

What is the difference between editing and coaching?

Editing focuses on reviewing and polishing manuscripts that have already been written. Its purpose is to provide a thorough review and refinement of writing to meet particular goals (e.g., journal publication; dissertation defense). On the other hand, coaching is proactive instruction helping you assess where your project is at, identify where you want it to be, and articulate a clear plan to get there.

Is this kind of service common?

Yes. Every scholar brainstorms ideas with others and seeks critical feedback or technical suggestions from expert colleagues. And it's normal to find a way to reimburse them for their time (be it dinner and beer, reciprocal editing, or payment). The key difference here is offering access to a level of expertise rarely available to law enforcement professionals.

What is the confidentiality policy regarding my coaching sessions?

We prioritize confidentiality and handle all client information with strict confidentiality. Any information, documents, or discussions related to your dissertation and coaching sessions will remain confidential. We do not share any client information without your explicit permission.

How far in advance should I book services?

You should reach out as soon as you start considering the need for support, or at least several weeks in advance of when you need service delivered. For a standard five-chapter dissertation, booking at least two weeks before your desired return date is advisable. Similarly, you need to give yourself time after that to read and implement changes. Do not wait until the week before your defense.

What academic disciplines do you work with?

In general, my expertise is focused on social and political sciences, such as public administration, psychology, criminology, criminal justice, and sociology.