HONR 304T               Essay Assignments

Due 4-4-06: Science, Technology, and Computers
Due 4-27-06: Science, Technology, and Medicine
Due 5-18-06: Science, Technology, and the Environment

In each case, you are to write a formal essay (that is, one with a clear structure – an introduction, a body, and a conclusion – that serves as a whole to advance an argument that is expressed concisely in a thesis statement).

As you develop your essay, think about addressing the following questions:

1. What is the shape of the literature that we have read together?

2. Identify an issue or a concept that emerged in one or more of these writings and ask yourself, “What do I think about this issue/concept?”

3. How does our reading of theory (Feb 7 to Feb 16) and policy studies (Feb 21 to Mar 2) affect your thinking about this issue/concept?

4. What would you like to add to the discussion of this issue/concept?

5. What additional information or frameworks do you think you would need to acquire in order to more carefully/meaningfully address items 1-4?

Careful attention to these questions during the development of your thinking will help you write a carefully crafted essay. Please be sure to eliminate all evidence of the scaffolding before unveiling the completed project.

Your essay should be 4-5 pages in length (typed, double-spaced, with 1" margins and a reasonable sized font). Quotations are not necessary, but if you use them, be sure to cite them properly.