Session #1: Early Career Symposium 2019  
Agenda, Monday, October 21 –  
Convention Center, Pavilion 3  
4:30-5:30 pm, Creating Space for Academic Writing:  
Glimpses into the Digital Writer’s Desk  
Curtis J. Bonk, Indiana University  
Elizabeth M. Dalton, Univ. of Rhode Island  
Susie L. Gronseth, University of Houston  
Mimi Miyoung Lee, University of Houston  
Thomas C. Reeves, University of Georgia  
Thomas H. Reynolds, National University  
Ke Zhang, Wayne State University  

Session Presenter Bios  
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"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, Of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?"

—Albert Einstein

My Typical Writing Spaces

Office

Home

Writing...Writing...Everywhere!

Outside

Plane

Cafe
Writing...on a bus...in Africa

A Motivating Change of Scenery

Writing Tools: Susie Gronseth

• Cloud-based storage (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, etc.)
• Tables, spreadsheets, direct links, folders, and sub-folders

Plans and Goals
Intentionality ↔ Opportunity

Writing with Students: Susie Gronseth

Collaborations: Susie Gronseth
Celebrations!

Tips for Writing Productivity/ Efficiency

- Create space for inspiration through beautiful design. landscape, music, art, imagery, color, simplicity
- Self-advocate for writing space and then produce. course load/release, service balance, external funding
- Build networks for collaboration and writing opportunities. program area, university, professional org., social media
- Get more mileage for an effort. course material, presentation, manuscript, grant, award

Elizabeth (Betsy) Dalton, Univ. Of Rhode Island

My Writing Space: Betsy Dalton

Home. Sweet Home.

- Know yourself. I need to work QUIETLY....

My Writing Tools: Betsy Dalton

1. My Dell XPS 13 laptop - for everything! 😊
2. WORD – for initial development
3. EXCEL – for organization
4. Google Docs & Drive – for sharing
5. Google & Google Scholar – for researching
6. ZOOM or Google Meet – for collaborating

My Planning Process: Betsy Dalton

TIME:
1. I’m semi-retired now, so time is more flexible
2. For larger projects, 1 year.
3. For smaller projects, several months
4. Know your best writing time of day

GOALS:
1. Deadlines drive all writing processes!!!
2. Google Calendar – for keeping track of everything.
3. I LIVE BY OUTLINES
Inspiration: Betsy Dalton
Nature... Experiences... People

Writing Partners: Betsy Dalton
Who will I work with?
1. Professional connections
2. Talented students
3. Value each other’s work
4. Bring different gifts to the table
5. Establish trust
6. Someone you can depend on

My Mentors and Colleagues: Betsy Dalton

Writing Tips: Betsy Dalton
What helps me to get the most done.
1. Work at your peak time of day.
2. Choose meaningful projects.
3. Don’t be discouraged. Just start again tomorrow.
5. Get the ideas down – and THEN edit.
6. “And she persisted”!!!

Joy and Happiness: Betsy Dalton

Some of the Writing Spaces of our authors
As we go to distant camping locations like Naples, Florida or South Padre Island, Texas, we write in the car. We bounce ideas off each other, and while Kevin drives, I use my WIFI hotspot for research and type the manuscript.

My writing space is an arm chair at my kitchen table overlooking Boone Lake, right in the middle of nowhere. I probably spend at least six hours each day here—half the time writing and the other half gazing at the water and the sky, thinking about life and contemplating my next article, chapter, or book. This is my retreat, my heaven.

This picture is a corner of the University of Tsukuba library. The library is very quiet and there are a lot of people reading books around it, so it feels very calm. I often work here when I want to come up with some ideas. When I want to work alone, I sometimes do it at home, but I use this place to get some ideas. Then I can quickly find and pick up books related to ideas.

This photo was taken at the sharing space in my condominium. I usually go to this place when I want to relax after work. The breeze and flower scent freshen up my mind, especially when writing a manuscript. Also, doing exercise at the fitness room is a plus to get energy for life!

The beach across the road from my house, is a place I frequent to sort out the ideas forming in my mind. It is a little isolated, off the beaten track… a hidden gem only known to locals. I often use Suri on my phone or iPad to record my musings, then email the note to myself to work on later. This alleviates my worry of forgetting a great idea, freeing my thoughts to form, design and plan.
Writing Space: Ke Zhang
What do your writing spaces look like? Are there special writing places you use for different parts of the writing process? How/why do you work in different spaces?

Writing Tools: Ke Zhang
What particular writing tools do you use? How have they changed over time? What about tools for collaboration?

