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Abstract

This presentation provides details about two distinctive and unique peer learning programs at Gettysburg College and Millersville University. It also highlights how our collaboration sparked new initiatives to advance each of our peer research programs.

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Musselman Library, high-impact learning, peer mentorship, peer learning

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Peer Research Mentors - Gettysburg College

- Launched in Fall 2014
- Peer to peer model is widely embraced on our campus
- Developed to augment traditional reference service & expand library outreach

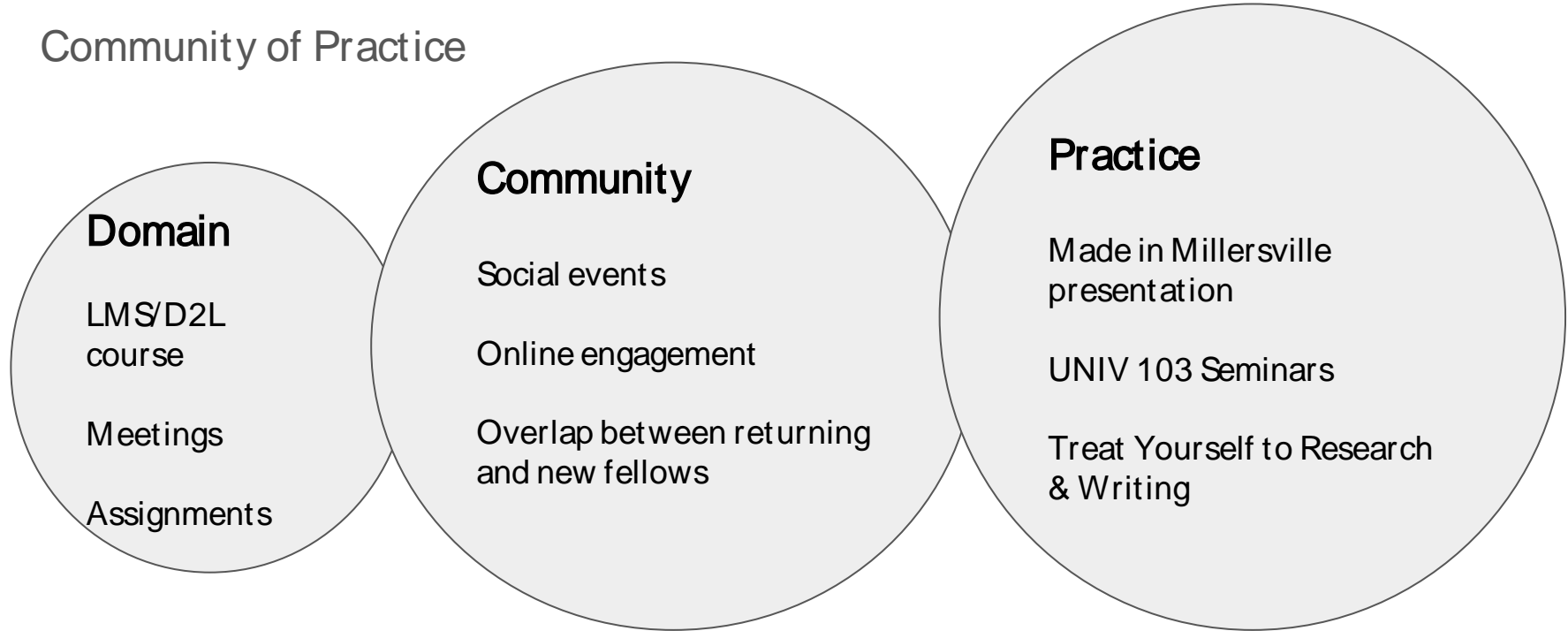
Peer Research Fellows - Millersville University

- Piloted in Spring 2013 with music research fellows
- Followed by Earth Sciences, Communication & Theatre, Providence Project, Latino/a Studies research fellows
- Discover a research passion and serve as resource for their peers



