

2018 ATA Doctoral Consortium

Transitioning from Coursework to Dissertation to Early Career

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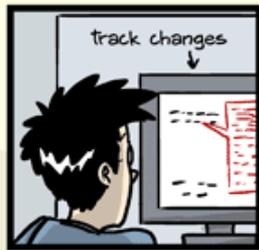
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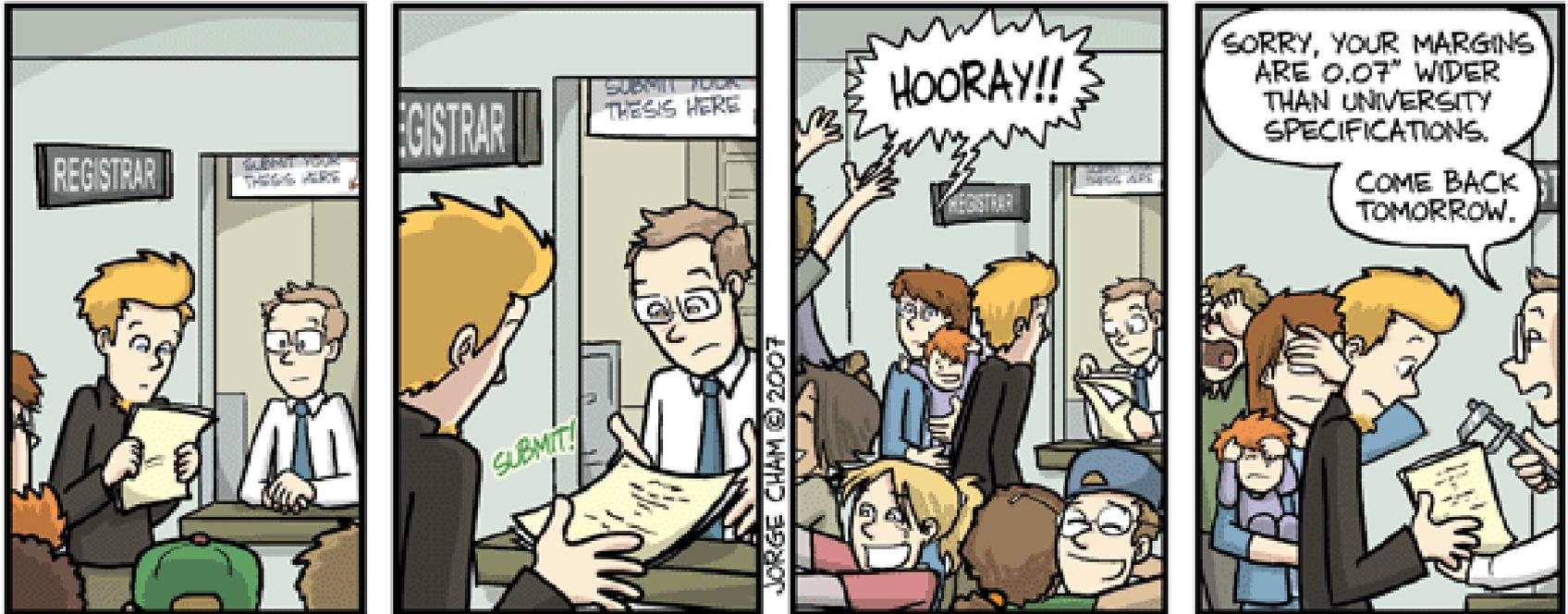
Preparing for Your Proposal



Making the Most of Your Proposal

- Propose as early as possible.
- Be receptive to feedback on your paper and on your presentation.
- Be careful about overstuffing your road paper.

Defending Your Dissertation and the Final Hurdle



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Transitioning between Ph.D. Student and New Faculty

- Celebrate!
- Leverage remaining face-to-face time with co-authors at your doctoral institution.
- Expect to lose time during the transition.

