**HSCI 3023**

**RESEARCH PAPER**

**DUE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:59 PM**

**ASSIGNMENT:** In the class forum for Lesson 2, I asked students to explore the *Philosophical Transactions*. In the class forum for Lesson 3, I asked students to find secondary literature on science in the 18th-century. I assembled these references into a combined class bibliography. Your individual assignment is to write a paper on some aspect of science as practiced in the 18th-century Royal Society. To do this, pick AT LEAST ONE PRIMARY SOURCE from the *Philosophical Transactions*, and AT LEAST FIVE SECONDARY SOURCES from the class bibliography. The primary source(s) should be entries in the *Philosophical* Transactions between 1698 and 1798. You can use an experiment or set of experiments or observations on a particular topic. You are not required to choose the primary source or the secondary sources that you yourself posted. I suggest you pick a topic (chemistry, geology, mathematics, medicine, etc.) that is personally interesting to you and find one or a few entries from the *Phil Trans* on that subject. Pick the primary source(s) first and then select secondary sources that will help you contextualize and understand your chosen primary source(s).

This paper should be at least 7 pages long (2000 words).

You may use APA, MLA or Chicago style citations. Chicago is the style most commonly used by historians, but I don’t insist on this if you are not familiar with it.

I strongly recommend that you watch the writing tutorials that I have linked to in the Research Paper Module. They will give you valuable techniques and advice for writing a history paper.

Please contact me with any questions about this assignment.