Welcome to...

Get Ready for Summer (Research!)

The webinar will begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern

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Thank you!
Get Ready for Summer (Research!)
Themes for Today’s Webinar

- Theme 1: Know Before You go
- Theme 2: Find Your Own Path
- Theme 3: Early, Regularly, or On Time

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Content for Today’s Webinar

- Tools
- Resources
- Processes
- Time Savers
Outline for Today’s Webinar

- Productivity
- Campus down time
- Maximizing library time
- Research travel
- Conference preparation
- Graduation and new jobs
A Productive Summer?
A Productive Summer:
Did you know that many academics schedule their...

- ...research?
- ...writing?
- ...travel?
- ...conferences?
- ...publications?
Stay on Task

- Goals
- Your writing buddy
- Tricks & hacks
- Celebrate victories
- Do it your way
Research says: goal-setting works!
- Short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals
- Be ambitious, but be reasonable!
Writing Buddy

- Accountability partner
- Write-a-thons
- Revision or critique partner
- Or: consider a group
Pomodoro Technique
- Developed late 1980s by Francesco Cirillo
- Working intensively
- 25 on, 5 off
- Physical effects of using a timer
Word counters
Track progress
- Total toward goal
- Total for day
Use other productivity tools to limit internet access, compel you to write at a fixed rate, etc.
Positive Reinforcement
Find a Method That Works

- Writing advice books
- Sample subjects:
  - Academic writing
  - Dissertations, Academic – Authorship
  - Report writing
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Find a Method That Works

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Campus in the Summer
Campus in the Summer 2

- Transit
- Dining
- Construction
- Closures
Finding People in the Summer

- Faculty: 12 months or 9?
- “Scholar summer”
- Adjunct faculty
- Leave? Vacation?
- Contact advisors, chairs, mentors, etc. before spring ends
  - Communication expectations
  - Schedule variations
Academic Libraries in Summer

- Hours
- Checkouts
- Occupancy
- Equipment availability
Traveling for Research

- Facilities hours
- Equipment allowed
- Entrance requirements
- Access to resources
- Different cultures
Conference Preparation

- Bring your paper/poster/slides
- Prepare for questions
- Speak—slowly—to the room—in clear words—using a microphone
- Check the conference website & guide
- Talk to past attendees
- Use a checklist
- Check the conference website & guide

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Graduation & New Jobs

- Return items
- Use your electronic access
- Prepare (maybe) for life without subscription journals
- Study the library website for your next institution
Resources Further Afield

- Community Members Research Guide
  - https://guides.library.vcu.edu/communitymembers/welcome
- Open Access Research Guide
  - https://guides.library.vcu.edu/open-access
- Use Google For My Research
  - https://guides.library.vcu.edu/google
Questions & Answers

- Slides & recording for today’s webinar:
  - [https://guides.library.vcu.edu/ayr](https://guides.library.vcu.edu/ayr)

- Schedule for Advance Your Research sessions:
  - [https://go.vcu.edu/ayr](https://go.vcu.edu/ayr)

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Links from Presentation 1/2

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Writing Group Starter Kit
https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools-writing-groups-writing-group-starter-kit/

Pomodoro Technique
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pomodoro_Technique

Writing Productivity Tools
https://www.nownovel.com/blog/writing-productivity-7-tools/

Writing Your Dissertation

Writing for Academic Journals

VCU Lynda
https://lynda.vcu.edu/

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RamRide
https://parking.vcu.edu/transportation/ramride/

VCU Dining Locations and Hours
https://vcu.campusdish.com/LocationsAndMenus

VCU Schedule
https://hr.vcu.edu/paydays-and-holidays/

Library Hours
https://www.library.vcu.edu/about/libraries/hours/

Checkouts
https://www.library.vcu.edu/services/borrowing/guidelines/

The Workshop
https://www.library.vcu.edu/services/workshop/

How to Give a Conference Paper
https://www.academia.edu/15569469/How_to_Give_a_Conference_Paper

Conference Packing List
https://undergrad.research.ucsb.edu/2016/01/undergraduate-researchers-guide-conferences-packing/

Making presentations accessible
https://www.washington.edu/doit/how-can-you-make-your-presentation-accessible