



# Rowan University

## Models for Writing Support at Rowan University

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CGS 2023 63rd Annual Meeting  
Pre-Meeting Workshop on  
*Emerging Models of Writing Support for Graduate Students*  
Wednesday, Dec 6, 2023 at 2:pm



## Dedicated Graduate School Staff to Support Writing Services

### Jenn Tharp, Asst. Director of Graduate Academic Services



- MA in Writing (Composition/Rhetoric)
- Passionate about supporting graduate writers

- Runs **Hootcamp** writing retreat three times annually
- Provides **writing support and advice during our biweekly meeting hours**
- Liaises with the **University Writing Center** and **Library graduate student writing events**
- **Supervises a Graduate Assistant, Andrew Bamford AY23-24, focused on writing support programming**
- Runs **the Rowan 3 Minute Thesis competition, which includes research communication training for participants**
- **Co-led NSF GRFP Fellowship Application Writing Group**
- **Planning for additional communication workshops and tutorials**

Read More here: <https://sites.rowan.edu/sgs/about-us/directory.html>



# Hootcamp (with Writing Center)

- 3-day event (6 hours each day) aimed at writing productivity
- Held during break periods
- Writing Center consultants available for brief meetings
- A short presentation daily covering topics like writing anxiety, the writing process, and maintaining a writing schedule
- Pens down for “doing research”; Pens up for “writing”
- Support (\$\$\$):
  - Dedicated Staff Time
  - Lunch costs (daily)
- Works best when timed during Winter, Spring, and Summer breaks.

<https://sites.rowan.edu/sgs/graduate-academic-services/hootcamp-retreat.html>

<https://ccca.rowan.edu/departments/writingArts/writingcenter.html> (led by Celeste Del Russo)



## Student Testimonials:

- ““Outstanding experience and incredibly useful for helping get my work done and make meaningful progress.”
- “Take advantage of this as a protected time where you can hold yourself accountable. The tips and social aspect were very helpful in preventing burnout and keeping momentum. But the most useful aspect was having a formal event to put on my calendar and tell other people that I would be unavailable. Whatever you are working on, bring it here and face it head-on.”
- “It helped me with starting the writing process. It is a wall that would have been very difficult to cross had I not participated in the Hootcamp.”

# Libraries Publication Center Workshop Series

- Introduction to RefWorks Citation Manager
- Preparing and Complying with the New NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy
- Search Google Scholar Like a Pro
- Introduction to EndNote
- Introduction to RefWorks Citation Manager
- Unpacking Algorithmic Bias
- Evaluating Online Sources: An Introduction to "Lateral Reading"
- Using Wikipedia Wisely
- Demystifying Journal Selection and Scholarly Publishing for Medical Researchers
- Inclusive Citation Practices
- Assessing Credibility of Open Access Journals for Scholarly Publishing

**This series is run by the libraries. Jenn ensures that the Graduate students are aware of and taking advantage of these learning opportunities.**