perceptions about PVS and submits these to critical examination. In doing this it comes to the conclusion that inadequate attention has been paid to acknowledging what is not known about affected individuals and that assumptions have consistently come to be traded as facts. Re-examination of the basis of the PVS and the adoption of a more scientific approach is long overdue and is owed to the community at large which has generally been provided by many medical practitioners with a 'dumbed-down' account of the condition. The book will be of interest to philosophers, medical graduates and neuroscientists but is also intended to remain accessible to the general reader with an interest in the wider implications of trends in medical thinking for attitudes towards many classes of patient. It has an extensive bibliography and will be of specific interest

to bioethicists and lawyers with professional interests in PVS.

The Language of Negotiation aims to heighten awareness of language and to suggest practical ways to use language-related tactics to get results. It encourages the reader to recognise negotiation as a specifically language-centred activity and demonstrates how learning to use language effectively can radically improve negotiation skills. The book features: A step-by-step guide on the practice of negotiation, from preparation to follow-up after the event Chapters on various aspects of negotiation, such as the spoken, written and interpersonal sides, as well as media interviewing and using the phone. Specific and useful strategies for actions like advising, complaining, confirming and dismissing. A range of effective and informative examples throughout, designed to show the value of enhanced language use and practical exercises to encourage the reader to apply the ideas to their own practice. The Language of Negotiation will be of value to all those in business and professional life whose work involves negotiation. It will also be of particular interest to students in graduate schools of business or management and to anyone who has an interest in improving their negotiation skills. No prior knowledge of language theory is assumed on the part of the reader.

The international carriage of goods by sea has been regulated by international conventions. These include the "International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading" ("Hague Rules"); the "Protocol to Amend the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law Relating to Bills of Lading" ("Visby Rules"); and the "UN Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea." They were adopted in 1924, 1968 and 1978 respectively and the transport industry's commercial needs have since substantially changed. Furthermore the advent of subsequent regimes has resulted in the uniformity in the carriage of goods by sea once provided by the Hague Rules being lost. In order to update and modernize existing regimes the "UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea" ("Rotterdam Rules") was adopted on December 11, 2008 by the UN General Assembly and opened for signature on September 23, 2009. Since then drafters of the Rotterdam Rules, academics and practitioners have been publicizing, discussing, and evaluating the Rules. This book is an effort to further explore those same goals.

This collection of 17 Infolines on instructional systems development walks you through needs assessment, task analysis, behavioral objectives, effective job aid, evaluation methods, classroom training techniques. This revised set provides a better aligned overview of the ADDIE model of ISD, encompassing analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation to target training to your learners' needs. Infoline's ISD Collection is the ideal place to start learning and applying OR take what you know one step further using the included job aids and tools.

Delivers uncomplicated and useful techniques for better teaching to nonmajors in liberal arts courses.

Fast-paced, practical, and innovative, this text for pre-service and in-service teachers features clear, easily accessible lessons and professional development activities to improve the delivery of academic language/literacy education across the content areas in junior/middle school and high school classrooms. Numerous hands-on tools and techniques demonstrate the effectiveness of content-area instruction for students in a wide variety of school settings, particularly English language learners, struggling

readers, and other special populations of students. Based on a strong professional development model the authors have been instrumental in designing, *Academic Language/Literacy Strategies for Adolescents* addresses: motivation attributes of academic language vocabulary: theory and practice reading skills development grammar and writing. A wealth of charts, graphs, and lesson plans give clear examples of academic language/literacy strategies in action. The appendices – a key component of the practical applications developed in the text – include a glossary, exemplary lessons that address key content areas, and a Grammar Handbook. In this era of increased accountability, coupled with rapid demographic change and challenges to traditional curricula and pedagogical methods, educators will find this book to be a great resource.

Using a developmental approach to the process of criticism, *Making Sense of Messages* serves as an introduction to rhetorical criticism for communication majors. The text employs models of criticism to offer pointed and reflective commentary on the thinking process used to apply theory to a message. This developmental/apprenticeship approach helps students understand the thinking process behind critical analysis and aids in critical writing.