Plans and Goals: Ke Zhang
How do you schedule your writing? How far in advance do you plan your writing? How do you prioritize your writing? How do you visualize your writing? Do you use a timeline or a planner? Do you have advice for developing a writing plan?

Habits/Rituals/Inspiration: Ke Zhang
How do you approach your writing tasks? Any rituals that you use and recommend for inspiration? Anything that really works for you?

Writing Partners: Ke Zhang
How do you determine your collaborative writing partners? And negotiate tasks?

Mentors and Colleagues: Ke Zhang
Any advice on seeking and working with a writing mentor? Any stories on working with a mentor? Do you have someone to go to for advice and editing?
Writing Tips: Ke Zhang
List some tips for overall writing productivity/efficiency.

Joy and Happiness: Ke Zhang
What brings creativity, happiness, and joy to your writing?

Thomas C. Reeves
The University of Georgia

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Did you know people use Tom as their writing space?

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Thomas H. Reynolds
All of my home at times serves as a writing space, as does walking the dog or jogging.

My preference is to populate the space with essential materials needed to complete the task—too many are a distraction and too few inhibits the process. Essentials like—reference books and the selected articles that contain key insights and concept phrasings.

My preference is to use whichever of the numerous locations in and around the house that suites me at the time; this could be an easy chair, at a patio table or even in bed, as writing is often a lengthy undertaking that demands skeletal and muscular position changes.

What particular writing tools do you use? How have they changed over time? What about tools for collaboration?

My three nonnegotiable tools are:
(1) a good lamp with a 5000 k bulb;
(2) my hand held device for quick searches and file transfers; and
(3) a fairly large screen laptop.

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As noted above (FDP), once you've committed to and planned for something, it's easier to schedule it and harder to get out of it.
Writing Partners: Tom Reynolds
How do you determine your collaborative writing partners? And negotiate tasks?

Collaborative writing benefits from—
Academically and verbally strong members
Task masters and managers
Choose accordingly!!

Curt Bonk, Indiana University

Writing Space: Curt Bonk

I having standing desk...power it up and down via hydraulics. And my office looks out into a forest.

Writing Space: Curt Bonk

Paper...I love paper....and my daughter Nicki.

Writing Space: Curt Bonk

Desk #2 is available if needed...and a beer.

Writing Space: Curt Bonk

My office. I save interesting articles to later reference in papers and books.
Writing Tools: Curt Bonk
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- My top 10 key writing tools:
  1. Keyboard
  2. Microsoft Word
  3. Google Search (I hate Bing)
  4. Email
  5. TravelinEdMan blog
  6. Dropbox
  7. Zoom (or Skype for team meetings)
  8. Blue pens and lots of paper
  9. My monster syllabus (R678)
  10. FutureMe: Write a letter to yourself in the future: https://www.futureme.org/

Writing Space: Curt Bonk
One of my biggest challenges is my tendency to burn through keyboards!

Plans and Goals: Curt Bonk
How do you schedule your writing? How far in advance do you plan your writing? How do you prioritize your writing? How do you visualize your writing? Do you use a timeline or a planner? Do you have advice for developing a writing plan?

1. I save days for writing in my paper planner.
2. I say no to things that don’t fit my writing plans.
3. I note projects in process and completed in my daily Dalia Lama quote of the day.
4. I look at articles I have in review, in revision, and in press in my CV all the time.
5. I respond to research team or co-writer requests.
6. Sometimes I put my writing plans in my annual productivity report.

Habits/Rituals/Inspiration: Curt Bonk
How do you approach your writing tasks? Any rituals that you use and recommend for inspiration? Anything that really works for you?

1. Save writing ideas on slips of paper and look back at them.
2. Talk about your ideas.
3. Save starter text.

Writing Partners: Curt Bonk
How do you determine your collaborative writing partners? And negotiate tasks?

Find kind people who are prompt, positive, and productive and I can trust.

Mentors and Colleagues: Curt Bonk
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More Writing Space Pictures
Alternative locations. Any hideaways...? Secret locations? Special places?

"This is my writing space - a little garden just outside my bedroom. I am inspired by the green plants, the sound of the lovebirds, and a little waterfall at grotto where there are few gold fish swimming. If all else fails, then I turn to divine providence! (actually this is more of meditation space cum writing space)."
Melinda Bandalaria, University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) mbandalaria@upou.edu.ph

More Writing Space Pictures
What do your writing spaces look like? Are there special writing places you use for different parts of the writing process? How/why do you work in different spaces?

