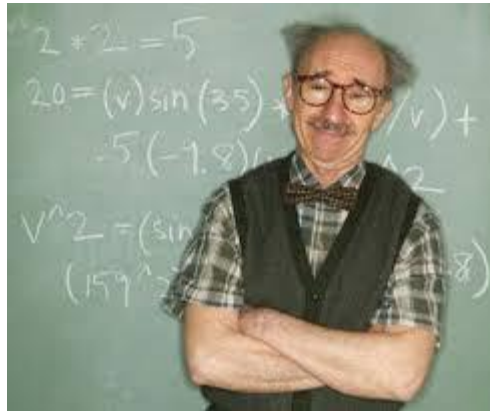


PUBLISHING FOR TENURE AND PROFESSIONAL FULFILLMENT



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Find a Mentor

My First Mentor
Professor Perry Zirkel
Lehigh University



Find a Mentor

- Find a dissertation advisor who is interested in your topic
- Find a dissertation advisor who actively researches and who publishes with students
- Find a senior professor who is a prolific writer and needs a junior scholar to help advance research agenda

Critical: Work with a Colleague

My best scholarly colleagues:

Professor Todd DeMitchell of UNH and Professor Robert Cloud at Baylor



Work with a Colleague

- Work with a nontenured colleague on joint projects
- Develop publishing opportunities together and share information about publishing outlets
- Trade off being first author on joint projects
- Give each other mutual support

Strategy for Tenure

- Get some articles placed in first-tier journals
- Don't pass up opportunities to write book reviews, professional articles, newsletter items, etc.
- Join strategic committees in your important professional organizations
- Get on editorial boards of journals that publish in your field

Getting Down to the Nitty Gritty: Tips for Being Productive

- Set time aside to write every week during academic year and write during the holidays.
- Begin by choosing a working title; change the title later if necessary.
- Have work edited by a friend or colleague before submitting to a journal.

Dude! Make sure citations are absolutely accurate according to the Bluebook.
Don't ask editors to clean up your manuscript.



Writer's Block: Moo, Moo, Moo



Writers' Block

- When writing project bogs down, have it read by friend or mentor.
- If one part of manuscript bogs down, work on another part.
- Submit presentation proposals at conferences, which will give you deadlines for finishing projects.

Some good news: Every manuscript has a home

- If your manuscript is rejected by one journal, submit to another one.
- If you don't hear from an editor after a reasonable amount of time, give the editor a call.
- Look for ways to get two or more publications from one research project.

Other Tips:

- Become actively involved in a few professional organizations.
- To reiterate: Volunteer to be on editorial boards of journals.
- Produce edited books and write book chapters in edited books.
- Specialize—don't wander from topic to topic like Richard Fossey does.

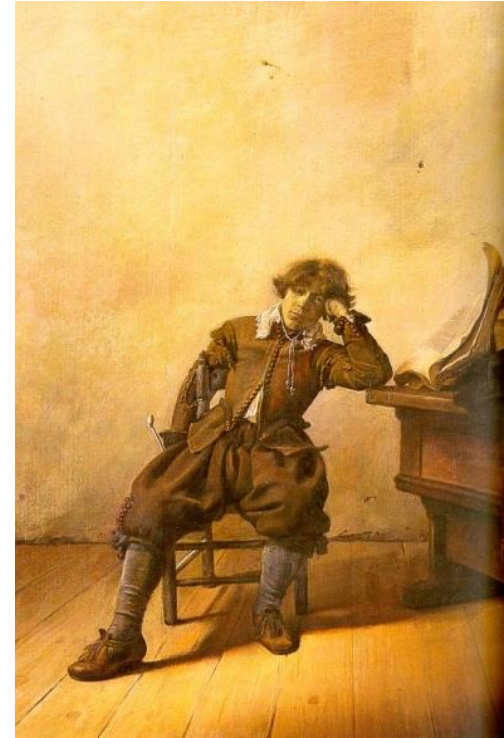
Proofread your manuscript before you submit it (especially proper names).

- “My name is Joe Dirte, I added an e to the end, cause it sounds cool.”



A few more things to think about:

- Get a web page & keep it up to date.
- Look for opportunities to publish in online venues.
- Meet your deadlines. Be someone the editors can depend on.
- Write good reference letters for colleagues and students.
- Writing is hard work.



Happy Trails!

These venues are your friends

- School Law Reporter
- Education Law Reporter
- ELIP
- ELA edited books

