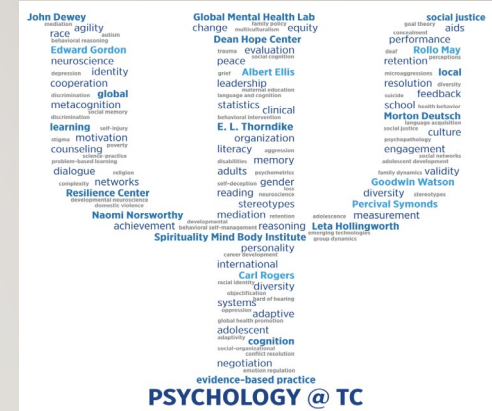


# WELCOME TO WINE & WISDOM

PSYCHOLOGY DISSERTATION 101



# DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY@TC

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- Clinical Psychology
- Counseling Psychology,
- School Psychology
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Intellectual Disability and Autism
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Developmental Psychology
- Cognitive Science
- Learning Analytics
- Social-Organizational Psychology
- Measurement, Evaluation & Statistics

# KEY RELATIONSHIPS: FACULTY ADVISOR & OFFICE OF DOCTORAL STUDIES

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- Solidify a relationship with a faculty sponsor/advisor as early as possible to begin identifying dissertation topics
- Look over information provided by the Office of Doctoral Studies (ODS)
  - <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/doctoral/>
  - Calendar of dates
  - Requirements
  - Forms

# PROGRAM PLAN

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- Find your program's plan, which lists required courses, online or in handbook
- Complete official Program Plan, have your advisor sign, and submit it to ODS

# CERTIFICATION/RESEARCH EXAMS

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- College-wide doctoral certification exams must be taken before advancing to candidacy and proposing your dissertation
- Fall and spring CERT dates for most psychology students
- A summer date for others (Deaf & Hard of Hearing; ID/Autism; ABA).



# DOCTORAL CANDIDACY

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- Once coursework and other requirements are completed and comprehensive exams are passed, students apply to receive the M.Phil. degree *en passant*
- Some programs have additional requirements such as a research presentation, publication, and/or dissertation proposal before students can progress to candidacy

# DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

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- Consists of:
  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Methods
- Identify faculty approved by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) for committee:
  - Sponsor
  - Second Reader
  - Outside Reader
- Submit drafts to all committee members and start trying to schedule proposal hearing 2-3 months in advance of desired date
- Once completed and passed by committee, submit Proposal Hearing Form to ODS
  - Includes IRB approval

# ADVANCED SEMINAR

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- Students apply for the Advanced Seminar (via ODS form) and present data to committee for further guidance (also known as the Data Hearing)
- Fellowships and dissertation defense-specific funding is available for final two semesters of dissertation work
  - Requires a completed application (found through Office of Financial Aid - Fellowships & Grants).



# DISSERTATION DEFENSE (LAST STEP!)

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- Register for Dissertation Defense course (TI8900) for the semester you defend and submit Notification of Intention to Defend to ODS by the semester deadline
- Confirm final defense committee (5 individuals, including 3 from proposal hearing):
  - Sponsor
  - Chair (likely your Second Reader)
  - Outside/Third Reader
  - Examiners (1 outside program and 1 outside TC, typically)
- Schedule final hearing, defend, make any revisions, and submit for conferral of degree

**THANK YOU  
COMING!**

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**QUESTIONS?**

# ... AND THANK YOU TO TODAY'S PANELISTS

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