

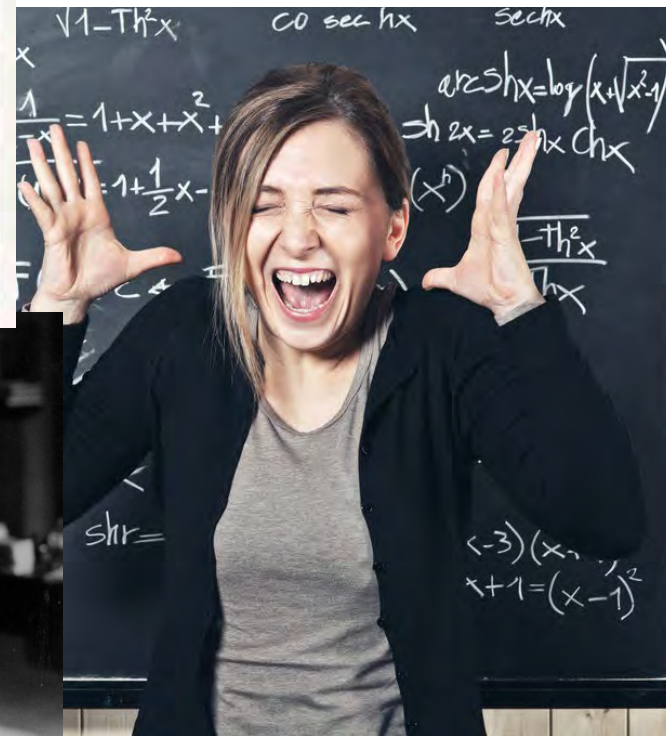
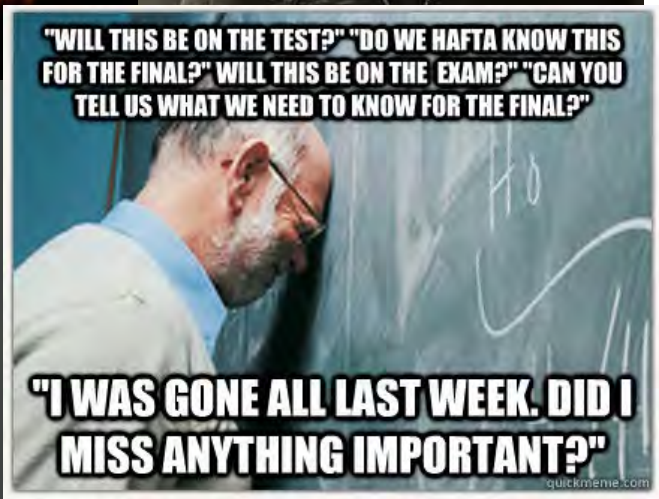


# Pathways to a productive career (and happy life)

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*Music pairing: Ripple and So Many Roads*





# Imagining a Successful Career...and Planning For It

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Why higher education?

What are your professional goals and values?

What kind of position/institutional type do you find most appealing?

If you were to assign weighted values to your future work, what would that look like?

Life? What's a life? (Yes, you can –and should– have one, from day-one)

# What's Cookin'?

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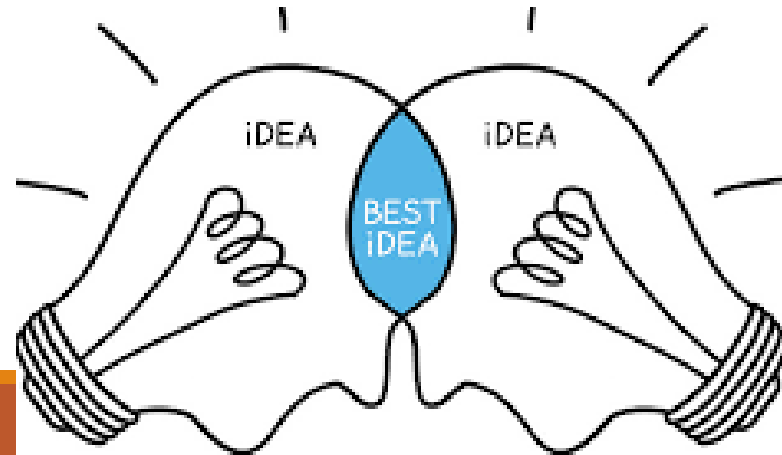






We do not learn from experience.....  
we learn from reflecting on experience

John Dewey



# Setting Realistic Goals and Finding Your Way

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## Goals

- 5 year
- 3 year
- 1 year
- This semester
- This month
- This week
- Today I will...

## Different Content/Goal Domains:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

# Productivity Tips

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*Read everything, think hard, write a lot  
–true, true, true*

*Good research is worth doing badly –  
your first stab at a research question  
might be a little messy, but if the  
question is good, you'll find a way to  
refine your approach: don't waste that  
curiosity –harness it!*

*Keep a captain's log or journal of your  
ideas, but only one idea per page –  
when inspiration hits, you'll need that  
space to add to it*

*Think about how you can handle time  
and space and develop and signal your  
process*

*You have to treat academics as though  
it is at once the single most and least  
important thing in your life –there are  
times when you have to focus like a  
laser on your work, and there are times  
when you have to set it all aside and  
focus on what really matters*

*Well-being matters*

*You matter*

*So do your colleagues, coauthors,  
students, chairperson, and mentors –so  
be a good colleague/person*