



DEPARTMENT OF ETHICS

TO: Peter Paquette, Assistant Dean of Students

FROM: Mattias J. Symonson, Assistant Professor of Psychology

DATE: July 22, 2010

RE: Potential Academic Integrity Violation
Ingrid S. Saxton, Class of 2014 – ETH 799: Oppression in Society

In grading her final paper for ETH 799, which is 20% of her final grade for the course, I noticed that Ingrid's paper was written in a very different tone than her past work and suspected unauthorized assistance in this paper. After a quick google search I realized much of the third and fourth page of Ingrid's work appear to be taken verbatim from an article entitled "Financial Oppression" published in the Journal of Advanced Psychological Disorders in January 2002. I have spoken with Ingrid about this concern. She stated that she did reference that article in her final paper, but simply forgot to cite it. I believe Ingrid is not fully forthcoming in her response, as there are two entire pages that directly match the article.

I have attached the following documents to this memo for your review:

- A copy of Ingrid's paper, submitted July 13, 2010
- A copy of the "Financial Oppression" from the Journal of Advanced Psychological Disorders
- A copy of my syllabus for the course
- A copy of the assignment guidelines for this final paper
- A copy of my correspondence with Ingrid notifying her of my suspicion plagiarism

I am concerned by Ingrid's response. Prior to this incident, she has been a very strong student with a creative approach to her work. Her writing has regularly been exemplary. I appreciate your assistance in determining responsibility and holding Ingrid accountable for her actions. Please contact me if you have any questions at x9955 or by e-mail at symonsom@dickinson.edu.

Cordially,

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