Social Sciences Research & Writing Workshops

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Presented by the Library & the Graduate Writing Center,

EndNote
This session offers a basic overview of the purpose, uses, and features of EndNote and EndNote Web, a bibliographic management program that helps researchers manage their research and produce bibliographies for projects large and small.

Tuesday, April 13th, 2:00-3:30pm / Location: Research Library East Electronic Classroom, room 21536

Strategies for Writing the Social Sciences Dissertation Proposal
This workshop will give an overview of the main components of a dissertation proposal in the social sciences and cover strategies for writing the introduction, literature review, methods, and significance sections. These strategies should be adapted to your department’s and advisor’s expectations about the structure and content of your proposal. Please bring two copies of your abstract to this workshop.

Tuesday, April 27th, 5:00-6:45pm / Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

An Introduction to Publishing Journal Articles (Social Sciences Focus)
Thinking about preparing an article manuscript for submission? Based on Wendy Belcher’s workbook, Writing Your Journal Article in 12 Weeks, this workshop will focus on the aspects of the process of getting an article published that most differ from other graduate work, such as selecting appropriate journals and interacting with editors. We will discuss how to structure an article as well as the writing and revision process.

Tuesday, May 4th, 5:00-7:00pm / Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

This workshop will focus on techniques for outlining, building, and presenting an effective 10-20 minute oral/video (e.g., PowerPoint) presentation as typically presented in the social sciences. We will discuss strategies for converting a written paper into an oral presentation, for using limited time effectively, and for incorporating multimedia elements into a presentation, among others.

Thursday, May 27th, 5:00-6:30 pm / Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Writing Successful Grant and Fellowship Applications
Mac Marston, Archaeology (NSF Graduate Fellow, 2003-2007; NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2008)
This workshop focuses on strategies for writing effective applications for grants and fellowships to support graduate study and research. We will discuss approaches common to the humanities, sciences, and social sciences, as well as specific suggestions for each academic area. Finally, we will briefly introduce major funding opportunities for graduate study from both UCLA and off-campus funding agencies.

Thursday, June 3rd, 5:00-6:30 pm / Location: Conference Room 4, Student Activities Center (basement level)

Resources for Thesis and Dissertation Writers
During winter and spring quarters, the Graduate Writing Center offers workshops and facilitated writing groups for students writing master’s theses. Writing groups are facilitated by a trained GWC writing consultant who provides tips on general writing and revision strategies as well as specific aspects of a thesis. We also have special workshops and multi-session summer programs on dissertation writing and dissertation proposals.

Writing group information on website: http://gsrc.ucla.edu/gwc/writing-groups/

Dissertation Boot Camp (Summer Session A) More details to come...
Dissertation Proposal Boot Camp (Summer Session C) More details to come...

Workshop schedule and location details are subject to change. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information: http://gsrc.ucla.edu/gwc/workshops/