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Institute  
A Journey from  
Dissertation to  
Publication

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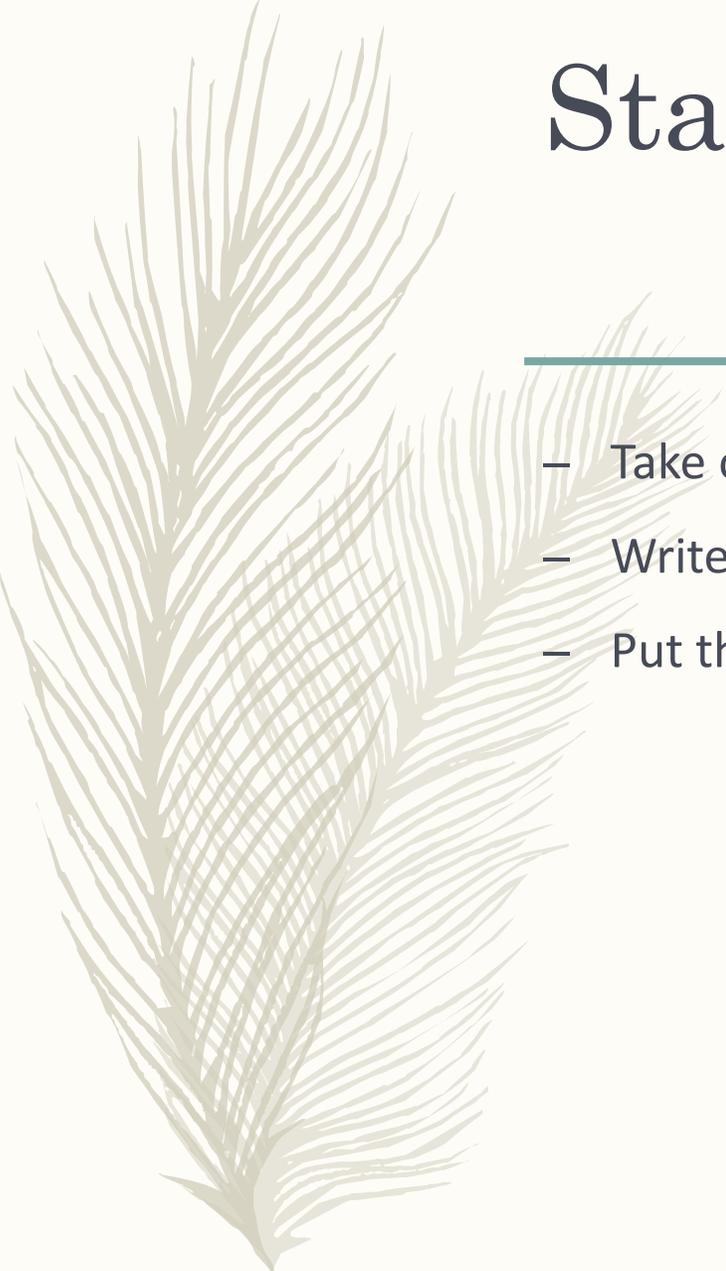
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# The Journey Overview

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- This presentation will discuss the personal journeys from writing the dissertation to successfully publishing an article, for two FCE alumnus.
- An overview of how goal setting, time management, writing tools, editing, revising, and final production of the dissertation will be discussed.
- Procedures and suggestions for publishing from your dissertation will be outlined.
- The journey does not end with the successful completion of the dissertation, but continues with publication, and being recognized as an academic with credentials.



# Starting the program

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- Take out a piece of paper
- Write down what you hope to accomplish with your doctorate
- Put the paper into the envelope

# Personal strategies for success

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- Think and share about the strategies you use.
- What metacognitive strategies do you use to be academically successful?
- Turn to the person next to you and share these strategies.



- Perseverance, tenacity and cogency (the quality of being clear, logical, and convincing; lucidity) are needed to earn a doctorate degree.
- <http://matt.might.net/articles/successful-phd-students/>

# Our success stories

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- Dr. Alemany
- Personal journey to the doctorate degree



- Dr. Cromwell
- Personal journey to the doctorate degree





# Dr. Cromwell's Advice

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- Set Goals: For example, on March 1<sup>st</sup> I am going to send Chapter 1 to my dissertation chair
- Work on your dissertation every day....whether it is 30 minutes – 1 hour before you start your work day or at the end of the day....find articles, file, read articles, copy and paste sections I may want to use along with the reference in a word document with headings on the top....
- Priority – Schedule a day each week blocking out several hours to work on your paper – Met with a friend who was working on her dissertation as well in the morning at Panera 7:00 am – 12:00 pm – I was pregnant and the baby was an infant at the time....
- MARPS – Nova Dissertations
- Choose topic – Interest – do not need to change the world – yet it does need to be something you are passionate about...
- Also District must approve your study, early on - make sure you communicate with your district so that if you happen to change schools you can still finish your dissertation at the school site...
- Use my example: pre-existing data from my school – yet since I was the AP at the school at the time the data was collected, the district would not allow for me to use this data...even though the Principal approved
- Statement – Must Substantiate with research-based evidence



