ALEC 604: Writing for Professional Publication

Week 14: Continuing Scholarship

Activities
- Discuss post-submission research activities
- Plan follow-up strategies to the submission process
- Discuss continuation plans for your scholarship
- Develop future writing activities for professional publication

Post-submission Research Activities
- Conference paper or poster acceptance:
  - Prepare your presentations and materials
  - Seek funding to support your travel
  - Communicate with conference planners
    - AV equipment
    - Room assignments
  - Create a calendar to avoid missing deadlines
- Do NOT:
  - Rest on your laurels from one conference
  - Stop looking for other publication venues

Post-submission Research Activities
- Before journal paper acceptance:
  - Seek funding streams to support future research interests
  - Start investigating your own future research
- Journal paper acceptance:
  - Follow the editor’s instructions for final draft
  - Submit final draft in a timely manner
  - Collaborate with other researchers to expand your topic and/or research interest

Follow-up Strategies
- It is not a good idea to harass conference chairs/journal editors during the review
- However, if peer reviews are late:
  - Contact chair/editor about manuscript “status”
  - Always include the manuscript title or identification code assigned in all exchanges
  - Be respectful of others’ schedules; chairs and editors have other daily duties
  - Honor chairs/editors responses

Post-submission Research Activities
- Regardless of publication type, do NOT:
  - Rely on one publication to measure success
  - Slow down your research efforts
    - Easier to continue conducting/writing research manuscripts when doing it often
    - As you become known in the field, others will contact you for collaboration; can’t refuse all
  - Abandon, totally, your original research topic
  - Disregard new or tangential research related to your original topic
- Basically, continue your research efforts
Follow-up Strategies

- Rather than obsess about time during the peer review process, you can:
  - Begin a new research project
  - Continue to refine your original manuscript
    - Anticipate reviewers’ concerns
  - Develop other forms of your manuscript
    - Future non-professional publications
    - Create educational materials for classroom use
- Basically, continue your research efforts by staying active in research writing processes

Continuation Plans

- Not all professional publications are viewed/treated equally, but consider:
  - Collaboration on monographs, books, book chapters, or curriculum guides
  - Writing for practitioner’s journals/magazines
  - Synthesizing your research for popular media
  - Presenting your research, in laymen’s terms, for local, state, regional, or national commodity groups

Continuation Plans

- Promoting your research and yourself in your profession can be facilitated by:
  - Joining your professional society
  - Networking with others in your society
  - Becoming active in your professional society
  - Taking a leadership role, even if it’s only committee membership in early years
- Basically, continue your research efforts through professional responsibilities

Future Writing Activities

- Expanded research interests
  - Your research topic leads to collaboration for development of new curricula
  - New curricula leads to updated teaching techniques
  - Updated teaching techniques lead to unique knowledge test
  - Knowledge test leads to research project for:
    - Teaching techniques
    - Curricula validation
    - Possible long-term funding in new research area

Future Writing Activities

- Develop concept papers, one-pagers for:
  - Potential research topic
  - Possible funding stream
- Always have several “working draft” manuscripts; may be:
  - Partial literature reviews
  - Notes about novel methodological processes
  - Annotated bibliographies from your readings
- Basically, continue your research efforts

Summary

- Post-submission research activities should foster a desire to continue your research
- Follow-up strategies include exploring new avenues to publish your research
- Continuation plans for your research may lead to greater collaboration, new research foci, and national prominence
- End result: one professional publication does not indicate “expertise” in research