**Assignment 1: Research Question**

**Name:**

Come up with **at least 3** research questions you would be interested in using as your final research project for this course. The only requirement is that the topic must fit with occupations, job, and social status, construed broadly. Further, you should be able to answer your question using a simulation strategy – try to write a sentence or two of how you think you may address the question using the ACT tools we have introduced so far in class. If you have any concerns about your desired topic, please discuss with Em and Professor Smith-Lovin.

Your 3 questions should follow the format outlined in the Booth et al reading, e.g.

**Example 1:**

**Topic:** I am studying the emotional experience of individuals at work

**Question:** because I am interested in whether occupational identity influences emotional experience

**Significance:** in order to help us better understand how inequality in the workplace can be affective as well as material.

**Broad Simulation Strategy:** I will pick occupational identities from different industries and simulate their characteristic emotions and compare them.

**Example 2:**

**Topic:** I am studying work/family role conflict

**Question:** because I am interested in what occupations are expected to act in ways very different from how Mothers and Fathers are supposed to act in the same situations

**Significance:** in order to help us better understand how cultural expectations of parenthood are related to gender segregation in occupations.

**Broad Simulation Strategy:** I will simulate the optimal behavior to occur between occupational dyads in three industries that differ in the extent to which they are gender segregated: education, medicine, and criminal justice. Then, I will replace the actor in those simulations with ‘mother’ or ‘father’ and determine how far away the Mother and Father optimal behaviors are from the original actor.

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