

Big Ideas, Individual Effort: *Graduate Student Writing Retreats as Accelerators for Dissertation Completion*

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Background

- ▶ New Job Description
- ▶ Carnegie R1 Push
- ▶ Dissertation Completion?



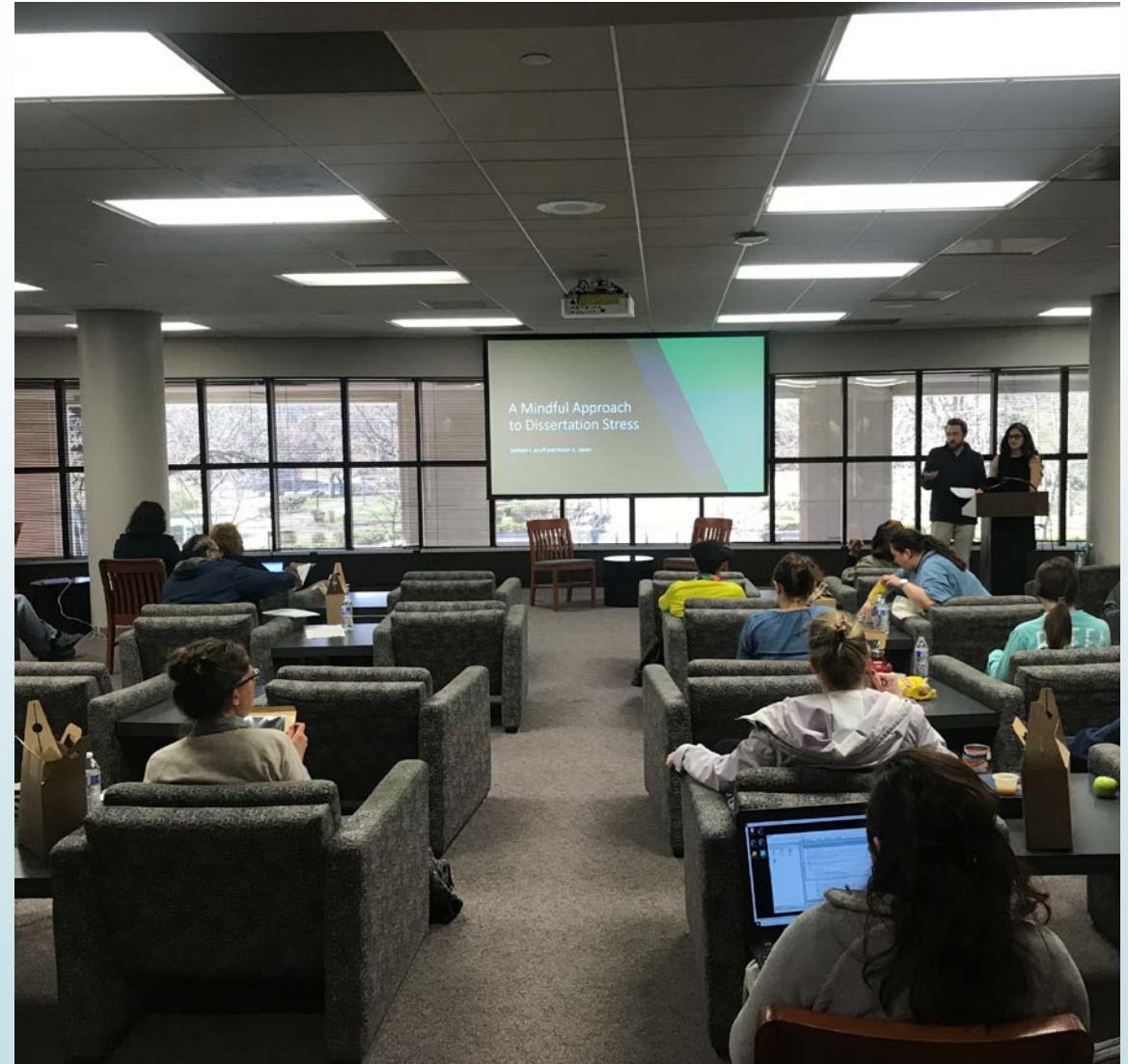
The Idea

- ▶ One day, walking to Starbucks...
- ▶ The original ask and what we got
- ▶ Expectations...then reality...



Planning and Initial Lessons Learned

- ▶ MORE LEAD TIME
- ▶ Delegate
- ▶ The Best Laid Plans...



Week Of Event

- ▶ YOU WILL BE EXHAUSTED
- ▶ Things will go wrong...be prepared
 - ▶ Schedules are made to be broken
- ▶ Student feedback makes it worth it



Take Aways and Take Twos

- ▶ Feedback
 - ▶ Community Building
 - ▶ Flexible Sessions
 - ▶ More than just Dissertations
- ▶ Biggest Problem...
 - ▶ Promotion and e-mail overload



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Questions (and Suggestions!)

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