

Helpful Resources for Surviving and Excelling in Academia

Books: Writing and Graduate School Advice

- “*Getting What You Came For: The Smart Student’s Guide to Earning a Master’s or Ph.D.*” by Robert Peters
- “*The Clockwork Muse: A practical guide to writing theses, dissertations, and books*” by Eviatar Zerubavel
- “*Writing Your Dissertation in Fifteen Minutes a Day*” by Joan Bolker
- “*The forest for the Trees: An editors advise to writers*” by Betsy Lerner
- *A Guide to Academic Writing*. Cantor, Jeffrey A.

Books—Advice for New Faculty

- *Advice for New Faculty Members* by Robert Boice
- *The New Faculty Member: Supporting and Fostering Professional Development*. by Robert Boice
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Websites*:

- <http://www.abdsurvivalguide.com/secret.html> (the archive section has good stories to help you get motivated!)
- <http://chronicle.com/> (great resource for jobs, but also great to hear other talk about the trials/tribulations/success stories in academia).
- <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~markhill/conference-talk.html#other> (advice about presentations)
- http://www.kumc.edu/SAH/OTEd/jradel/Preparing_talks/103.html (advice about presentations)
- <http://www.wendybelcher.com/> (Wendy has a good site and newsletter that I find has helpful advice about writing and being productive.)

*Websites were still active as of 4/5/07

Funding Source Advice (My two cents):

- It may seem obvious, but use the resources that are on your campus first, like a Graduate Programs office.
- Professional Organizations have list-serves, job banks, or other postings.
- Ask around (what did your colleagues get? what did they apply for?)
- Ford Foundation, NSF, SSRC, NIH, UC ACCORD, UC Presidents Postdoc, UC Berkeley Diversity Postdoc, Spencer Fellowships, AAUW, these are just a few. Apply for anything and everything you think you qualify for, once you write one proposal or application it’s easier to write a second and third one!