Academic Writers Group
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Motivation/Purpose
- To promote the completion of dissertations and the publication of academic articles.

What Did I Do/Strategies
- Successfully passed comprehensive examination.
- Created a schedule of due dates for chapter drafts and dissertation completion.
- Met regularly to exchange edited papers.
- Before the end of the semester six chapters will have been written and edited and a date set for a dissertation defense.
- Completion of the C4ward log after every meeting.

Aim/Goals/Intended Outcomes
- To create a writing schedule and complete the chapters of a dissertation (Defense scheduled for next year).
- To write articles for an online database and academic journals.

How it worked/Outcomes
- Completion of six chapters of dissertation.
- Completion of ten articles (500-1500 words) for Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project.
- Completion of article on famed Hawai‘i swim coach Soichi Sakamoto. Submitted to journals for consideration.

Testimonial
The very existence of this group supports faculty scholarship in a unique way. As concierge, Kelli Nakamura helped me complete the writing for my doctoral dissertation at UH Manoa. Since she had been through this process, she saved me so much frustration and grief. The structure of having some deadlines, and a colleague to be accountable to made it easier to focus on the project. Next semester, I look forward to changing roles and helping Kelli with some articles for publication! Academic writing can mean many things, and this work helps us all to grow as professionals.

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