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ARTICLES – Publishing and Research Activity

TITLE: What Editors Want (When We Submit Manuscripts)
Author: Lynn Worsham
Published: September 08, 2008
Topic: A journal editor reveals the most common mistakes academics make when they submit manuscripts.
LINK: https://www.chronicle.com/article/What-Editors-Want/45909

TITLE: 10 Tips on How to Write Less Badly
Author: Michael C. Munger
Published: September 06, 2010
Topic: Most academics, including administrators, spend much of our time writing. But we aren’t as good at it as we should be.
LINK: https://www.chronicle.com/article/10-Tips-on-How-to-Write-Less/124268

TITLE: 5 Complaints Academics Have About Their Editors
Author: Rachel Toor
Published: October 07, 2018
Topic: Based on my years on both sides of the table, in publishing and then as a professor myself, here are five common complaints from writers about the publishing process:
LINK: https://www.chronicle.com/article/5-Complaints-Academics-Have/244733?cid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en&elqTrackId=acb615ae0edc49c594ef7edb008bc9a8&elq=29dabb76654a47c5b6ad610c8d3358c4&elqaid=20902&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=9889

TITLE: Steps to maintain an active research agenda: Advice for the Community College Scholar
Author: Sean Gerrity
Published: February 21, 2019
Topic: Sean Gerrity suggests five steps to take to maintain an active research agenda.
TITLE: **25 Ways to Increase Your Chances at Publication**
Author: Laura Moss
Published: May 15, 2019
Topic: Successful articles share certain elements, writes Laura Moss, an editor of a scholarly journal who’s written hundreds of decision letters.


TITLE: **How I Got a Grant I Never Thought I Could Get**
Author: Matthew J. Wright
Published: May 20, 2019
Topic: I had to step beyond the obvious and do more, says Matthew J. Wright, who offers advice for other scholars seeking funding.

LINK: [http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/05/20/advice-scholars-landing-major-grants-opinion?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=3c1e9d7dd1-WNU_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-3c1e9d7dd1-197800013&mc_cid=3c1e9d7dd1&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba](http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/05/20/advice-scholars-landing-major-grants-opinion?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=3c1e9d7dd1-WNU_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-3c1e9d7dd1-197800013&mc_cid=3c1e9d7dd1&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba)

TITLE: **On Research Presentations at Conferences**
Author: Junior Prof
Published: May 30, 2019
Topic: Junior Prof describes how they ascribed to the common practice of simply reading their research paper to attendees -- until they were forced to change their tactics for the better.

LINK: [http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/05/30/advice-how-improve-your-research-presentations-academic-conferences-opinion?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=a99ad066eb-WNU_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-a99ad066eb-197800013&mc_cid=a99ad066eb&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba](http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/05/30/advice-how-improve-your-research-presentations-academic-conferences-opinion?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=a99ad066eb-WNU_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-a99ad066eb-197800013&mc_cid=a99ad066eb&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba)

TITLE: **How to Cope With Multiple-Project Paralysis (Writing-Research)**
Author: Joli Jensen
Published: May 23, 2019
Topic: "Multiple-project paralysis" — that is, when you have so many potential or actual writing projects that you are unable to make headway on any of them.


TITLE: **Why Writing Better Will Make You a Better Person**
Author: Bob Fischer and Nathan Nobis
Published: June 04, 2019
Topic: Writing is an ethical activity, and becoming a better writer can make you a better person.

TITLE: 7 Ways That List-Making Helps You Produce Scholarly Work
Author: Rachel Toor
Published: June 11, 2019
Topic: Here are some reasons a listicle might work for other academics — either as a tool before writing or a helpful way to revise.

TITLE: Myths and Truths About Publishable Journal Articles
Author: Wendy Laura Belcher
Published: July 18, 2019
Topic: Wendy Laura Belcher provides advice on how to make your article more acceptable to a journal.

TITLE: Which Publications Matter at Which Stages of Your Career?
Author: Manya Whitaker
Published: September 23, 2019
Topic: Manya Whitaker offer a primer for new Ph.D.s on the types of publications that are valued at each stage of an academic career.
LINK: https://www.chronicle.com/article/Which-Publications-Matter-at/247192

TITLE: What to Do When You Know You Can't Meet a Deadline
Author: Natalie Lundsteen
Published: September 23, 2019
Topic: It's easy to drop a ball in this busy Fall season, writes Natalie Lundsteen, who offers some advice for how to best handle the situation.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/09/23/tips-handling-missed-deadline-opinion

TITLE: How to Write a Lot on a Heavy Teaching Load
Author: Deborah J. Cohan
Published: December 5, 2019
Topic: Deborah J. Cohan shares lessons she's learned that have helped her write more regularly and publish more often.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/12/05/how-write-more-regularly-and-publish-more-often-despite-having-heavy-teaching-load?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=3fa2b1347d-WNU_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-3fa2b1347d-197800013&mc_cid=3fa2b1347d&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba

TITLE: How to Advocate for the Research You're Already Doing
Author: Junior Prof
Published: December 17, 2019
Topic: Academe should value research and publication outside of peer-review metrics, writes Junior Prof, who suggests ways to advocate for the research that you want to do.

TITLE: 10 Ways to Make Sure Your Writing Happens
Author: Christine Tulley
Published: January 20, 2020
Topic: Christine Tulley gives advice for how to use a weekly writing day productively.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/01/20/advice-using-writing-day-most-productively-opinion