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Conferences and Publications

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Conferences

Getting Started with Conferences

- Start at smaller conferences; research conference schedules ahead of time so you can plan travel arrangements and decide on your personal theme for the conference (e.g. learn, network, etc.).

Networking

- Go to the plenary lecture or see the keynote speaker; go to coffee breaks and group meals; have ready a brief and accessible self-description or “elevator pitch”; dress appropriately; thank the organizers.

Presentation Tips

- Be professional as a presenter - show up early, don't take more time than you've been given, listen carefully to other presenters, and stay to say thank you. Always follow instructions for presentations and posters.

Conference Survival Tips

- Take breaks throughout the day, don't feel that you have to attend everything. Dress for the weather, have a bottle of water, band-aids, and other essentials. Pay attention, take notes during presentations if you want, ask questions if you're curious.

Travel Funding

- Pursue funding through KSU Graduate Student Senate (GSS), your department, and conference grants/scholarships.

Opportunities to present at Kent State University

- Participate in 3MT Competition in October 2017 (Oct. 18-20 for Preliminary Rounds, Oct. 27th for Finals) and Graduate Research Symposium on April 20, 2018. Check out the Grad News newsletter for announcements!

Publications

Types of Publication and Potential Pitfalls

- Journals, books, reviews, proceedings; check with your advisor about what is best for your goals
- Open access - free and widely available but you may lose the rights to your work
- Beware of poor quality or predatory publishers.

Writing and Submitting Your Manuscript

- Look at the journal you plan to submit to for ideas on style, formatting
- Follow the guidelines indicated on the publisher's website and meet deadlines; submit manuscript in desired format; include all materials (e.g. complete manuscript, abstract, cover letter, etc.)
- Be prepared to wait for a reply; do not submit identical manuscripts to multiple publications at once.

Types of Feedback: Rejection; Revise and Resubmit; Acceptance

- Rejection is not the end of the world, look at the feedback and use it to improve your skills for next time; one publication may reject an article but another may accept it.

Resources

- Kelsky, K. (2015). *The Professor is in: The essential guide to turning your Ph.D. into a job*. New York, NY: Three Rivers Press. - the definitive career guide for graduate students.
- www.cabells.com - rank and compare journals
- <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/> - a list of predatory publishers updated yearly
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5rVH1KGBCY> - a video explaining open access publishing
- <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/how-write-professional-book-review-gregory-jones> - advice on writing a book review (which is a good way to start publishing if you are not ready for a full article)