Resources for Tenure-Track Assistant Professors as Academic Writers

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Kerry Ann Rockquemore’s column on InsideHigherEd.com
https://www.insidehighered.com/users/kerry-ann-rockquemore
Short concise essays with advice on academic productivity and all aspects of tenure-track planning (free/online)

“First and foremost, your ability to get a tenure-track job, earn tenure, and have options for mobility will be defined by your scholarly productivity. That means that early in your career, you want to get clear on what habits and skills you need to develop for extraordinary productivity. Those include: developing a daily writing practice; strategically planning your semester; aligning your time with your evaluation criteria; learning when and how to say ‘no’; overcoming perfectionism; and managing the inevitable rejections that come with academic writing.”

“Let’s be clear: I’m not suggesting that you work all the time. Having work-life balance is possible, but it doesn’t just happen. If you want to be highly productive and have a life off campus, you’ll need to become a master of time management. Specifically, you will have to recognize that there is a structural challenge in faculty life.... You will therefore have to create accountability structures that rival the demands of students and colleagues to make sure that your work gets done...” and also that you have time to do the restorative things that will help you avoid burnout.

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity
http://www.facultydiversity.org
Kerry Ann’s mentoring site for academics particularly on the tenure-track but also at other stages of their career (paid membership)

Academic writing communities/Accountability networks:

Paid membership
   Academic Muse
   http://academicmuse.org/

   Academic Writing Club
   http://academicwritingclub.com/

Twitter-based, free
   #acwri
   #writingpact

Ad hoc, free
   Google chat or similar
   In-person meetings

Tools for planning/mentoring/accountability:
   Timeline of writing/tenure-related tasks, Semester Plan, “Sunday Meeting”