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**TEACHING OBSERVATION REPORT**  
**Department of Social Sciences**

(Conducted at least once during each academic semester for each non-tenured or non-certificated member of the teaching staff; tenured and certificated members of teaching staff may be observed once each semester. For **adjunct faculty**, the original written teaching observation report and the original record of discussion of observation at the post-observation conference are to be sent to the **Office of Adjunct Services**. They will subsequently be reviewed by the Office of Academic Affairs and placed in the staff member's personnel file in the Office of Faculty and Staff Relations. For **full-time faculty**, the teaching observation and record of discussion should be sent directly to the **Office of Faculty and Staff Relations**.)


Dr. Daniel Restrepo		Adjunct Assistant Professor		J. Culkin
_____ Name of Employee		_____ Rank of Employee		_____ Observer
PHIL140	E1	H306	11:10-12:00	3-31-14
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**OBSERVATION REPORT:**

Dr. Restrepo began the class by posting on the board a quotation from Robert Edwards, an IVF pioneer: "Soon it will be a sin for parents to have a child that carries the heavy burden of genetic disease." He invited students to comment on the meaning of the quotation, and thereby opened discussion of the main topic of the class, the prenatal screening and selective abortion of fetuses with genetic disorders. He thoughtfully directed the students in a discussion of several key ethical issues including parental reproductive rights, discrimination against the disabled, and objections to prenatal screening and selection. Subsequent to that discussion he turned his attention to the analysis of a case that students had read about a woman who took a drug to induce ovulation to become pregnant despite her knowledge that the drug would likely cause genetic harm to the fetus. Dr. Restrepo carefully unpacked the various ethical issues involved in the case and helped students to express and clarify their own view on the matter.

It is apparent that Dr. Restrepo has good rapport with the students. He effectively prodded them to participate using an ongoing Q&A style peppered with gentle humor. Overall, I found this class informative and interesting.

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Signature of Observer

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