



**Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp Schedule**  
**Daily Schedule: Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16, 2019**

**Day 1 - Monday, August 12, 2019**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:00 – 10:00 am	Breakfast & Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open - Dean Korgan</li> <li>● Introductions/Ice Breaker (Mark Lenker, UNLV Libraries)</li> <li>● Setting-up subject librarian, writing center, and Dr. Linda Jarosz consultations (Dr. Jarosz will introduce herself at lunch)</li> </ul>	Amargosa
10:00 – 11:30 am	Writing Exercises (Writing Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Setting goals, set up the community guidelines</li> <li>● Obstacles/Challenges handout</li> </ul>	Amargosa
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch (Domino’s Pizza) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet Dr. Linda Jarosz and set-up appointments with her</li> <li>● Set-up appointments with subject librarian and writing center</li> <li>● Discuss common challenges at tables associated with writing</li> </ul>	Amargosa
12:15 – 12:30 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Stretch/walk break or continue lunch	
12:30 – 4:00 pm	Writing	Eureka
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Two kinds of writing groups (Writing Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Writing – Accountability groups</li> <li>● Feedback groups</li> </ul>	Pioche
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Tips and Tricks in Microsoft Word for Formatting Documents	Pioche
2:30 – 4:00 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Evaluating New Journals for Publication and Avoiding Predatory Publishers: What Authors Need to Know	Pioche
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Writing	Amargosa/Eureka



**Day 2 - Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 10:00 am	Breakfast & Writing	Amargosa
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Writing	Eureka
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Break up into groups/stations (Writing Center & Library) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lit review – Writing Center</li> <li>• Organization -- Writing Center</li> <li>• What is the research question? - Writing Center</li> </ul>	Amargosa
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch (Jason’s Deli) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided: How to Set Up a Writing Group (Writing Center)</li> </ul>	Amargosa
1:15 – 1:30 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Stretch/walk break or continue lunch	
1:30 – 4:00 pm	Writing	Eureka
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Overcoming Writer’s Block and Getting Started (Writing Center)	Pioche
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Work-Life Balance	Pioche
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Writing	Amargosa/Eureka

**Day 3 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 10:00 am	Breakfast & Writing	Amargosa
10:00 – 11:30 am	Writing	Eureka
10:00 – 11:00 am	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Critical Reading	Pioche
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch (Domino’s Pizza) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightening Presentations</li> </ul>	Amargosa
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Writing	Eureka
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Optional Panel:</b> Tips and Tricks for Publishing Work in Peer-Reviewed Journals	Pioche
2:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Stretch/walk break or continue writing	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> Crafting Your Poster Presentation (UNLV Libraries & Writing Center)	Pioche
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Writing	Amargosa/Eureka



**Day 4 - Thursday, August 15, 2019**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 12:00 pm	Breakfast & Writing	Amargosa/Eureka
10:00 – 11:00 am	<b>Optional Panel:</b> Strategies for Surviving the Thesis/Dissertation Process from Recent Graduates	Pioche
11:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Optional:</b> Stretch/walk break or continue writing	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Panel (Jason’s Deli) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic: How to Use Your Committee Members and Advisor for Feedback</li> </ul>	Amargosa
1:00 – 4:00 pm		Eureka
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Optional Workshop:</b> How to Overcome Perfectionist Tendencies (Writing Center)	Pioche
2:00 – 4:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Group Writing Feedback Session (Writing Center)	Pioche
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Writing	Amargosa/Eureka

**Day 5 - Friday, August 16, 2019**

Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 10:00 am	Breakfast & Writing	Amargosa/Eureka
10:00 – 11:00 am	Writing	Amargosa/Eureka
11:00 – 1:00 pm	Graduation & Next Steps & Lunch (Café Rio) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-shirts</li> <li>• Certificate of completion</li> <li>• Check ripping</li> <li>• Follow-up writing sessions</li> <li>• Workshop Schedule</li> </ul>	Amargosa
1:00 – 4:00 pm	<b>Optional:</b> Writing	Amargosa/Eureka

**\*Breakfast will be continental. We will have vegetarian options for lunch.**

**\*\* Amargosa Room (LLB 1149): Food/ Snacks; Pioche Room (LLB 1144): Workshops; and Eureka Room (LLB 1146): Dedicated Quiet Writing Space**



## Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp Workshop/Panel Descriptions

### Day 1 - Monday, August 12, 2019

#### Lunch: Discuss Common Challenges at Tables Associated with Writing

Linda A. Jarosz is a retired professional writer with corporate and academic experience. For the last 15 years her company provided editing and writing services for master's and Ph.D. dissertation students. She was also a professor of business administration, human resource management, and hospitality management, director of human resources at a major hotel corporation, and personnel manager at a manufacturing firm. She published articles in *Supervision*, *Personnel Journal*, and *Professional Saleswoman* and is the author of the text, *Human Resources Management in Hospitality*. She holds B.B.A. and M. Ed. in Higher Education Administration degrees from Cleveland State University and a Ph.D. in business from Walden University.