# Dr. Cromwell's Advice continued

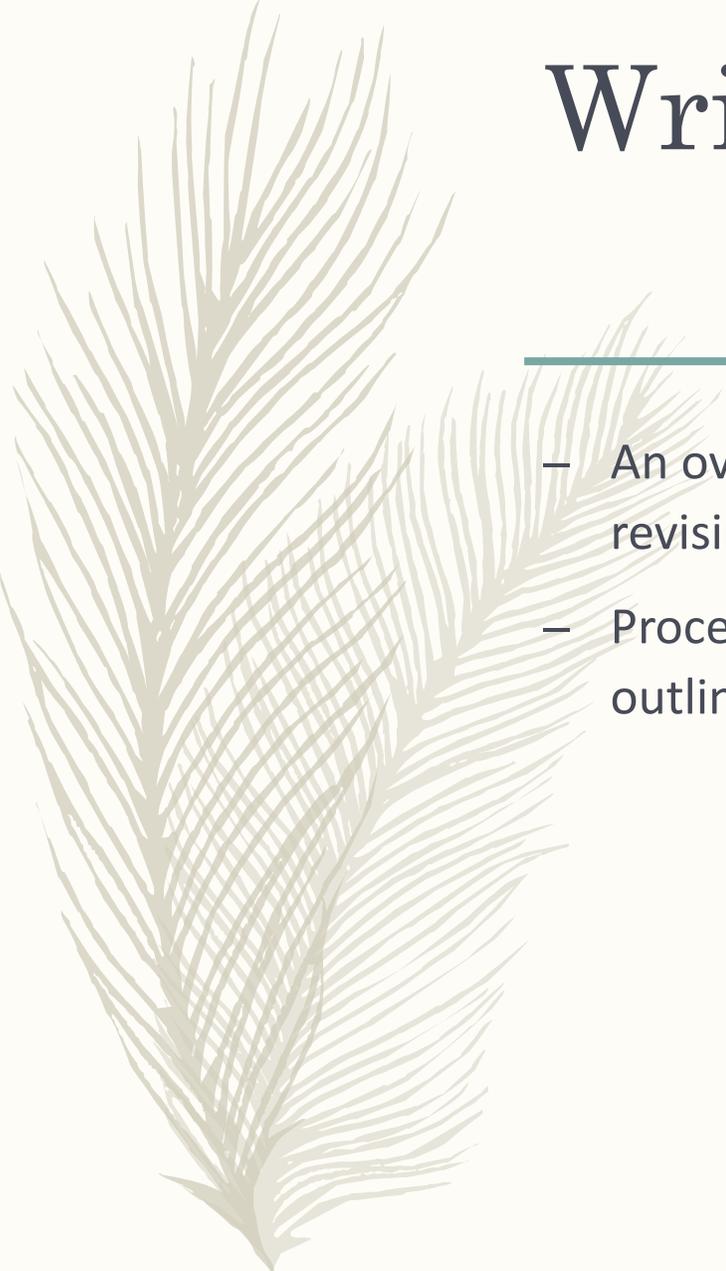
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- Editor – Consider attaining an editor to assist not only with grammar/sentence structure, but also with your tables and graphs...can be useful – make sure you get one recommended
- Article – Create an electronic filing system – Drop articles according to topics in your paper
- 1. Get someone to hold you accountable. Someone that will encourage you but also kick you in the bottom when you need it.
- 2. Make short term goals
- 3. Keep at it. Taking too long breaks you lose momentum and then it gets more difficult to get back in the groove.
- 4. Reward yourself
- 5. Share your good news (Concept paper approved, I wrote 10 pages this week, my adviser liked my topic, etc.)



# Six tips for success

- **Tip 1: Know and use university resources** -Find out what sort of resources are available and what kind of support is provided by real people. Reference librarians, writing counselors, and career advisors can be key players when it comes to a successful college experience. The NSU online library is a requirement for your success.
- **Tip 2: Create a system to establish priorities** - Set priorities and stick to a schedule to manage your workload, schedule and reduce stress. Plan ahead, do not procrastinate, and you will be successful.
- **Tip 3: Don't just show up to class--get involved!**
- **Tip 4: Foster relationships with professors** - A close mentoring relationship with a few select faculty members is one of the most important parts of a good college education. Professors recognize and acknowledge dedicated and hard working students.
- **Tip 5: Build a portfolio** - Choose classes and activities that will advance your knowledge and experience toward your career path that you can use on a resume or during an interview. Save great pieces of your coursework to show how you work in team and independently, extensive research papers, any your dissertation that shows your ability to think and write.
- **Tip 6: Work on your dissertation and assignments daily** - Students who set aside time daily to focus on assignments are successful. Writing the dissertation takes times and thought, so set aside a large block of time each week to work only on the dissertation.



# Writing

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# Publishing

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- Review state, national, and international journals related to your dissertation topic.
- Review the guidelines for the journals of interest.
- Find out if the journal is “peer reviewed.”
- Write a draft following the guidelines. Have a colleague or co author review your draft.
- Send your final revised submission following all guidelines and deadlines.
- Wait for a reply. Often you will need to make revisions based on feedback from the publication editors.



# Examples of publications from dissertations

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- SS TESOL Journal (hard copy)
- Florida Reading Journal  
<http://ryandellos.weebly.com/uploads/4/9/2/4/49249313/frj-winter-2017.pdf>
- Review: Call for manuscripts
- <http://www.flreads.org/Publications/quarterl.htm>

# Q & A

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# Conclusion

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- To conclude, the dissertation is required for your doctorate degree.
- Completing the dissertation is often the biggest challenge of the doctoral program.
- Strategies and tips were given to be successful in completing the dissertation in this presentation.
- Additional information was given on how to publish from the completed dissertation.
- We would like to end the presentation with two quotes:
- *The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence. Confucius*
- *Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek. Mario Andretti*