Rubric for HUMN 1124H Assignment 1: Premodern Approaches to Religious Diversity

| | Sophisticated | Competent | Developing | Insufficient |
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| Introduction (10%) | -Catches and intrigues readers' attention -Identifies examples paper discusses -Suggests how examples relate to each other and contribute to larger picture of religious diversity in the premodern world | -Demonstrates understanding of task (identifying three distinct approaches to religious difference) -Identifies examples paper discusses -Suggests how these examples relate to each other | -Identifies examples discussed in your paper -Does not draw connections or comparisons among examples -May make sweeping generalizations | -Does not demonstrate understanding of task -Does not mention what examples paper will discuss |
| Example #1 (20%) | -Clearly describes one distinct approach to religious diversity that primary source exemplifies -Analyzes direct and brief but significant quotations from primary source -Incorporates secondary source to support reading of primary source -Insightful and innovative interpretation of primary source -Demonstrates holistic understanding of primary &/or secondary sources | -Describes one distinct approach to religious diversity that primary source exemplifies -Analyzes direct quotations from primary source -Incorporates secondary source to support reading of primary source | -Describes one distinct approach to religious diversity that primary source exemplifies -Does not provide in-depth analysis of primary source quotations; quotations may be excessively long -Incorporates secondary source to support reading of primary source | -Does not include analysis of direct quotations from primary source -May neglect to incorporate secondary source as supporting evidence -May include major factual error(s) |
| Example #2 (20%) | [See above] | [See above] | [See above] | [See above] |
| Example #3 (20%) | [See above] | [See above] | [See above] | [See above] |
| Conclusion (10%) | -Identifies larger factors in determining premodern approaches to religious difference -Integrates material from throughout the course in combinations not presented in lectures | -Draws connections and comparisons among examples -Makes larger statement about premodern approaches to religious difference | -Makes some larger statement about premodern approaches to religious difference | -Does not build a larger picture of religious diversity in the premodern world |
| Organization & Style (10%) | Structure follows logical order, transitions between paragraphs are smooth, prose is fluid and engaging to read, formality of language appropriate to scholarly paper | Structure easy to follow, paragraphs have distinct topics, prose is clear | Paragraph divisions make logical sense; prose may be unvaried and / or wordy, but intelligible; tone may be overly informal | Paragraphs do not have clearly identifiable topics, prose difficult to understand |
| Mechanics (10%) | Free of errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar | May contain 1-3 technical but not grave errors, e.g. in sentence structure | Contains 1-3 basic errors in punctuation, spelling, &/or grammar | Contains frequent errors that spell-check or grammar- check would have caught |