Concentration, Cafés, Coffee, and Collaboration: A Discussion of the Craft of Supportive Spaces for Academic Writing

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A writing space that I share with my family.

When I need to be alone - A guest room in the basement.

Journal Review Process

Journal Selection

- The Journals in Instructional Technology
- Educational Technology Journals (Peer Reviewed + SSCI)
- Web of Science - Manuscript Matcher
- Cabells Scholarly Analytics
  - Acceptance rate
  - Time to review
  - Call for papers

How Technology can Support your Writing

Before you start writing
- Writing Templates
  - Microsoft Word - 6th
  - Google Docs Template
  - APA Sample Papers
  - Journal's Template

While you are writing
- EndNote+EndNoteClick (Kopernio)
  - Free: Mendeley & Zotero
  - Cite while you write
  - Manuscript Matcher
  - Kopernio: Add to EndNote

After your first draft
- Grammarly
  - Grammarly Apps
  - Microsoft Word
  - Chrome
  - Grammar check
  - US vs. UK English

Dr. Tiffany Roman’s Writing Spaces During the Pandemic

Partner’s office space (*borrowing)
Walk desk (treadmill base + IKEA desk)
Barstool + Kitchen Countertop
Daily Writing Goals

- My virtual writing space
- NCFDD writing space

National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development
- Institutional Membership (you may have access)
- 12 week Dissertation Success Curriculum
- Core curriculum webinars/recordings
  - Strategic planning a semester at a time
  - Establishing a Daily Writing Practice
- 14 day writing challenge (2x a year)
- Writing accountability through forums as well

Core Curriculum

SKILL #8: Overcoming Academic Perfectionism
Dissertation Community

Additional Support Groups
GradWriteSlack on Slack

You must email a request to join.
Let’s take 3 minutes to do that now:
gradwriteslack@gmail.com

The PhD Forum | @PhDForum

Provides 24/7 study room with other doctoral students.
Register through Eventbrite.
Let’s take 3 minutes to do that now.
BOOKMARK study site.

Additional tips

- Text and confirm the accountability of an academic friend
  - Person 1: “Want to do a 26 pomodoros with me in 10 mins?”
  - Person 2: “Sure, give me a sec. I need to get my laptop open.”
  - Person 1: “Sounds good.”
- IM accountability of friend (see script above)
- Work together over Zoom or at an outside location
  - Schedule for 2 to 3 hours at a time
  - Be sure to set boundaries on chat chat

Support on Twitter

@WriteThatPhD

Generic Mind Map of Focus Questions

4 steps you have identified your research question:

1. What problem is there that you want to solve?
2. What method is necessary to solve the problem?
3. What are your research questions?
4. What is your hypothesis?
Focus Strategies

Forest App
Put down your phone and focus on what's more important in your life.
Build Your Forest

Tab Timer
20:59
20:59
20:59

Dayboard
Fri, Oct 30th
What are your three most important tasks today?
• Prepare for ABCT
• Finalize ABCT Workshop
• Prepare ABCT Presentation
• Complete assignment on TEC 3118 & 87159 in assignment area
• MMSA 1 | Finish and submit for review

Dayboard
Prelate for TEC 3118 Seminar Talk (Talk)
Turn on Focus feature in Word

Extreme action:
Turn off your laptop wifi. Yes, the wifi.

Organizational tools
- Take 60 minutes and have a Sunday Meeting (NCTED)
- If you still don’t have a calendar, it’s time to acquire one
- Gently acknowledge that having more tasks than time is perfectly normal. It is not an individual shortcoming or personal flaw.
- Consider saying “no” and/or lower a standard for a given day
- Re-commit yourself to 30 (or 10, 15, 25) minutes of writing daily
- If you haven’t created your semester plan, it is not too late.

Dr. Yeol Huh’s Writing Space

Additional Tips...
- A unique tip for writing:
  ○ A mechanical keyboard (e.g., Cherry MX Brown for office use) that gives you a lively sound and tactile feel when typing. I just wanted to make the act of typing a pleasant task.
- To help organize the reading materials for your literature review:
  ○ Using a blogging tool with tagging (aka labeling)
  ○ Create a short summary of the article and give relevant tags (i.e., K-12, motivation, tech integration etc.) so that later you can sort the literature easily using tags (labels).

Turn teaching, practice, service into publication

Various Roles of a Graduate Student
- Instructor, teaching assistant
- Instructional designer, consultant, learning technologist
- Graduate assistant on campus
- Members of organizations
- Student
- Researcher
Why Important?

- Get your own publication experience from start to finish as early as possible.
- Make the most out of it!

Example:

Journal of Education for Teaching (JET)

- SSCI journal in teacher education, international context
  - Original Research paper (6000 words)
  - Research in Progress (1000 words)
  - Research in Practice (1000 words)
  - Book Review

Example of TechTrends

So how can I find this information?

Set up an alert
Computers and Education

Talk to your advisor or faculty on record

Create your own opportunity

Don’t be afraid of contacting the editor

Meina- Research Collaboration-Why?
1. Improve quality of research
2. Extend research relationships and networks
3. Foster interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research
4. Share expertise and knowledge transfer
5. Enhance scientific and publishing productivity
6. Accelerate dissemination of findings for community benefit

Meina- Research Collaboration-How?
1. Identify the skills that you can offer
2. Identify how the collaboration will meet your needs
3. Find collaborators
4. Introduce yourself
5. Set expectations at the beginning of the collaboration
6. Leverage tools for collaborations
7. Keep communicating
8. Do not be discouraged
Susie Gronseth - Writing Where I Am

Writing in the spaces where we are...
Campus Office

Quarantine Writing at Home

On Campus    In a Plane    At a Cafe

Writing...on a bus...in Africa

Gaining motivation with a change of scenery

Writing Tools

- Cloud-based storage (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, etc.)
- Tables, spreadsheets, direct links, folders, and sub-folders
Plans and Goals
Intentionality ↔ Opportunity

Writing with Students
Teaching with Technology: An Open Textbook

Collaborations

Celebrations!

Curt Bonk
Discussion of Writing Tips and Recommendations for Graduate Students

Resource:
http://www.trainingshare.com/pdfs/handouts/Tips-on-Writing_Publishing_Curt_Bonk.docx

Happy writing! 😄