NS 176: Assignments and Course Evaluation

When evaluating your performance in this class, I will draw from six main areas:

- **Weekly writing assignments**, turned in at the **start** of class on Mondays.
- **Mathematical problems**, turned in at the **start** of class on occasional Wednesdays.
- **First paper**, due by the start of class on Wednesday, March 24. Details of this assignment will be discussed a few weeks into the course.
- **Final project**, to be turned in by 5 PM, Friday, May 14. The nature of the final project will be discussed a few weeks into the course.
- **Final oral presentation**, to be delivered to the class during “exam week”, May 10 – 14. The nature of this presentation will be discussed a few weeks into the course.
- **Your overall enthusiasm**. This can be demonstrated in many ways, including “class participation” (note that giving the sense that you are an engaged listener is considered to be just as important as actively contributing to the discussion), regular attendance (it is expected that you not miss more than 3 classes during the term), coming to office hours, and so forth.

→Save those assignments! At course’s end, you will be expected to turn in a **portfolio**, which should include all returned assignments along with a self-evaluation of your performance in the class.

**A Note About Late Assignments**

No late assignments will be accepted in this class. A late assignment will be considered a missed assignment. If you cannot make it to class for some reason on the day an assignment is due, it is your responsibility to get the assignment to us (either to me or one of the TAs) before the class meeting time; the preferred way to do this is to put it in my mailbox in Cole on the third floor, directly across the hallway from where class meets. Of course, everyone will have a few times during the semester that life outside of this class will conspire to make it difficult to complete a weekly assignment or two. Thus, up to two missed weekly assignments (either the Monday writing or Wednesday problem assignments) will be completely excusable during the semester.