By setting up an appointment with Dr. Jarosz, you will have the opportunity to:

- Work on how to state your problem
- Develop strong research questions
- Outline your literature review
- Work on the structure of your chapter
- Work on sentence structure

#### ***Appointment times (30 min time slots):***

Monday, 08/12: 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 08/13: 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 08/14: 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Thursday, 08/15: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Friday, 08/16: 10:30 -11:00 am

**Please also set-up appointments with your UNLV Libraries Subject Librarian and a UNLV Writing Center Consultant.**

#### Optional Workshop: Two kinds of writing groups

By participating in this workshop you will:

- Learn about the two kinds of writing groups and the advantages of each
- Understand which type of writing group is best for you
- Learn strategies for making your writing group successful

*Facilitator:* Dr. Dave Beasley, Professional Writing Consultant, UNLV Writing Center

#### Optional Workshop: Tips and Tricks in Microsoft Word for Formatting Documents

Does formatting your thesis/dissertation/publishable paper/prospectus seem like a daunting task? In Word, there are a number of options that allow you to more easily create consistent, well-formatted documents. In this workshop, you will:

- Discuss what are Word Styles, including the default styles in Word and how to modify them and add a new style
- Discuss and learn how to use section breaks, pagination, and tabs (the latter is for your Table of Contents)

*Facilitator:* Nick Panissidi, UNLV IT Training & Communications Coordinator - Supervisor



Optional Workshop: Evaluating New Journals for Publication and Avoiding Predatory Publishers: What Authors Need to Know

Provides practical advice and hands-on experience in evaluating unfamiliar and new journals. Attendees will leave the workshop with a better understanding of publishing terminology such as "open access," "article processing charges," and discuss the concept of "predatory publishers." Attendees will be able to:

- Apply "open access" and related terminology to describe journals
- Use tools and resources provided to evaluate journals

*Facilitator:* Andrea Wirth, Digital Scholarship Librarian, UNLV Libraries

**Day 2 - Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Optional: Break up into groups/stations (UNLV Writing Center & UNLV Libraries)

1. *What is the Research Question?:*

- Learn how to transition from topic to research question
- Gain an understanding of how to evaluate your research question to conduct research more efficiently and effectively

*Presenter:* Carrieann Cahall, Consultant, UNLV Writing Center

2. *Literature Review:*

- Learn the purpose of literature reviews
- Discuss organizational strategies to use when creating a literature review
- Understand the different kinds of literature reviews

*Presenter:* Dr. Dave Beasley, Professional Writing Consultant, UNLV Writing Center

3. *Organization:*

- Learn how to get and stay organized throughout the writing process
- Understand different organizational strategies
- Be able to test out organization strategies

*Presenter:* Sara Tajalli, Interim Director, UNLV Writing Center

Optional Overcoming: Writer's Block and Getting Started

By participating in this workshop you will:

- Learn how to start writing each day
- Discover some of the causes of writer's block
- Learn how to schedule daily writing

*Presenter:* Carrieann Cahall, Consultant, UNLV Writing Center

Optional Workshop: Work-Life Balance

In graduate school, you have a number of responsibilities that you are attempting to balance, including: graduate assistantship duties, research responsibilities, other job responsibilities, and family obligations. Day-to-day life can seem like a struggle with so many different things going on at once, and yet there are ways to maintain balance. By participating in this workshop you will:

- Discuss what is work-life balance, and how not having a balance can impact all aspects of your life



- Learn strategies from the panelists to help you improve work-life balance during graduate school and beyond

*Panelists:*

1. Nevena Cvijetic, Graduate Assistant, Graduate College
2. Stephanie Molina, President, GPSA
3. Dr. Rafael Oganessian, Postdoctoral Scholar, Graduate College
4. Dr. James Jobe, Psychologist, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

**Day 3 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

Optional Workshop: Critical Reading

Participants will discuss and practice strategies for critically approaching and annotating scholarly texts. This workshop will assist students with annotated bibliographies, as well as conducting and writing effective literature reviews.

