

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Dr. Wendy Belcher Returns to Celebrate 100 Episodes! [00:00-33:04]

Research in Action - Episode 100

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Wendy Laura Belcher, an associate professor of African literature at Princeton University with a joint appointment in the department of comparative literature and the department of African American studies. Wendy is the author of the best seller *Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing Success*. She is also the very first guest that we ever had on the “Research in Action” podcast.

Segment One [00:00-11:13] - In this segment, Wendy shares about what she's been working on in the two years since she first appeared on the podcast.

Segment Two [11:14-21:25] - In this segment, Wendy shares some of the ways that she set herself up for effective sabbatical writing.

Segment Three [21:26-33:04] - In this segment, Wendy shares about some of the challenges of a writing sabbatical and how she is overcoming them.

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e100/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe storied writing
- Discuss examples of the benefits and challenges associated with a writing sabbatical
- Discuss strategies for developing routines and breaks while writing

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What does Dr. Belcher mean by, “In literature, we often don’t have human beings”?
- According to Dr. Belcher, what can be a time consuming aspect of writing in a more storied way?
- What does Dr. Belcher describe have been some of the challenges she has experienced while writing during her sabbatical?
- What does Dr. Belcher share have been some of the physical challenges of writing during her sabbatical?
- Dr. Belcher describes herself as a “reviser”. How does she explain this affects her writing?
- What does Dr. Belcher suggest may be some of the benefits and drawbacks of researching while writing?
- What does Dr. Belcher share are some of the strategies she has found effective for keeping writing time separate from “free time”?
- What does Dr. Belcher describe are some of the strategies that have helped her develop a writing routine?
- How does Dr. Belcher explain she remains motivated and productive in her writing?

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e100/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e100/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Wendy Belcher if they could?

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Notes

About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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