Almost eighty years after the Scopes trial, the debate over the teaching of evolution continues to rage. There is no easy resolution--it is a complex topic with profound scientific, religious, educational, and legal implications. How can a student or parent understand this issue, which is such a vital part of education? *Evolution vs. Creationism* provides a badly needed, comprehensive, and balanced survey. Written by one of the leading advocates for the teaching of evolution in the United states, this accessible resource provides an introduction to the many facets of the current debate--the scientific evidence for evolution, the legal and educational basis for its teaching, and the various religious points of view--as well as a concise history of the evolution-creationism controversy. Each of the four sections of *Evolution vs. Creationism* provides a resource that will assist the reader in better understanding these issues. The first section addresses the nature of how evolution works as part of the scientific enterprise, as well as a summary of the relationship between religious beliefs and science. A section on the history of the controversy provides a handy synopsis of the lengthy struggles, from before Darwin to the present day, between advocates of creationism and the proponents of evolution. A collection of primary source documents addressing cosmology, law, education, and religious issues from all sides of the debate constitute the third section. The book concludes with a selection of resources for further information for those who wish to study the topic in more depth. Almost eighty years after the Scopes trial, the debate over the teaching of evolution continues to rage. There is no easy resolution--it is a complex topic with profound scientific, religious, educational, and legal implications. How can a student or parent understand this issue, which is such a vital part of education? *Evolution vs. Creationism* provides a badly needed, comprehensive, and balanced survey. Written by one of the leading advocates for the teaching of evolution in the United states, this accessible resource provides an introduction to the many facets of the current debate--the scientific evidence for evolution, the legal and educational basis for its teaching, and the various religious points of view--as well as a concise history of the evolution-creationism controversy. Each of the four sections of *Evolution vs. Creationism* provides a resource that will

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Recognizing the importance of good leadership to the achievement of educational excellence, the second edition of this handbook synthesizes a large body of school leadership literature and explores the subject from three perspectives: the person, the structure, and the skills. Part I examines characteristics of today's educational leaders; effective leadership styles and qualities; administrator training, hiring, and induction methods; and the scarcity of female and black school leaders. Part II looks at the organizational supports underlying school leadership. This section examines the balance of authority between the central office and the school site, the team approach to management, the decision-making context, and the components of school climate. Part III highlights leadership abilities needed by today's school administrators. Besides knowing how to manage the school's instructional program and staff, administrators must be able to communicate in today's more open, sharing organization; build coalitions of community groups; make meetings more productive; and manage time, stress, and conflict more effectively. Concerned about integrating theory with practice, the book offers many practical suggestions for using the information presented. Accompanying each chapter are extensive bibliographical references that appear at the end of the volume. (MLH)

When it comes to computer security, the role of auditors today has never been more crucial. Auditors must ensure that all computers, in particular those dealing with e-business, are secure. The only source for information on the combined areas of computer audit, control, and security, the *IT Audit, Control, and Security* describes the types of internal controls, security, and integrity procedures that management must build into its automated systems. This very timely book provides auditors with the guidance they need to ensure that their systems are secure from both internal and external threats.

Combining streamlined instruction in the writing process with outstanding accessibility, *THE COLLEGE WRITER* is a fully updated four-in-one book-with a rhetoric, a reader, a research guide, and a handbook-for users at any skill level. Throughout the book, numerous student and professional writing samples highlight important features of academic writing-from voice to documentation-and offer models for users' own papers. The fifth edition features a greater focus on writing across the curriculum, further supported within the research chapters by additional coverage of report writing, primary research, and avoiding plagiarism. Each student text is packaged with a free Cengage Essential Reference Card to the *MLA HANDBOOK, Eighth Edition*. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

"*The Public Relations Practitioner's Playbook*" is how-to and hands-on. Theory is

woven into thousands of proven techniques, tips, tactics, tools and strategies spread over nearly 600 pages. Explanations, examples and anecdotes are in a language that should appeal to experienced practitioners, college students and organization volunteers who assist with public relations and publicity. "The PR Practitioner's Playbook" - an anatomy of the public relations profession - relies on my experience as a reporter, editor, public relations counselor, and strategic advisor and evaluator. It demonstrates that successful writers practice their craft with poise and eloquence. It is an extension of the author's classroom, which many students call, "Litwin's laboratory for practical knowledge." As former KYW Newsradio colleague Kim Glovas observed, "Larry's voice is the voice of this book." Among those considered mentors - and contributors to this book - are Nick George, former managing editor at ABC Radio News, ABC sportscaster Howard Cosell, KYW Newsradio anchor Bill Bransome, print journalist extraordinaire Everett S. Landers and legendary broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow. They spent countless hours helping the author hone his skills and encouraging me to be an open, honest, thorough and valid (relevant) communicator. They stressed tangible tools, and such attributes as knowledge, loyalty, judgment, trust, credibility, ethics and integrity. "The Public Relations Practitioner's Playbook" serves as a basic or supplemental text in introduction to public relations and graduate overview courses. It offers a refreshing, down-to-earth approach to which many students are just not accustomed. Strategic advisors refer to it as a "potpourri of proven public relations techniques." The companion CD-Rom contains, among its many tactics, three PowerPoints that summarize the 17 chapters.

