

### **Assessment Assignment for Extra Credit**

Using the world wide web, your e-mail account, and the Criminal Justice Department's home page. **Required** up to 2 points added to Assignment number 5.

#### RESEARCH METHODS

After assessing and carefully reading one of the following two articles, please answer the following 10 questions and send (via e-mail) me a copy of your answers. **DUE NO LATER THAN February 18, 2009.**

1. Give a full citation of the study: Author'(s), "Title of the paper," Name of the Journal, Vol. No. (Month, Year), pp.

Example: David de Vaus and Ian McAllister, "Gender Differences in Religion: A Test of the Structural Location Theory," American Sociological Review, Vol. 52, No 4 (August, 1987): 472-481.

2. What is the paper all about? What is the theoretical issue?
3. How did the author(s) arrive at the hypotheses?
4. What main concepts are treated in the study?
5. How did the author(s) operationalize the concepts?
6. What is the unit of analysis in this study?
7. In doing the empirical study how was the sample drawn?
8. How were the hypotheses tested?
9. What did the study find?
10. Comment critically on the paper, and tell us what you have learned from this exercise.