

Please find below a selection of student evaluations---provided anonymously---for classes I have recently taught.

Yale University, Spring Semester 2016: Teaching Fellow for *Development Under Fire*, lectured by Jason Lyall

Gareth Nellis is probably the best TF I've had at Yale.

Great TA, very helpful!

Gareth is excellent with breaking information down and connecting readings to discussions. He does a great job making sure the whole section is engaged

Gareth was a good discussion leader and a fair grader.

Gareth is a great section leader. He is always prepared for section to clarify and underscore important concepts with questions to facilitate the discussion. He encouraged a small group format to allow everyone to talk even if they weren't as comfortable sharing in the large group setting. Gareth was very prompt with his comments on our papers and they were always helpful and clear. He was especially helpful in the context of our impact evaluations. His experience running experiments and evaluations of his own were really helpful. He always encouraged us to attend office hours and was approachable in a one-on-one setting.

Gareth was wonderful and very helpful. He was knowledgeable and section was a good way to further understand and synthesize the course material.

Gareth was super insightful and helpful. The only problem was that for an entire semester, he could not, for the life of him, write on the chalkboard without making a terrible squeaking sound that drove everybody nuts AND HE DIDN'T NOTICE

Section was great - loved the questions and small group discussions. The atmosphere in section is great for conversation and I can ask questions freely. Your feedback is constructive and your dedication for being there for your students is admirable.

Gareth definitely knew his stuff. He was always on top of each week's readings and I felt that he could explain assignments well.

Gareth was an amazing and incredibly knowledgeable and helpful TA. I feel that the course did not require a discussion section but section was helpful at times.

The section really sought to be more of a discussion component of the lecture, where students are given the opportunity to ask any questions they might have, and then talk amongst themselves in groups about certain issues. The conversations and back-and-forth debates really helped me analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the theories we learn in class, and really helped me develop my own thoughts about certain topics or experiments

covered in class. One improvement I may suggest is to have a 5 minute recap at the beginning of each section just to serve as a refresher of what we learned in lecture that week. In terms of our TF, Gareth was a great teaching assistant in that he clearly knew a lot about the topics covered in class, and had his own experiences to supplement! He wasn't afraid to go out of lecture material and give us suggestions for further reading, for those of us who were interested, and I thought that was great. Gareth was also very approachable, and he was always happy to answer any questions we had. No weaknesses!

Gareth was a great TA. He did a good job with section and meeting with students in office hours.

Gareth was the absolute best!

Gareth helped us engage with the readings by having us break into small groups and then coming together as a larger group at the end. This helped since the sections were relatively large. He was good at going around the room and pushing each of the smaller groups to delve a bit deeper. I really appreciated his help with my impact evaluation, especially when he helped me find more readings that were more relevant to my topic.

Gareth was a great T.A. He always responded to emails quickly and provided useful advice. Sections were really helpful, especially because of the way in which they were structured (small discussion groups).

Yale University, Spring Semester 2014: Teaching Assistant for *Election Rules and Campaign Strategy*, lectured by Eitan Hersh

Gareth was awesome. He really ran section very well--filled in all the gaps we didn't cover in class. I came away from section understanding things much more comprehensively--which is what I think section should do. He was also very available for help whenever we needed it.

Section was good because it expanded on the theories that we went over in class. I felt that Gareth was good at facilitating discussion. Having a section for this class was highly beneficial.

sections were very helpful and informative. Gareth did a great job reviewing readings and explaining everything

Gareth was a great TA - very clear, patient, and knowledgeable! I liked the way he ran his sections, it helped me make sense of the readings.

Gareth was a helpful TA who offered his own experience and clarification to the class. The section did not seem all too different from the lecture itself, but Gareth did his best to provide some new insights or interpretations of the readings.

I liked that we went over the readings more precisely in section because in class at times it was difficult to know what was associated to readings and what was just lecture material. Especially for the exam I think it came in handy. Also, Gareth provided interesting insight in the methodology of political science, something that not many other classes do.

I really liked Gareth, and I thought he did a great job in section, and when he led class. The material we discussed was a little dry at times, largely by virtue of the focus on methodology. While I personally am interested in this aspect--the more computational side of the subject--in terms of preparation for the final, etc. I'm not sure this was always the best use of our time. That said, Gareth was capable of distilling the information well, and made the material understandable to those with every level of preparation for the class.

He's great.

Gareth is a really nice guy, and is very approachable for questions or concerns. He cared a lot about teaching our section and it came across.

Gareth is an exceptional teacher. His fluency with the material and gift for exposition helped everyone in his section understand the challenging journal articles and crystallize the course's main ideas. His mastery of political science generally showed often, especially through the outside articles and further reading in American Politics he frequently suggested. The feedback he gave on papers was helpful, specific, and meaningful. Perhaps his only virtue stronger than his gift for teaching was his friendliness and approachability.

Gareth was one of the best TF's I've ever had. Some of the readings were very dense and difficult; Gareth did an incredible job explaining the readings. I felt like this was one of the few sections I've ever had that was genuinely helpful.

Gareth was great! He did a good job summarizing the key points of the reading each week while also not saying the exact same thing as Professor Hersh had during lecture. He also brought his own views to the subject and would talk with us about other readings that connected to the week's topic(s), which was helpful.