"Please find attached below a picture of my favorite reading & writing space in the backyard of my house in Kensington, MD. Luna (my dog) or Bump (my cat) keep me company there from time to time, especially when it is sunny."
Edgar González, Knowledge and Learning Lead Specialist, IDBx Program Manager, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Washington, DC, USA.

More Writing Space Pictures of Contributors
"My writing place is -- wherever and whenever my girl goes to sleep, I work! :-) Jin"
Jintavee Khlaiaasang (Ed.D), Associate Professor, Department of Edu Tech and Communications Faculty of Ed, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, Deputy Director, Thailand Cyber University Project

More Writing Space Pictures of Contributors
Common Ground is Best Coworking Space 2019! Thank you Asean Rice Bowl Startup Awards for the recognition and thank you all who voted for us. We're so proud to be in good company with the other category winners and every day we continue to be driven by the entrepreneurial energy within our membership community!
5 mins drive from my house Common Ground, TTDI Level 11, Menara KEN TTDI, No, 37, Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur https://g.page/commongroundttdi?share
Common Ground is Best Coworking Space 2019!
https://www.commonground.work/locations
https://g.page/commongroundttdi?share

Another favourite when I’m home is at the dining table 😁. Taken just now. Keeping cool.
Abtar Darshan Singh, Formerly, Professor and Dean, School of E-Education, Learning & Academic Development Division, Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University, Dubai, UAE.
Pic taken in KL, Malaysia

Attached you will see three pictures I was presenting or hosting workshop in some events, Actually I did not FORMAL working area, I always stay at some Starbucks,
Dr. Jianli Jiao
Professor of Educational Technology
Director of Future Education Research Centre
Deputy Dean of School of Information Technology in Education
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My working place was always the cubicle in the office. It does not look that interesting since no deer or “snake” ever passed by. :) If you need that dull working area, I can take several pictures and send them to you.
Yibo (Jeremy) Fan, Doctoral Student, Boise State University

“This is the working environment in which I work on manuscripts almost every day. Three screens work perfectly for me. The middle one is mainly for the writing part, while the two-sided screens allow me to check Mendeley or search in different databases more easily.”
Yibo (Jeremy) Fan, Doctoral Candidate
Doctoral Program in Curriculum & Instruction
Department of Educational Technology, College of Education, Boise State University
The more you learn, the more there is to learn.

Paul Kim, Chief Technology Officer and Assistant Dean, School of Education, Stanford University, USA

You could be a passenger or pilot of your own life.

Paul Kim, Chief Technology Officer and Assistant Dean, School of Education, Stanford University, USA

Ok, here are two pics...hope that helps...:))

Shironica P. Karunanayaka, Professor in Educational Technology, Dean/ Faculty of Education, The Open University of Sri Lanka

Her office in Tangerang Selatan, which is in the tip of South Jakarta, Indonesia

Tian Belawati, former rector, Universitas Terbuka (Indonesia Open University), past President of the Asian Association of Open Universities and International Council for Open and Distance Education or ICDE

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Dr. T.V. Prabhakar
Commonwealth of Learning Chair Professor
Dept of CSE, IIT Kanpur
http://www.cse.iitk.ac.in/users/tvp/

“Here is my setup.”

Purushothaman Ravichandran, Dean of Centre of Postgraduate Studies, University College Fairview, Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

More Writing Space Pictures of Contributors

A. In bed at night and early morning on my phone.
B. In the car during my commute to/from work.

Maha Bali, PhD
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I just took these now... dunno how useful you will find them...

File names are Arabic coz I took em using my driver’s phone camera. Yes, the privilege of having a personal driver allows me to write in the car.

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My daughter’s book (she was just reading it again this morning) shows from some of the angles.

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Such great news! Being part of the book has been an amazing experience, I’m really thrilled with the release date being so close.

Tiago Chagas Soares, São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil (conducting research with the UNESCO Chair in Distance Education, University of Brasilia).
Sharing my writing space with you will be an honor. I do have an office space at home, but I usually work from this desk in the backyard. And Lisa (our dog) is always around just in case I need any help. I hope you like the pictures. :)

Tiago Chagas Soares, São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil (conducting research with the UNESCO Chair in Distance Education, University of Brasilia).

I moved to a new apartment last month. After moving I did away with my study so I work mostly at a small dining table in the kitchen. Is that ok to feature?

Venkataraman Balaji, Director for Technology and Knowledge Management, Commonwealth of Learning, Burnaby, BC, Canada.

Thank you for the idea...

Mimi Lee, University of Houston

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