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## Mini-workshop: Finishing & Publishing your PhD

In this mini-workshop I will share tips & tricks to help PhD-candidates finish, submit and publish their dissertations - preferably on time. The focus will be on very practical advice regarding how to do this, tricks to help make it easier, and tips on how to prepare for and endure this process. I will be drawing both on my own experiences of finishing and publishing my PhD and dissertation (in 2017), as well as my experiences with publishing dissertations at Sidestone. I find that a very loose and casual atmosphere works best for this, and I will be encouraging participants to ask questions and find the fun in this part of the PhD that we all know can be quite hellish.

I propose to spend the allotted 45 minutes of the workshop as follows:

- 1) Introduction: 5 min
- 2) Finishing your PhD: 10
- 3) Prepping your PhD for submittal to the committee: 10
- 4) Prepping your PhD for submittal to the publisher: 10
- 5) Questions & targeted advice: 10 min

During the (1) introduction I will both introduce myself, and ask the audience where in the PhD process they are so that I can fine-tune the provided information to their needs. I will then spend roughly 10 minutes on the process of actually (2) finishing the PhD, followed by advice on how to (3) prep a PhD for submittal to the committee. A surprising number of PhD-candidates seem to have a limited understanding of this process, and I will try to summarily explain how this generally works, and what they should think about to make this

process easier on everyone involved. In conclusion I give a (brief) overview of some of the options for (4) publishing their PhDs, and some tips on how to prepare a manuscript for publication. This will of necessity not be a complete overview of all publishing options they could use, and will instead therefore focus more on how to prepare the manuscript itself.