

Want to make progress on your writing projects? Join our new Faculty Learning Community!

FLC: Writing A Journal Article in 12 Weeks

Overview

Using Wendy Laura Belcher's *Writing Your Journal Article in 12 Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing Success*, members of a faculty learning community (FLC) will support one another in our individual quests to have an article accepted for publication in an academic journal. The FLC members will meet for one hour each week for twelve weeks (**beginning the week of September 9, 2019**) to discuss progress and provide assistance to one another. Participants will receive a copy of the book, and each week we will read a chapter and complete the associated writing tasks. Chapters include advice related to topic and journal selection, strengthening the structure of the article, presenting evidence, providing feedback, editing, and responding to journal decisions.

You are best prepared to participate in this learning community if:

- a. You need a way to make publishable the research you have already conducted, written for other purposes, and/or taught. The prior work could be papers written for a class, dissertation chapters, conference papers, rejected articles, research briefs, lecture notes, etc. that are ready to be turned into an academic journal article. Those who are starting from scratch will not be likely to complete the project in 12 weeks, though you will be able to make significant progress.
- b. You are seeking to publish in journals whose submission requirements are commonplace in, or are similar to those found in, the humanities and social sciences. The advice in the book is primarily targeted toward the types of writing that these journals publish. The author suggests that those writing scientific articles typically have to "extrapolate quite a bit from the text" to develop works that are most likely to be published in scientific journals. However, if you have natural sciences dissertation or thesis chapter that needs polishing for publication, this group can also work for you.
- c. You are willing to share and talk about your writing with campus colleagues, and are willing to give and receive feedback. To be part of this learning community you must commit to attending a one-hour meeting each week for 12 weeks. Meeting dates/times will be selected after participants are identified – we will hold one or two sessions as need to accommodate all schedules, and will have 2 weeks during the term in which we will not meet.
- d. You are willing to make writing for publication a priority this semester, and to invest some time each week (preferably at least 15 minutes five days a week) to the writing process.

Who may participate?

Faculty from any discipline and of any rank/status are allowed to participate, although as noted above those writing in styles common in the humanities and social sciences will be best served by the content of the Belcher text. Participants must have a project underway (some research and/or writing completed prior to the first meeting) and commit to attending one-hour meetings each week for 12 weeks. You'll receive a copy of the book at the first meeting, but may request a copy earlier if you would like to start reading ahead.

How do I apply?

RSVP at <https://forms.gle/img4PzuQBFCHJdRm8> by **August 30, 2019**.