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Grad Connect - News from Utica College

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Commencement Speaker: Wendy Waters

The 2014 Graduate Commencement Ceremony will feature Wendy (Williams) Waters as the keynote speaker. Wendy is a long time member of the college community and holds multiple degrees from Utica College. She earned her first degree from UC in 1982 with a Bachelor's in Public Relations/Journalism, and went on to complete Secondary English Teaching certification courses in 2001. Wendy has a passion for literacy. She believed "the most positive way she could impact literacy was to become a teacher".



This brought her back to Utica College to pursue a Master's degree.

In 2006 Wendy became the first person to earn a Master's in Liberal Studies from Utica College. Her thesis, titled *The Life and Writing of the First Welsh Novelist, Victorian Daniel Owen, As They Relate to National Identity and Nationalism in Wales* focused on the role, Daniel Owen played in Welsh nationalism. Her thesis described "how generations of determined Welshmen have embraced and promoted the life work of Daniel Owen" and how "Welsh readers could bond in a kindred spirit at a critical period in the development of the Welsh nation".

The research process took Wendy on a nine day research trip to Northern Wales. Her goal was to collect primary sources to use in her thesis. In her biography Wendy states that "Literature and literacy fueled Wales' nationalistic fire", strengthening the author's understanding of the impact of literacy on individuals and society.

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Important Dates

Please note the upcoming deadlines:

May 17 - Graduate Commencement Ceremony

May 18 - Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

May 18 - Degree Date (both undergraduate and graduate)

May 27 - Full term, on campus courses begin

June 2 - Deadline to withdraw from a D1 course

June 13 - SOOT opens for D1 courses

June 15 - Deadline to apply for August degree

Graduate Commencement

Wendy continues to support her passion for literacy through community involvement. She is currently a Secondary English/Journalism teacher on special assignment as an Instructional Coach at the Rome City School District. She is also a certified Writing to Learn trainer for the Leadership and Learning Center, an ELA grades 6-8 Ambassador for Madison-Oneida BOCES, and owner of Delta Educational Services, an SAT prep business.

The Write Idea: Seriation

According to dictionary.com, seriation is the arrangement of a collection of artifacts into a chronological sequence. The APA Manual states that "just as



the heading structure alerts readers to the order of ideas within the paper, seriation helps the reader understand the organization of key points within sections, paragraphs, or sentences". Have you ever wondered, however, how to list items in a sentence? When to use numbers versus letters? When to separate items with a comma or a semicolon?

The use of a numbered list implies an ordinal position or order of importance and should be used when stating an itemized conclusion or steps in a procedure. The proper use of Arabic numbers includes numbers followed by a period without any parentheses, the sentence should begin with a capital letter and end with a period or other appropriate punctuation. For example:

A list using Arabic numbers would look like this:

- 1. This is step one.
- 2. This is step two.
- 3. This is step three.

If you do not wish to imply chronological order, importance, or priority, Arabic numbers can be replaced with bullets not followed by a period.

To arrange artifacts within a sentence or paragraph, use lowercase letters in parentheses and a comma or semi-colon to separate out three elements or more. Commas should be used when the elements do not already contain internal commas. For example: There are many ways to insert a list into a sentence such as: (a) numbers, (b) bullets, or (c) letters.

When elements contain a comma within it, substitute the separating comma for a semi-colon. An example of a list with a semi-colon is: Semi colons should be used when: (a) three or more elements are

Reception

Utica College will host a celebratory reception for all **Doctoral and Masters** graduates and their families following the Graduate Commencement Ceremony. The reception will be held on the Utica College campus in the Rose Garden/Academic Quad. In case of inclement weather the reception will be held in the athletic center. Signs will be posted to help identify areas for each program to gather and mingle. Parking for the ceremony and reception is available on the Utica College campus. Shuttle buses will be available for transportation from Utica College to The Stanley and back. Parking around The Stanley is limited.

Did You Know?

The Graduate Commencement ceremony can be watched live online. Live streaming of the ceremony will be available online at utica.edu/live. Adobe Flash Player and an internet connection are required to view the live stream. This is a great option for friends and family who are unable to attend the ceremony, share the moment with you! Please note that because the footage will be streaming live, it will only be available during the ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2pm EST but a video will be posted after the ceremonyon Utica College's YouTube website.

being listed; (b) separating the elements, but at least one element already contains a comma; (c) when the writer wants to contain the list inside the paragraph rather than in a numbered or bulleted list.

Seriation is not so intimidating once you know how to use it.

Seriation provides variety of formatting options, you can decide what works best for you. Take the time to learn these general guidelines so that the fear of the unknown does not stop you from using such an effective tool.

More information can be found at: Page 63 of the APA Manual 6th edition APA Online Purdue Owl If this newsletter was forwarded to you and you would like to be on the regular mailing list, please click on the button below:





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