Dear Students of Psych 760 (History of Psychology, Graduate seminar)

The university has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. As you’re aware, one of these measures was the decision late last week to suspend in-person classes for the remainder of the academic term.

**McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students ended as of Friday March 13th and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.**

This decision was made to ensure that our activities here at McMaster are aligned with the social distancing principle so important to broader public health at this time.

We are also committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. To do so, we have put careful thought into the use of alternative assessment methods and evaluation schemes that are fair to all students. The following describes what you can expect for Psych 760 between now and the end of the term:

**Between now and April 7, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:**

- Virtual lectures will all take place on Microsoft Teams (to join the class, click here)
- Microsoft teams allows for both spoken and written contributions to the discussion. I will continue the discussion-heavy format of the lectures, so please make sure your camera and microphone are working.
  - Microsoft Teams has many rich discussion and file sharing options. I will rely on some of these features, but these are all supplementary and optional. What matter most, your assignment submissions, will all still occur via email.
- You will have full access to the undergraduate component of the Teams group (including lectures + discussions), as well as a separate, graduate-student only section where we will be hosting our weekly meetings.

In addition, you can expect the following changes to the assessments used for this course:

- If you had previously decided on a week to lead a discussion or present a lecture, the date may be pushed back by 1 week, determined on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your instructor to finalize a new date.
- If you had requested to give a lecture to the undergraduates, one of three things may happen (determined on a case-by-case basis):
  1. You can choose to not give a lecture, now that it is virtual and potentially inconvenient/difficult
  2. The instructor will most likely need to change the date of your lecture
  3. Given new time constraints for the course, the instructor may remove your lecture slot and ask that you either lead a discussion with graduate students or submit a paper.

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed.

In the event significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course and will be clearly communicated to you. Please also visit https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/ for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ali Hashemi