

Gender Equity Project Colloquia and Workshops

Handling Rejection; Publishing Patterns of Faculty Women Activities and Discussion

Handouts: Criteria for judging manuscripts (Uchiyama & Simone, 1999)

Thank you for advertising, but your needs don't meet my interests (Montgomery, 2003)

Read: Dealing with the rejected article (Guillou & Earnshaw, 2000)

Writing for professional journals (Henson, 1999)

[Returning associates received the second article last year; if you need another copy please e-mail the GEP.]

Discussion: Recall the most recent paper or grant proposal that was rejected or received a revise-and-resubmit judgment; then consider the following:

1. What were your immediate reactions? How did those reactions change - if at all - over time?
2. What action(s) did you take? How long was it before you began the action?
3. Did you discuss the content of the rejection with anyone? If so, with whom?
4. Did you receive any constructive suggestions? If so, what were they? What made the suggestions constructive?
5. Did you receive any unhelpful suggestions? If so, what were they? What made the suggestions unhelpful?
6. In the materials that you read for the workshop, did you find any suggestions particularly useful? If so, what were they?
7. In the materials that you read for the workshop, did you find any suggestions irrelevant, inapplicable, or non-useful? If so, what were they?
8. Imagine that a respected colleague received the rejection or reviews that you did. What suggestions would you give him or her?

Take home exercise: Work with a partner either chosen from among your fellow associates, or from among other trusted colleagues or mentors from outside the workshop, to develop a next action for dealing with a recent critical review. Briefly note what was and was not useful about this activity and email your comments to the GEP.

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