# WRITING & WEB DESIGN RETREAT

Social Work Research
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# HOW ARE YOU?

ANY ISSUES, CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, QUESTIONS, PROVOCATIONS, DESIRES THAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

#### **AGENDA**

- Grounding exercise
- \*Review of writing strategies
- Expectations for assignments
- Pomodoro technique
- Next steps

#### RESEARCH MEDITATIONS

- \* To whom are you dedicating this work?
- What ancestors' shoulders are you standing upon?
- How can you interrupt violence within your work and create visions of what is possible in the middle of the political, historical, social, and economic context that we are in?

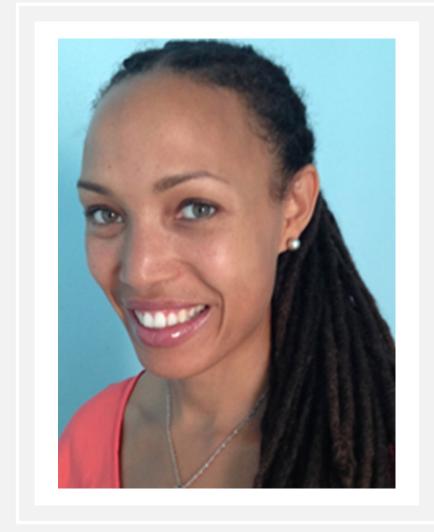


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# TIPS FOR READING, WRITING & RESEARCHING

- \*Topical outlines
- Concept maps
- Annotate as you read
- Literature tables and charts
- Other suggestions?

Check out OpenAcademics for resources related to academic writing.

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	Absent,	Not	Partially	Fully
	Omitted	met	Met	Met
Final Term Paper				
Research designs are identified				
Formal research is distinguished from practice anecdotes				
Introduction of problem area: Contains an introduction that addresses all aspects of the problem area of inquiry for research				
<b>Use of References:</b> Paper is appropriately cited—points extracted from documents are used to clearly support student ideas				
<b>Inclusion of outside information:</b> Incorporates extensive, accurate and relevant information related to research study				
Analysis: Critically reflects upon a peer reviewed article.				
Organization and Mechanics: Literature review is clearly organized and extremely well written—very few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar, and/or sentence construction				
Required page length: Paper is between 10-12 pages				
Implications for Social Work Practice: Discussed importance of study to social work practice, research, and policy				

## EXPECTATIONS FOR FINAL PAPER

- I0 pages
- 10 research articles cited
- APA format

- Clear main point and unique perspective.
- \* Be organized, well-crafted, and visually appealing.
- ❖ Be engaging, interesting, and multimodal. In other words, all four sections should include more than just static text.
- Clear writing in the written sections.
- Cite sources in APA including a reference list for each section, giving evidence to support claims, etc.
- ❖ Demonstrate the level of effort, engagement, and mastery of the topic/argument as would reasonably be expected for an end-of-semester project for a master's program.

# EXPECTATIONS FOR WEB SITE

- Shared on CUNY
   Academic Commons
- 4+ pages
- 10 research articles cited
- APA format

## POMODORO TECHNIQUE

#### How does it help?

- Getting started
- Organizing tasks
- Improving focus and productivity
- Combating distractions
- Developing time management

Check out this video explaining the pomodoro technique.

### WHAT IS THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE?

#### A method for staying focused and mentally fresh

STEP 1	Pick a task
STEP 2	Set a 25-minute timer
STEP 3	Work on your task until the time is up
STEP 4	Take a 5 minute break
STEP 5	Every 4 pomodoros, take a longer 15-30 minute break

After four rounds, take a longer, more restorative 15-30 minute break.

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### RETREAT

- Choose a task(s) that you can complete in 30 minutes.
- Work uninterrupted on the task until the time is up.
- Meet in pairs for 10 minutes to discuss and give feedback.
- Wrap up in large group setting.

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## **NEXT WEEK**

Session	Date	Topic	Assignments Due
8	11/01	Crafting social work research questions and hypotheses	Article Critique due 11/8