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This pre-proposal presentation and discussion occurred on Friday, March 31, 2023, at approximately 12:15 am. Dr. Curtis McClane led the panel of tutors, including Dr. David Ward and Dr. Taladay.

I was grateful to be able to share my pre-proposal with my Professors and peers.

I presented my pre-proposal: “Socialization impact the intimate partner relationships of Antiguan males.”

The ensuing discussions were meaningful, bringing greater clarity and a way forward to conduct the research.

Summary of Recommendations:

Both professors and peers acknowledged that the shift from intimate partner violence to male inmate-partner relationships is important. They affirmed the value of learning men’s opinions about relationships and how it could contribute to improved family life.

They encouraged me to consider what I would like to investigate carefully. Is it socialization, or is it violence in intimate partner relationships?

If I am interested in intimate partner violence, using victims would prove more fruitful than using perpetrators who would not readily admit to committing acts of intimate partner violence.

Critical to the research are the instruments. My peers suggested I consider not using more than two validated instruments. I also need to be clear about what I would like to measure, and it is unwise to measure using different instruments.

The current instruments I am considering, namely the ESPA29, ATAMS, and RAS) do seem to measure different things, which may be tricky. I need to focus on the data I would like to ascertain.

 My peers also queried how I would access the population, and I responded that I would access the people using the voter registration list.

I shared considering surveying soldiers and police who represented a localized population, however; my peers advised that since they tend to be strong and assertive, they may not be wise to investigate them. They also suggested that it would be more random to complete the survey via email and see who responds than target specific groups of people.

My peers also raised the question of what sample size is needed. Calculating the sample size is essential for my research.

My peers honed in on whether it is impact or influence and said the research question needs to be clearly defined.

The presentation of the proposal helped to put the research process in perspective. The experience was meaningful, and I now need to review the proposal, consider my peers’ suggestions, and be diligent and consistent during the research process.

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