Starting Your New Faculty Position

- Keep your head down and focus on your work.
- Start a project with a senior faculty member as soon as possible.
- Invest some time in teaching.

Starting Your New Faculty Position (cont.)

- Try to find service activities that benefit you.
- Attend the New Faculty Consortium.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions.

Overall advice

- Rest assured that you have made a great career choice.
- Be persistent and stay positive.
- Do not just rely on our advice.

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YOU'VE GOT THIS!

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Dan Lynch

1st Day in Microeconomics

$$\pi^* = \sum_j^m p_j y_j^* - \sum_i^r w_i x_i^*$$

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Advice for Coursework

- Adjust to not being the best in class.
- Leverage the course and instructor for your research.
- Take elective classes that further your skill set.

Pitfalls in Coursework stage



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Pitfalls in Coursework Stage

- Overinvest at the expense of research
- Ignore other obligations
- Inappropriate allocation of time among your classes

Comprehensive Exams



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- Develop a study plan.
- Use senior students experiences.
- Use it as an opportunity to become an expert in an area and develop your dissertation.

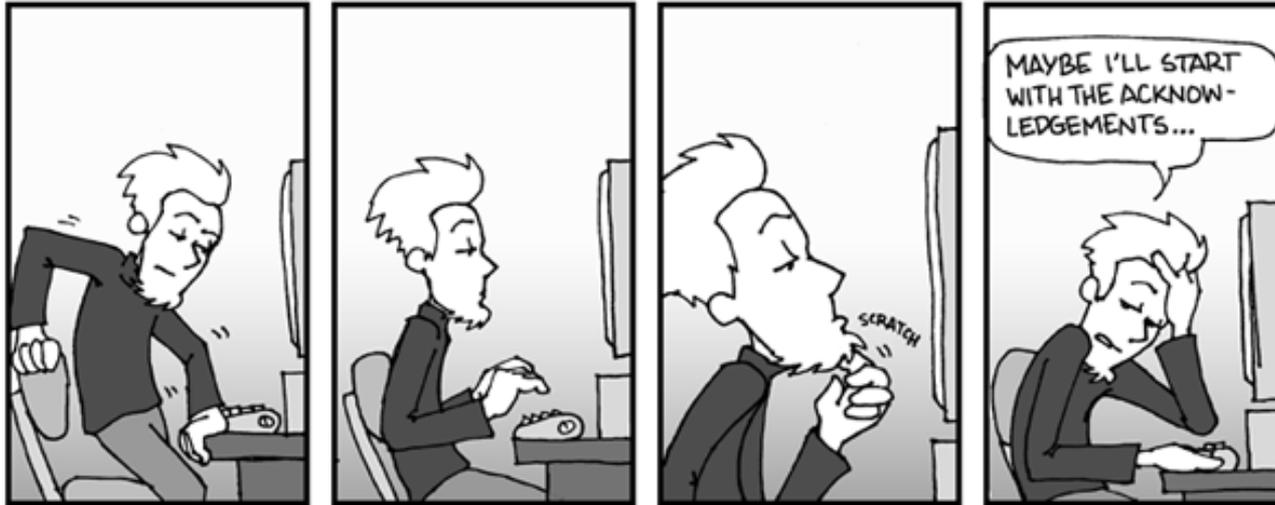
Coursework/Comps complete now what?



Time to Push Research Forward

- Get your working papers under review.
- Get your pipeline stocked.
- Be careful not to neglect your dissertation.

Beginning the dissertation



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Choose your committee wisely.

Dissertation (cont.)

- Pick a topic that you are passionate about and have invested time in.
- Get started early, gather feedback and don't be afraid to fail/change topics.
- Remember your dissertation will be what a lot of non-tax people judge your packet on.

Overall Advice

- You have made the best decision of your life.
- If you don't think about quitting a few times a year something is wrong with you.
- Don't put your life on hold during the program. Work hard and have a positive attitude.

Thank You!

