

## CSC 590 Assignment 3 -- Related Work Chapter of Your Thesis

**DUE:** on or before 7PM Friday 13 June (Finals Week)

### Requirements

For this assignment, you are to prepare a discussion of related work in a particular research area. The discussion is of the style that would appear in the "related work" chapter of a thesis, or a comparable chapter. As with Assignment 4, the discussion may take one of three forms, depending on how close to a specific thesis topic you are in your studies.

**Form 1:** If you have an advisor and have chosen a specific topic, then your 590 related-work paper should be directly applicable to your thesis. Ideally, it should be usable directly as a chapter in the thesis. The specific content of such a chapter is worked out by you and your advisor. The 590 Week 6 Notes discuss general ideas of what is in a related work thesis chapter.

**Form 2:** If you do not have a specific thesis topic, but have an idea of what it might be, then you can do a presentation very similar to *Form 1*. The difference is that your idea will be less well articulated than in *Form 1*, so your discussion of related work will revolve more around the work of others than your own idea.

**Form 3:** If you have no specific idea for a thesis topic, then your related-work paper should be a critical compare-and-contrast review in a focused area of research. The idea of a "focused area of research" means that the area is the one you discussed in your first presentation, or one of comparable scope.

### Examples

See <http://www.csc.calpoly.edu/~gfisher/classes/590/examples/assignment3/>

### Turn-in Procedure

Submit your paper to the Assignment 3 PolyLearn site for CSC 590, on or before 7PM Friday 13 June (Finals Week). In addition to the "native" format of your paper, please also submit a PDF version. E.g., if you use MS Word for your paper, submit both the Word doc as well as a PDF version.