

# BU Faculty of Health Studies Research News



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## Feeling Rejected:

### What to do when that dreaded rejection letter comes

1. **Craft a response table** with peer reviewer comments in the left column and author responses in the right column.
2. **Remember that peer review is unpaid, voluntary work** so thank the peer reviewers for their time and effort.
3. **Set the tone in all communications:** be respectful and humble, state facts, and do not get defensive.
4. **Fill out each cell in the table carefully**, letting the peer reviewers know what actions were taken to address their comments. If no action was taken, politely and factually state why no action was taken.
5. **Do not give up.** The vast majority of manuscripts need to be revised at least once before a publication decision is made. Be patient with the process.
6. **If the decision is to revise and resubmit, then that is what you should do.** Do not let an uncivil review get under your skin and you withdraw the manuscript from consideration out of spite. That only hurts you.

*If peer reviewers were uncivil, do not engage in this behavior or point this out; this is not in your best interest!*

From <http://naepub.com/peer-review/2018-28-4-5/>

**Check out the website Nurse Author and Editor for great tips!**

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## Mark your calendar

### PEER WRITING GROUP

**Dates:** Wednesday, June 19 (Fran Racher joining us) & 26, and July 3 & 10th (Jonathan Allan joining us), 2019

**Time:** 1:30-3:30

**Place:** RM 133, HSB

### MOTIVATION, ANSWERS, CRITIQUE

This will be an opportunity to hear from a mentor who has numerous publications. He/she will: 1) share his/her wisdom, 2) critique an existing manuscript, and 3) will share ways to get it published. Then we can do some writing or peer review for the remaining time.

**Please let me know if you plan to attend.**

ZOOM Meeting ID: 354 900 149

## Congratulations to...

### Publications

**Andrea E. Thomson, Fran Racher & Karen Clements.** (2019). Person-centered psychiatric nursing interventions in acute care settings. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, DOI: [10.1080/01612840.2019.1585495](https://doi.org/10.1080/01612840.2019.1585495)

Saudelli, M. G., **Graham, J. M.**, Sheppard-Lemoine, D., Cowan, A., Ibrahim, Y., & Ahmed A.H Eissa, G. (2019). Revealing moments of mentoring international Undergraduate Research Assistants: Learning the ropes. *The International Journal of Learning in Higher Education*, 26(1), 49-67. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-7955/CGP> (Journal)

### Grants

**Thomson, A., Naismith, D., Smith, N.** (May, 2019). *Mentors experiences in an undergraduate psychiatric nursing peer mentorship program*. Health Studies Research Grant, \$2,500.00.

### Presentations

**Waddell, C., Graham, J. M., & Pachkowski, K.,** (May, 2019). *Battling stigma in a stigmatized profession*. Presentation, 5<sup>TH</sup> Horatio Festival of Psychiatric Nursing: Participatory mental health. Scandic Sluseholmen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

## MPN Student Corner

### Congratulations to...

**Annette McDougall** for successfully defending her thesis "The Experience of Acute Care Mental Health Nurses in Dealing with Violent or Aggressive Patients" on April 29, 2019.

**Jen Whitehurst** for being awarded the John Alex Scholarship of \$1000.00 from the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation.

**Please let me know about presentations, posters or publications so we can celebrate with you!**