Rubric for Evaluating Research Courses in the M.A. Program in History

Instructions: this document must be filled out by the instructor in charge of every student who completes HIS 704 and HIS 709. Please return it to the Director of Graduate Studies. Please gauge each student’s ability or capacity in each of the following areas (circle the relevant rating). Note: this document is not to be used in grading purposes, nor will it ever be shown to the student.

Name of Evaluator: __________________________ Course (circle one): 704 / 709
Name of Student Evaluated: __________________________ Year/Semester: ____________

**Program of student: (circle one):** MA-Museum Studies MA-regular PhD

1. Primary Sources: student is able to employ and analyze primary sources effectively

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

2. Historiography: Student is able to contextualize his/her own work within existing scholarship

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

3. Choosing a Topic: student was able to successfully select and refine a suitable research topic

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

4. Bibliography: student was able to use conventional and electronic media to construct an advanced bibliography

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

5. Argument: student was able to present relevant evidence in support of a clear thesis

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

6. Writing: student used clear and sophisticated prose to communicate their research

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________

7. Citations: student used quotations and scholarly citations appropriately

   Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Not at all    Unknown

   Comment: __________________________________________________________