

# PSYC 51.09: Problem Set 7

## Introduction

This problem set is intended to solidify the concepts you learned about in this week's lectures and readings. Your responses will be worth 3% of your final grade. You are encouraged to work together with your classmates in small groups, and/or to post and answer questions on the courses Canvas site. *However, you must clearly indicate who you collaborated with and submit your own (uniquely worded) responses.*

We will go over the answers to this problem set in class on **Monday, February 29, 2016 at 1:45 pm**. You must upload your answers before then in order to receive credit. No late submissions will be accepted.

## Readings and ungraded questions

1. Read Chapter 8 of *Foundations of Human Memory*. What were your thoughts on the reading? **(Ungraded)**
2. Read Chapter 9 of *Foundations of Human Memory*. What were your thoughts on the reading? **(Ungraded)**
3. Create an outline of your final paper. I'll provide feedback within a few days. You can either include it as part of your problem set submission, or send it to me separately via email. **(Ungraded, Optional)**

## Graded questions

In answering the questions below, consider this week's material in the context of the other material we've learned throughout the course.

1. How do our brains organize and spontaneously retrieve memories? Use an example if it helps, or you can give a general answer. **(2-3 paragraphs, 1 point)**
2. What do you see as the single greatest challenge to our understanding of human memory? For example, where is our knowledge of "how memory works" weakest? Or, what sorts of questions about memory are the most difficult to study? Why? **(2-3 paragraphs, 1 point)**
3. What would need to happen in order to overcome (solve) the challenge you identified above? Do you think it's possible and/or will ever be possible to address that challenge? Why? **(2-3 paragraphs, 1 point)**