Finishing your Thesis

Working backwards
  OGS sign off (usually) the first week of December and the first week of May
  Back up a month for full working draft
  Give yourself 3-4 weeks for writing the analysis and recommendations
  Allot time for data collection (as necessary)
  Figure in some back and forth with readers
  Get your reading done thoroughly before you start writing
  Start PPA 500 with first 2 chapters done

Topic/question development
  What are you interested in?  What puzzles you?
  Can you do a project for work (the plusses and pitfalls of this)
  Questions drive the method, not vice versa
  Multiple purposes of a thesis (finish, get a job, get a promotion)

The literature review
  Tells the reader what we already know
  Informs your selection of a method
  Often helps shape the framework you will use
  What if “there isn’t anything” about your topic?
  Academic and practitioner literature

Human subjects

Identifying readers
  Subject matter expertise
  Methodological expertise
  You want to work with them

Resources
  Thesis bank (with guidance), Galvin book, PPA 500 syllabus (sample chapters, OGS website)

How to spend your summer (reading, keeping a bibliography, and taking good notes)

What if you don’t finish? (ABT, bottom of the to-do list, pay more fees)