

Scholarship Learning Community (SLC)

Title: Academic Writing Success Accountability Group

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Description:

Writing scholarly manuscripts requires dedicated time, concentration, confidence and mentorship. To increase successful publication of scholarly manuscripts this group will have monthly meetings with specific content and writing goals. Follow up each month will focus on individual successes. Weathering decisions regarding publication will also be discussed.

This group will focus on the process of writing. The group will learn about developing ideas of written work, the review of literature, habits of regular writers, getting feedback and critiques and the most common writing errors. Participants will make monthly writing goals and create a plan for being accountable for meeting goals.

Goals include:

Gain confidence in various forms of writing (informal, formal and scholarly) through presentations by seasoned authors and publishers,

Developing writing-related skills and learning writing-related tools, especially via connections with resources at DePaul (writing center),

Discussing logistics of preparation and submission of manuscripts,

Mastering search tools with a presentation from the library about reference management software (Zotero, etc.) or useful literature review tools (e.g., Web of Science),

Working with the Writing Center regarding publication resources at DePaul,

Developing individual skill-building will provide participants with strengths that will apply to many parts of the work and life.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held monthly focusing on specific topics: Grace Spiewak librarian, writing center, op Ed participants, journal editors and book editors. At the first meeting the group will determine an agreeable time for monthly meetings. Online writing will be done with a self-determined schedule.