

Curtin University Library

Thesis Fest 2023: final program

Tuesday 27 June

Venue: TL Robertson Library (B105), Level 7, Curtin Perth Campus

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TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER
8.30 – 9	Registration and networking	
9 – 9.30	Welcome and opening address	Professor Harlene Hayne Vice Chancellor, Curtin University
9.30 – 10.30	Writing Well and Being Well for Your PhD and Beyond Good writing can be challenging - it should be exciting but critical, generous but ethical, and elegant but accurate. Wellbeing is an integral part of this process to help support sustainable and efficient writing practices. This keynote draws from Katherine Firth's new book, which integrates mindfulness, movement, writing tools and reflection into every stage of the writing cycle.	Dr Katherine Firth Academic Skills University of Melbourne
10.30 - 11	Morning tea break	
11 - 12	Ask the Professor Anything Professors from Curtin University share their research journey with us and invite questions from the audience.	Professors from Curtin University
12 – 1	Catered Lunch	
1-2	The Bigger Picture: Finding Meaning in Your PhD Have you ever sat in front of your PhD during those tough times and wondered, “Why am I doing this?” You are not alone, and you will see for yourself by attending this workshop. During this workshop, Dr Seaman will share what was challenging for her during her PhD and how she found a way to keep moving forward. More importantly, she will invite you to reflect on your own challenges, connect with your peers over shared experiences, and find your reason for moving forward in your PhD.	Dr Kristen Seaman Psychological and Counselling Services Curtin University
2 – 2.30	Afternoon tea break	
2.30 – 3.30	Good Feedback: Asking for it, getting it, and responding to it Many graduate students cite getting and dealing with supervisor feedback as one of the most frustrating areas of their PhD. You can wait for ages, and when it arrives, it’s not what you want. Feedback is essential to help you progress and improve the quality of your outputs. So, what can you do to ensure you get the feedback you need? This presentation shares how to ask more specific questions and clarify the type of feedback you want.	Hugh Kearns Researcher Flinders University Co-Director iThinkWell
3.30 - 4	Reflective session and close	

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9 – 10	<p>How to manage the middle: Moving your work forward</p> <p>The beginning stage of research projects is defined by excitement and momentum, while the end stage is filled with accomplishment and satisfaction. But what about the long middle stage? The middle is incremental actions and small moves forward, rather than the big steps imagined at the beginning or the big achievements celebrated at the end. However, the middle is the part that really matters as it fulfils the promise of the beginning and creates the celebrations of the end. This session will discuss practical strategies to manage the middle stage and move your work forward to realise success.</p>	<p>Professor Loleen Berdahl University of Saskatchewan</p>
10 - 10.30	Morning tea break	
10.30 -12	<p>PhD Powerhouse: how your Library can unlock your research potential</p> <p>Join us for this interactive session to learn more about the specialised services Curtin Library provides to help you towards your research success. Our Library staff will share stories of student challenges and how we have helped them overcome them. We will showcase our research specialities, expert guidance, and tailored support, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.</p>	<p>Curtin Library Staff Research & Copyright Team Curtin University</p>
12 - 1	Catered lunch	
1-2	<p>Getting the best from your supervisor relationship</p> <p>A healthy relationship with your supervisor can mean your time as a HDR student is productive and rewarding, but a negative experience can lead to delays, discouragement, and stress. This session will explore the challenges and opportunities of working with your supervisor and how to make the most of the relationship.</p>	<p>Dr Andrew Cameron Student Assist Curtin University</p>
2-2.30	Afternoon tea break	
2.30 – 3.30	<p>Stories from the Valley of Despair (HDR panel)</p> <p>Listen to a panel of recently completed PhD students as they discuss motivation, staying on track and how to stay well during your research.</p>	<p>Panel of recent HDR graduates</p>
3.30-4	Reflective session and close	<p>Kylie Percival University Librarian</p>