THESIS/DISSertation WRITING PROCESS- BROWN BAG WORKSHOP

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The Process
6 Steps to Completing Your Dissertation

- DRUDGERY
- PROCRASTINATION
- PANIC
- DESPAIR
- DRUDGERY
- PRINTING
me → PhD → Dr me
Your Committee

The choice is yours... choose wisely!

- The Chair
- Committee Member 1, 2, & 3
- Report of Thesis/Dissertation Committee
- Graduate Faculty Representative

The Thesis/Dissertation Writing Process

None of them will actually read your entire thesis.
Time to Write

And so the adventure begins........

- Chapter 1ish
- Chapter 2
- Chapter 1
- Chapter 3
- Chapter 4
- Chapter 2 (lit to support additional findings)
- Chapter 5
Chapter 1- Introduction

In the beginning......

- Statement of the Problem
- Theoretical Orientation/Conceptual Framework
- Purpose of the Study
- Research Questions and/or Hypothesis
- Definition of Terms
- Delimitations of the Study
- Significance of the Study
Chapter 2- Review of the Literature

Is it grounded in the literature?

- Current/Valid sources
- Annotations
- Relevance of the Literature
- Analysis & Synthesis within Strands
- Summary: Synthesis of the Literature across strands
Chapter 3- Methodology

Your Biggest Challenge

- Assumptions and Rationale for Research Approach
- Specific Strategy of Inquiry/Design
- Role of the Researcher
- Sample OR Participants or Informants
- Instrumentation
- Data Collection Procedures
- Data Analysis Procedures
- Trustworthiness & Transferability or Reliability, Validity, and Generalizability
Proposal Defense

You are getting there

- Proposal Defense
- IRB (if needed)
- Data Collection
Chapter 4- Results

Survey says......

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Experiments
Chapter 5- Discussion and Implications

So what does this all mean?

- Discussion of the Results
- Relationship to Prior Research
- Implications
  - Practice
  - Leadership or Policy
  - Theory or Design
- Recommendations of Future Research
- Limitations of the Study
- Conclusion
My thesis is written in

Blood

Sweat

Tears

and COFFEE.
The Final

You are almost there

- The Pre-Defense
- THE FINAL DEFENSE!!!!
The Purpose Driven PhD

*The PhD in Me*

- Purpose
- Community
- Connection
- Discipline
- Presence
- Love