Scholarly Productivity and Publication Pipeline Planning

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“Nothing stinks like a pile of unpublished writing.” – Sylvia Plath
Strategy 1: Managing Blocks

(I think I can, I think I can, I think I can, I think I can…)

- Gradual exposure and desensitization
- Getting support from peers and a mentor who, without question, believes in you
- Believing your writing has nothing to do about who you are as a person
- Writing stepping stones
- Understanding the process of publication
- Writing with other people
- Managing the imposter syndrome
Strategy 2: Broaden Your Line of Research

- Look for grants more broadly
  - Visit your subject librarian for small seed grants
- Applying what you do to specific populations and/or specific problems
- Attending conference and other networking or educational events to consider a new spin on your topic
- Go back to undergrad texts
- Write about what affects you personally
- Focus on writing with good people rather than a strict focus on good topics
Strategy 3: Build Writing Partnerships/Writing Teams

- Find people who write quickly and well.
- Then involve them in many projects, not just one
- Collaboration does not mean only “co-authorship.”
  - In many cases, the byproduct of collaboration is a co-authorship (Bozeman, Fay, & Slade, 2013)
- Using version control software such as GoogleDocs, CrashPlan, etc.)
Strategy 4: Every Paper or Idea Has a Home

- Report of research to a sponsor
- Publication of a research/theoretical paper (THINK BROADLY)
  - Clinical journals
  - Teaching journals
  - Journals on research methodology
- Podcasts
- Any products of the research, e.g. teaching materials
- Conference presentations
- Local research interest groups/forums
- Magazine or news features
Strategy 5: Navigating the Peer Review process

- Read the journal to which you are applying
- Copy the structure, style, and format
- Pay specific attention to rules
- Make an outline regarding structure
- Start making detail or building paragraphs into structure
- Become a reviewer
Strategy 5: Navigating the Peer Review Process (continued…)

- No room for ego
- Make the changes asked for and make them clearly
- Typically I upload the cleaned document and the response to reviewers
- To the editors themselves, I also include a word doc file displaying the track changes and referencing the reviewers comments
- For example…
Strategy 7: Managing the Imposter Syndrome and cultivate productive personality traits

- Persistence
- Discipline
- Hard Work
- Interest
- Curiosity
- Flexibility
- Creativity
- Passion
- Use good luck
- Be brave enough to publish unpopular or nonsignificant results...
Questions?

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