**Sociological Autobiography Rubric**

The rubric below should provide direction for your sociological autobiography. This rubric will be used to grade your paper. Note, in order to get an A on this paper, you will need to receive almost all Excellent ratings. I encourage you to consider this rubric as you write and edit your paper.

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|  | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Specifically explains how life experiences are shaped by social forces giving clear, specific and relevant examples. |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrates deep understanding of at least 3 specific theories or concepts introduced in class (e.g., functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interaction, norms, values, stigma, looking glass self, status, power, conformity, social control, etc.). |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrates deep understanding of at least 3 specific social institutions (e.g., family, marriage, race, gender, religion, education, government, economy, work, sexuality, class, crime, etc.). |  |  |  |  |
| Makes explicit connections between private experiences and social issues. |  |  |  |  |
| Explains why it is important that our individual lives are shaped by social forces. Why does this matter? What are the implications?  |  |  |  |  |
| Exhibits creativity and makes a unique contribution |  |  |  |  |
| Displays excellent professional writing style, grammar, and organization |  |  |  |  |