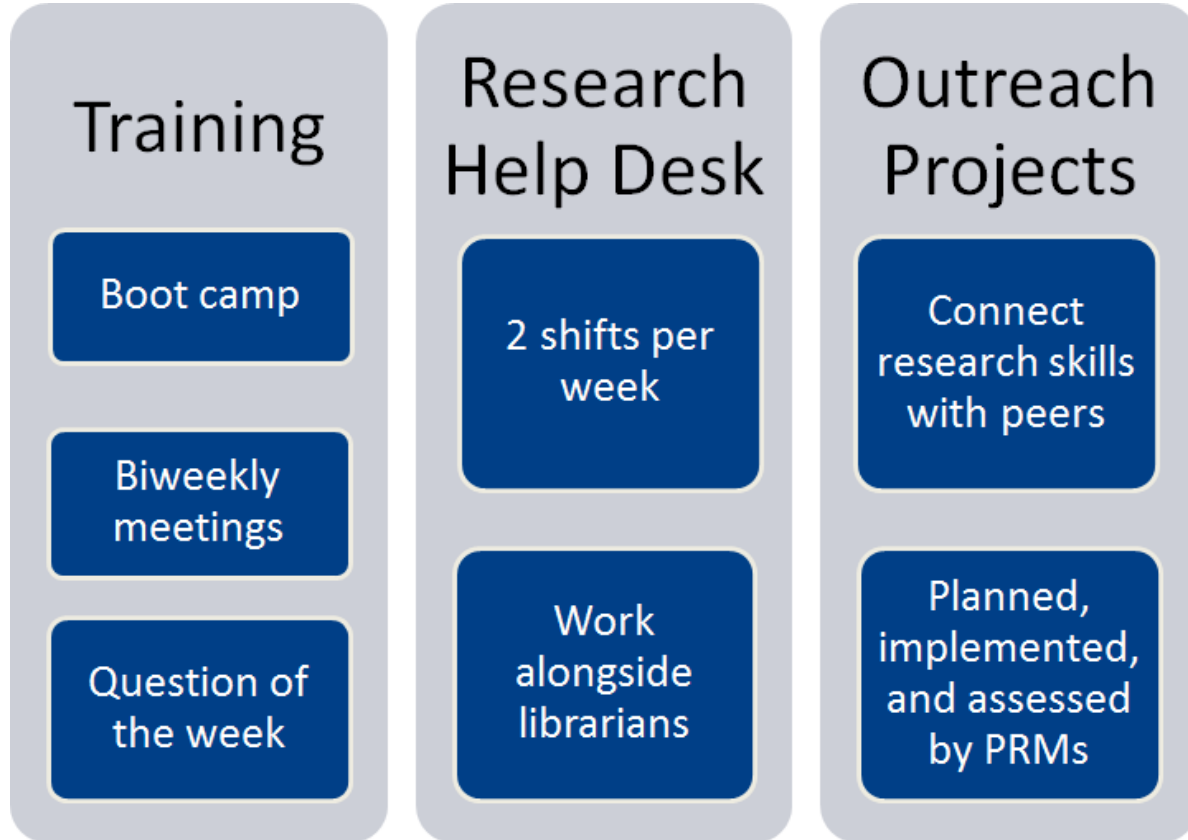
Library Research Fellows: Program Structure

Community of Practice





Peer Research Mentor: Program Structure





How did an ACLCP grant help us innovate?

- Benefits of local professional exchange
 - Time, money, and ideas
- Focus on problem-solving
 - Background information and articulating burning questions
 - Presentations to address burning questions
 - Warren Berger's systematic approach to solving problems
 - Why?(What?)/ What If?/How?
- Actionable takeaways:
 - Millersville action
 - Gettysburg action

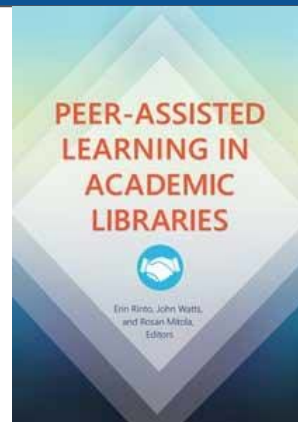
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