One of the most important 21st century skills is the ability to negotiate constructive resolutions in the face of conflicts of interest. Negotiation is a form of communication that requires more than just language ability. It requires being able to listen to, and communicate with, others within a milieu of diverse language abilities, academic, professional and cultural backgrounds in an increasingly global society. Added to this is the reality that the majority of English spoken globally is English as a Lingua Franca (ELF). Model United Nations (MUN) simulations are uniquely positioned to help students develop their language ability and their global competencies, as well as being ideal opportunities for participants to experience ELF in an intensely communicative context. A common goal in MUN simulations is to prepare students to solve complex problems that are associated with living in a technological, competitive, and globally connected world. This volume provides researchers, negotiation practitioners, and language teachers with insights and best practices in MUN event and delegate preparation. Application of these best practices will significantly enrich the pedagogic environments designed for MUN delegates, especially in ELF contexts.

The purpose of this book is to present cohesive, introductory information, drawn from the disciplines of speech communication, interpersonal communication, and

nursing. It is proposed by the author to establish a benchmark of holistic and humanizing theoretical orientation for interpersonal communication between nurses, clients and others which is appropriate in all areas of nursing practice, education and research.

Supply Market Intelligence: A Managerial Handbook for Building Sourcing Strategies charts the course to success for executives who are seeking to lead their organizations to supply-chain maturity. This volume is intended for supply-chain executives who struggle with the challenges of an uncertain supply market environment and whose supply chain function is constantly buffeted by unexpected changes in customer requirements and commodity prices. The author offers a more effective path, describing an integrated approach to supply chain management based upon solid market intelligence. This path is derived from the authors' multiple engagements with organizations such as Suncor Energy, Bank of America, Shell Oil, Honda of America, General Motors, Boston Scientific, Visteon, Federal Express, Sonoco, Duke Energy, Caterpillar, John Deere, GlaxoSmithKline, and many others. He emphasizes that the elements of a successful plan do not arise from a simple vision, instead they require much hard work and a focused approach backed by solid leadership. This book begins by defining supply market intelligence and discussing opportunities, the establishment of a project team, and conducting an internal business intelligence assessment. The book then examines the development of business and market intelligence, supplier evaluations, and sourcing strategies. It also explores how to execute a sourcing strategy, manage a strategic supplier relationship, and redesign an organization for effective supply-chain intelligence and strategic sourcing. This volume offers a benchmarking maturity model tool that covers all facets of end-to-end supply-chain management.

"This book is a comprehensive, very specific, clinical guide for health care providers..."--Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing "This well-written and well-organized book is a much needed 'middle ground' resource between oversimplified introductions to pain management and a thick textbook."--Clinical Nurse Specialist "The Compact Clinical Guide to Acute Pain Management provides an excellent overview of the process of pain management for adult patients in any setting."--Critical Care Nurse This book provides much-needed guidelines that are presented in an easy-to-use, systematic format for quick access to core concepts on acute pain management. It is designed to help busy practitioners accurately assess pain in a variety of patient populations, and select patient-appropriate medications and interventions to achieve optimal pain management for adult patients. Intended for use in primary care, internal medicine, and acute- and long-term care settings, this book covers the topics of acute pain assessment, both pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment options, current information from national guidelines, along with regional anesthesia techniques, patient-controlled analgesia, and epidural pain management. Key Features: Offers important new perspective on combination

use of pain scales to accurately predict individual pain management needs for more customized and effective management Delivers information on how to treat acute pain in hospitalized patients who also suffer from chronic pain and substance abuse Offers new information on opioid polymorphisms and their surprising effect on pain medication effectiveness Includes a special chapter on managing pain in difficult-to-treat patient populations This is an essential reference for primary care providers in clinics, hospitals, specialty care, and critical care to assess pain in general populations and provide tips for performing pain assessment on patients with acute pain.

This book argues that a New Deal for research in Europe is needed. This New Deal would involve the mobilisation of policy actors across all levels—regional, national and European—and their commitment to develop a more effective research system based on actions where they have the greatest impact. The book presents, from a viewpoint inside the European Commission, the nuts and bolts of how EU research policy is actually designed. It also provides a comprehensive analysis, on the basis of factual evidence, not only of the positive impacts of European research, but of the various criticisms that have been made of the Framework Programme.

Through the use of case studies, this text offers comprehensive writing instruction. Each case study is designed to introduce readers to critical reading skills, problem solving, synthesizing multiple perspectives, analyzing rhetorical situations, evaluating sources, and finally, to writing assignments that require contextualizing and analyzing information. Introductions to cases provide a context for the case and, as well, explain what the study has to offer the reader, and ways in which the reader can go about getting the most out of the essay. This book's thorough and engaging collection of case studies 1) Illustrate a variety of rhetorical situations on the same topic, 2) Serve as models of sufficiently narrowed topics, 3) Stress the connection between reading and writing skills, and 4) Provide units of research for a variety of writing assignments. For those interested in developing their critical thinking, reading and writing skills by examining interdisciplinary case studies.

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