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Works Being Revised	Introduction to Sociology 2e; https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-sociology-2e
Final Semester	Fall 2018
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Description	<p>I have been using the OpenStax Introduction to Sociology book for several years in my live and online classes. This is a free, peer-reviewed, open-source textbook in wide use across North America. In the past two years, I have used the OpenStax Introduction to Sociology book with approximately 300 students, leading to a cost-savings of about \$30,000 (based on the price of my last text at \$100). Other professors are also using this book at Perimeter College, so the cost savings is actually much greater for the college overall for the past 2 years.</p> <p>Although OpenStax offers some instructor ancillary materials, they are very brief. I believe that many instructors do not choose to use this text because they do not have the time or resources to create their own ancillary materials, so they use a paid book often with a paid platform for students. There are several pre-made courses available for purchase using the OpenStax book that provide significant savings to students but are not free. With this grant, we intend to develop a package for instructors to use with the OpenStax text in both live and online classes. This package will be a high-tech, up-to-date instructor's manual. The ancillary resources we plan to develop or adopt from current open-source materials include but are not limited to the following for each chapter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infographics 2. PowerPoints with instructor notes 3. PowerPoints with voice-overs and transcripts 4. Curated YouTube playlists 5. 3-5 interactive TED ED videos that can be used as self-assessment or for graded assessments 6. A list of suggested longer films and documentaries 7. Suggested classroom activities 8. Test bank with a variety of types and levels of questions 9. Assignment bank with suggested assignments and activities using active learning techniques 10. Interactive research assignment using the General Social Survey 11. A learning outcome map mapping each instructional material, assignment, and assessments with course and chapter-level learning outcomes. <p>We believe that these materials will help in the wider adoption of the OpenStax book among sociologists across North America. To that end, we will be presenting on the development of these materials at the Fall 2018 Georgia Sociological Association meeting, and will apply to present this at other regional sociology, library, and teaching conferences.</p>

<p>Timeline</p>	<p>Spring 2018: Research and Development Summer 2018: Complete compilation of materials Fall 2018: Pilot all materials in Dolan’s 1101 classes both online and live. Personnel: Personnel include Kathy Dolan, Associate Professor of Sociology and Jennie Law, Librarian. We will be working together on research and development of these materials. Jennie Law will focus on researching the methods of delivery and framework of the materials and Kathy Dolan will focus more on the subject specific content, although we will be working closely together on the whole project.</p>
<p>Budget</p>	<p>Travel for each team member to attend the February 26, 2018 Kickoff Meeting at \$400 each x 2 members = \$800. While this is not required for mini-grants, the team members feel that this attendance is important to the participation in the project. Travel for each team member to disseminate project materials to Sociology faculty at regional/national conferences such as the Fall 2018 Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting at \$1,500 per team member x 2 team members = \$3,000 Registration fees for team members attending conferences at \$300 per team member x 2 team members = \$600 Materials and supplies for the development of ancillary textbook materials at \$400. TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET = \$4,800</p>