

The Dissertation & Scholarly Inquiry

A WORKSHOP

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Tuesday, January 6, 2009

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

John C. Hodges Library Auditorium

8:30 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:30

Welcome and Overview of the Workshop Schedule

Rita H. Smith, Associate Dean, University Libraries

The Dissertation and Scholarly Inquiry

What is the significance of a dissertation in the academy?

How does the dissertation help to launch one's career?

What kinds of choices can be made by a dissertation author?

Who owns my dissertation?

Carolyn R. Hodges, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

9:30 - 10:45

Dissertation as Commodity

A faculty panel comments on university publication of your dissertation, your intellectual property rights, and ways dissertations advance careers

Douglas Hayes, Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science

Heather Hirschfeld, English

Suzie Allard, School of Information Sciences

Linda Phillips, University Libraries (Moderator)

10:45 - 11:00

Break

11:00 - 11:45

Ethical Practices in Research

John Hardwig and Glenn Graber, Philosophy

Ethics issues are embedded in most research topics and in almost every dissertation. UT's Philosophy Department is prominent for research, instruction, and public service on the many facets of ethics. Professors Hardwig and Graber will discuss best practices for maintaining high ethical standards in dissertation research and writing.

11:45 - 1:00

Box Lunch

Black Cultural Center

1:00 - 2:15

UT Requirements for the Dissertation

Jennifer Spirko, Academic Advisor, Graduate School

Studio Services for Creating an Electronic Dissertation

Michelle Brannen, Sr. IT Technologist II, University Libraries, The Studio

2:15 - 2:30

Break

2:30 - 4:00

Tools for Dissertation Research

Research Services Librarians

Tools include specialized electronic resources for comprehensive research; strategies for searching the library's most powerful databases; library resources for collecting and analyzing data; and managing research materials with EndNote to keep track of references and prepare a manuscript for publication.

Door prize drawings for \$25 gift certificates to the UT Bookstore will be held in the group meetings.

Participants will be invited to complete evaluation forms of the entire program.