

Faculty Research Support

Dr. Wayne Thompson is Concordia's Faculty Research Methodologist. He is available to consult and advise on faculty research projects. This includes qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods studies.

Dr. Thompson can assist with:

- Discussing/brainstorming potential research projects
- Developing research questions and/or hypotheses
- Choosing appropriate research methodology techniques that will answer your research questions prior to collecting data
- Thinking about sampling for your study
- Assisting with data collection method set-up
- Showing you how to enter data into SPSS and/or how to run output on SPSS
- Assisting with the proper way to write up statistical results
- Assisting with qualitative data collection techniques
- Assisting with qualitative analysis
- Writing for publication or presentation

Items that require your help:

- You will need to collect the data, clean up the data, and analyze it in SPSS. Dr. Thompson can assist you with how to do this but typically won't do this work for you. The goal is to teach you how to do it rather than just supplying you with output.
- If you use Qualtrics to collect data, you will need to learn enough to create, distribute, and download survey results into a form we can work with (Excel, SPSS, etc.).
- If you are working on a graduate-level project or dissertation, Dr. Thompson is happy to provide an extra opinion; however, you should always consult with your faculty advisor, dissertation committee, or doctoral program on which methods they prefer. (Your doctoral institution should be providing research support; that's why you pay tuition.) Dr. Thompson's role is focused first on helping faculty with their research and scholarship for Concordia.
- Dr. Thompson is here to assist faculty – if you have a graduate student who needs help, he will support you as a faculty member so that you can then guide your graduate students personally.

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Dr. Thompson can meet with you in person or via Zoom. He is available for all Concordia full-time faculty members on both the Ann Arbor and Mequon campuses.