- Participants will acquire strategies for the critical reading of scholarly literature
- Participants will discuss strategies and tools for annotating texts.

*Presenter:* Samantha Godbey, Education & Psychology Subject Librarian, UNLV Libraries

\*Please bring a demanding article or other reading challenge from your own work to practice with.

Lunch: Lightening Presentations

Presenting your research at conferences and symposia is an essential way to communicate your findings to others in your field. Lightning talks, ignite talks, paper presentations, and facilitating workshops are all great ways to share your work with the community. These events are also opportunities to network and connect with peers and even potential employers in your field. But, speaking in public can be intimidating and a bit scary! So join us for some fun practice with public speaking skills in a low-stakes environment.

Participants will:

1. Learn some of the factors that contribute to public speaking anxiety.
2. Learn some coping strategies that can help reduce public speaking anxiety.
3. Practice some short and fun public speaking scenarios in order to get real experience speaking in front of a group.

*Facilitator:* Leah Howd, Design Lab Specialist, UNLV Libraries

Optional Panel: Tips and Tricks for Publishing Work in Peer-Reviewed Journals

By participating in this panel, you will:

- Obtain tips from a panel comprised of faculty and graduate students from a variety of disciplines on publishing your research in peer-reviewed journals (e.g., selecting the right journal, writing the cover letter, responding to reviewers, dealing with rejection, how to present data, and how to organize your article, and formatting)
- Be able to ask questions related to publishing in peer-reviewed journals

*Panelists:*

Dr. Elizabeth Maltby, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Shawn McCoy, Assistant Professor of Economics

Dr. Stephen Miller, Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research

Dr. Mojdeh Pajouh, Assistant Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Construction

Dr. Peter Wiens, Assistant Professor of Teaching & Learning



### Optional Workshop: Crafting Your Poster Presentation

Academic posters are a way to present your research to a wider audience. This workshop will allow participants to create a poster which both communicates research effectively and is visually appealing. By participating in this workshop you will:

- Discuss the purposes and challenges associated with poster design
- Learn the qualities of successful posters and strategies for writing concise and effective content
- Learn how to design a visually appealing poster in order to effectively display and promote their research.

#### *Facilitators:*

- Carriann Cahall, Writing Consultant, UNLV Writing Center
- Leah Howd, Design Lab Specialist, UNLV Libraries

## **Day 4 – Thursday, August 15, 2019**

### Panel: Strategies for Surviving the Thesis/Dissertation Process from Recent Graduates

Writing a long-term project like your thesis and dissertation can be a daunting task filled with high and low points. As a graduate student, you perhaps wonder whether you will finish your thesis or dissertation without losing your wellbeing and sanity.

By participating in this panel, you will:

- Hear from a panel comprised of postdocs and early career faculty from a variety of disciplines on how to successfully get through the thesis/dissertation process, including strategies that you can employ to face the hurdles of writing a long-term project
- Discuss tips that the panel learned as they completed the process, such as what they would have done differently
- Be able to ask questions related to experiences going through the thesis/dissertation process

#### *Panelists:*

Lizbeth Arias, Senior Education Abroad Advisor, Office of International Programs

Dr. Rafael Oganessian, Postdoctoral scholar, Graduate College

W. Paul Miller, Service Coordination Hydrologist, Colorado Basin River Forecast Center

### Lunch Panel: How to Use Your Committee Members and Advisor for Feedback

By participating in this panel, you will:

- Hear from a panel comprised of faculty from a variety of disciplines on how to use your committee members and advisors for feedback, including how to navigate differences in opinion and how to ask for consistent and constructive feedback
- Have the opportunity to ask anonymous questions through menti.com

#### *Panelists:*

Dr. Christian Jensen, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator of Political Science

Dr. Rafael Oganessian, Postdoctoral Scholar, Graduate College

Dr. Jessica Word, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator for the School of Public Policy & Leadership

Dr. Tina Vo, Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning

### Optional Workshop: How to Overcome Perfectionist Tendencies





By participating in this workshop you will:

- Learn about perfectionist tendencies in writing and how to deal with them
- Discuss common pitfalls of perfectionist tendencies
- Practice strategies for overcoming perfectionism in writing

*Presenter:* Dr. Dave Beasley, Professional Writing Consultant, UNLV Writing Center

#### Group Writing Feedback Session

By participating in this workshop you will:

- Discuss different kinds of feedback and when they are most effective
- Learn how to give effective feedback
- Practice giving feedback within a writing group

*Facilitators:* Sara Tajalli, Carrieann Cahall, and Dr. Dave Beasley (UNLV Writing Center)