Assignment 2: Critical analysis of a published research paper

**Purpose:** The purpose of this assignment is to apply the knowledge you've gained about the components of the research process and the qualities of good research by evaluating and critiquing a published research paper.

**Description:** Select an article from a peer-reviewed journal in LIS or another closely-related field. It should not be an article that we discussed in class already or an earlier assigned reading: please select from the list that will be distributed. Critique the article, considering the points listed below. You may choose to organize your paper according to the major headings listed in the criteria section below, but make sure that you don't just give short answers to each section; the entire critique should be a cohesive essay. Take a stand on whether you think the author(s) has(have) adequately addressed each component of the research process. Consider the use of examples and references to other published research to support your arguments. You may find it helpful to review the specific evaluation criteria listed on pages 228-230 of Powell or from your own interpretation of Booth et al., as well as in the rest of that chapter. Criteria to consider are available [here](#).

**Assignment Deliverables:** Your critique should be in the form of a formal academic paper, including a bibliography, clear organization, logical development, and absence of grammatical and spelling mistakes. You should need no more than 8 to 10 pages, doublespaced. Turn in your critique via the upload site, due before midnight on the due date. The assignment is worth 30% of your final grade.

**Due:** Feb 22.