Conferences & Publications

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How many of you have previously presented at a conference or published your work?
Conferencing 101

- Consider your purpose
  - New research opportunities
  - Practice
  - Networking

- Ask your coordinator, advisor, or colleagues

- Start at Kent State, move to regional, and then, (inter)national conferences.
Opportunities on Campus

Graduate Research Symposium (April 4-5, 2019)

• Interdisciplinary panel presentation
• Receive feedback + opportunity to win awards
  https://youtu.be/cedJUIzVmVY

Three Minute Thesis Competition (Fall 2018)

• Present research in 3 minutes using one PowerPoint slide
• Preliminary round winners present in front of university audience in the final round
• Registration to participate as a presenter will open in early September.
Planning to Present at a Conference

• Submit your proposal
• Plan your travel
  – Check program online
  – Travel arrangements
• Pre-conferences and workshops
• Special Interest Groups (SIG)
• Mentoring or collaboration opportunities
Funding Conference Travel

- Graduate Student Senate (GSS):
  - Domestic Travel Award
  - International Travel Award
- Departmental Grants / Support
- Student Organization Grants

Other Options:
- Conference Travel Awards
- Graduate Student Volunteering at Conferences
- Individual Grant Research
- Share expenses with colleagues
Networking Tips

- Attend plenary lecture
- Participate in coffee breaks, receptions, and group meals
- Meet with fellow (and other) panelists
- Accessible contact info
  - Business cards available from Kent!
- Dress appropriately
- Use social media (carefully)
Presentation Tips

• Do not write or revise your paper or poster at the conference.
• Be professional and collegial
  • Show up early to your own session
  • Don’t go over your allotted time
  • Listen carefully to others
  • Stay to say thank you and/or answer questions
Conference Survival Tips

- Do not try to attend every session
- Take breaks and wear layers
- Self care (proper sleep, dietary needs, etc.)
- Take notes during presentations
- If you want to sightsee, arrive early/stay late
Academic Publishing

WHAT IS WRONG WITH MY WRITING?

WELL, FOR STARTERS, YOU USE TOO MANY SENTENCES.

ALSO, YOUR CHOICE OF WORDS IS OFTEN INCORRECT.

AND YOUR PUNCTUATION MARKS ARE STRANGELY PLACED.

REALLY, THE TROUBLE BEGAN WHEN YOU FIRST PRESSED A KEY ON YOUR KEYBOARD.

ANYTHING ELSE?

YOUR FIGURES ARE UGLY.
Why Publish?

- Share your research (and awesome ideas)
- Enhance your academic and professional résumé/CV
- Help get tenure-track/tenure in some fields
- Academic and professional expectations
- Immortality!
Examples of Academic Publications

- Journals
  - Research Articles
  - Literature or book reviews

- Books or book chapter
Publication Routes?

- Consult with your advisor, coordinator, or peers
- Know which publications are emphasized in your field
- Join professional organizations in your field of study (set up Contents Alert)
Writing Tips

• Use the journal’s required citation style (e.g. APA, MLA, CMS, APSA, Chicago)
• Choose an effective title (and a subtitle)
• Keep track of your references (Zotero, Mendeley, etc. help)
• Collaborate with other authors early on (consider the order of authors)
The Submission Process

• Pay attention to deadlines!!!
  • Submit manuscript in publication’s desired format (electronic or hard copy).

• Check publisher’s website for formatting guidelines and writing styles
  • Also: abstract, appendix, datasets, etc.

• Be prepared to WAIT. Do NOT submit identical manuscripts to multiple publications at the same time.
Review Process & Feedback

• Editor sends manuscript to (2 or 3) reviewers
• Rejection; Revise and Resubmit (different levels); Acceptance
• Rejection is not the end of the world! Feedback is good.
Authorship & Collaboration

• What if you are asked to collaborate for potential publication? Or, you want to ask someone?
  • Establish a clear understanding of expectations (Order of authorship)
  • Communicate conflicts of interest or concerns
  • Be collegial, but remember your rights and boundaries
Writers Beware!

- Peer review
  - Measurement of scholarship quality (Impact Factor)
  - Try to publish in a peer-reviewed journal
- Poor-Quality Journals
  - Use a database (Cabell’s) to determine a journal’s reputation and compare rankings
- Predatory and Pay-to-Publish
  - You do not need to pay to have your work published
- Open access publications?
  - Availability & accessibility
  - Loss of copyright can be harmful
It’s a Process!

1. Coursework
2. Comps
3. Prospectus Defense/Filing
4. Dissertation Defense
Complex Conversation: Academic Rejection

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLdvTi4C_V8FU8vodEvNq5vyQExbJecZ3p&time_continue=2&v=-3j5PbV7mEQ
Thank You!

Questions?

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