

**5.95J – Fall 2012**  
**Post-Class Assignment 3**

**Developing Your Teaching Philosophy**

Based on your preliminary work during ICA\_3, draft your own teaching philosophy statement. This statement should reflect your own thoughts about the importance and values of teaching and of education. It may contain some or all of the following:

- A description of the ways in which you make decisions about course content and teaching methodologies. (*How you teach*)
- Your ideas about what constitutes effective teaching, in general, and your specific objectives for the course(s) you teach (or will teach). (*Why you teach the way you do*)
- A statement that demonstrates your knowledge about how students learn in your discipline. (*Why you teach the way you do*)
- A description of the kinds of assessment tools you have used (or will use) in the classroom, and a justification for using those tools. (*How you know you are being effective*)
- Your plans for developing yourself as a teacher.

As far as format:

- Do not write more than a page or two.
- Assume people outside your field will read your statement, so be careful of jargon.
- Take a narrative, first person approach.

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***You should consider this to be a preliminary draft!! You will have the opportunity to revise your statement at the end of the semester***

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