

Saturday, August 25, 2018
Livermore Learning Center

- 8:45 AM Check-In & Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Welcome & Introductions (Room 101)
- 10:00 AM **KITCHEN TIMER!**
- 10:15 AM Breakout Session #1

PROBLEM STATEMENT/ALIGNMENT. *Dr. Betty Diggs (SAS Alumni)* – Alignment is the key to a strong dissertation; your problem statement, purpose statement, research questions and hypothesis must be clear and focused. Dr. Diggs will share her expertise on navigating this overwhelming task to avoid needless work while writing your dissertation. (Room 102)

or

DATA: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY, MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL. *Dr. Cheryl Burleigh (SAS Alumni & Faculty)* - As part of your dissertation study, data is needed. But how to do go about collecting data? Once you start collecting data, how do you organize the information so that data makes sense later on? Learn tips and tricks of organizing and analyzing data that will make sense for your research study. (Room 103)

- 11:45 AM Lunch and Roundtable Discussion (Room 101)

- 12:30 PM **KITCHEN TIMER!**

- 12:45 PM Breakout Session #2

WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO LOSE? *Dr. Sharla M. Walker (SAS Alumni)* - Discuss and conduct exercises on some of the challenges faced while going through the dissertation process. Specially, the support given or not given to students from family, work and community. During the presentation each participant will have the opportunity to identify what they are and are not willing to lose, in addition to discussing how support or lack of support impacts the dissertation writing process. (Room 103)

or

PREPARING FOR ORAL DEFENSE. *Dr. Betty Diggs (SAS Alumni)* – Having just completed her doctoral journey in the winter of 2017, Dr. Diggs will share her oral defense experience and best practices that can help make your presentation successful...after years of writing and researching, after all YOU are the expert! (Room 102)

- 2:15 PM **AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF IRB SUBMISSIONS** (Room 101)

- 3:15 PM **KITCHEN TIMER!**

- 3:30 PM Wrap Up/Conclusion

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