

## **CSC 450, Senior Research Assignment Autobiography**

For this first assignment, you will write a one-page essay that contains biographical information about yourself and that discusses possible topics for your research paper. The main purpose of this assignment is to serve as a warm-up for the writing we will do throughout the semester and to get you thinking about possible research topics. Note that any research topics you discuss here are preliminary and may or may not end up being related to your final research topic.

**This assignment (and all others) should be typed and free of spelling and grammatical errors, and must be written as an essay and as a cohesive narrative. You must submit a hard copy of this assignment by the beginning of class on the due date to receive credit.**

- 1) Write a one page essay that includes the following:
  1. Biographical information including your hometown, whether you have any brothers or sisters, and at least one interesting fact about yourself.
  2. When did you first become interested in computer-science, and why did you choose to attend Eastern Connecticut State University?
  3. Do you currently have any plans for after graduation?
  4. What area of computer science are you most interested in, and why?
  5. State at least *two* potential questions that you are considering investigating for your research topic, and why you are interested in them.
- 2) Under the “Possible Topics” thread on Piazza, leave a comment describing the research topic or topics you are interested in. You are encouraged to discuss your interests with each other, and this discussion may be useful for finding a partner for your research project, if you are interested in working with someone.