



WELCOME TO THE NPS

GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

See what the GWC can do for you!



WritingCenter@nps.edu

<https://nps.edu/web/GWC>

FOUNDATIONS OF ACADEMIC WRITING

Learn about expectations and gain grad school survival skills in this 4-part presentation

Tues. 13 July, 15:15–17:15



Part 1:
Introduction to
Graduate School Writing



Part 2:
How to Look and Be Smart



Part 3:
The Writing Process



Part 4:
Going Straight to the Source:
Human Subjects Data

[Click for Zoom login](#)



MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS



GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

ONE-TO-ONE WRITING COACHING

Writing and critical thinking help focused on **your needs**.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Live appointments: in person, Zoom, Teams, or phone

Asynchronous feedback via email

Drop-in help M-F 1200-1300

SIGN UP ON [WCONLINE](#)

[Learn more about coaching](#)



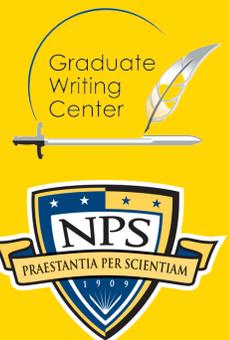
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ASYNCHRONOUS COACHING



WRITING FEEDBACK ANY TIME

Can't fit the writing center into your schedule?
Let us fit into yours! Sign up for
asynchronous coaching—with detailed email feedback!

1

View calendar

Select the async calendar from the menu at the top of WOnline.

2

Choose day

Choose an open slot on the day you'd like feedback.

3

Send draft

Email your coach a draft of your paper 48 hours in advance.

**RECEIVE FEEDBACK BY 1700 PST THE DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT
WITHOUT A REAL-TIME COACHING SESSION**

Submit a draft to the writing center for feedback (not editing) on critical thinking and writing mechanics.

Questions?

writingcenter@nps.edu
nps.edu/web/gwc/asynchronous-coaching



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BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Through the live and asynchronous coaching calendars

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

Through the workshop calendar

[Click here to learn the basics of WCOonline!](#)



GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

WRITING COACHING DROP-IN HOURS

Pressed for time? Have a quick question about a paper or a thesis?

M-F • 1200-1300

On campus or on Zoom!

Dudley Knox Library, 1st floor

Zoom login at nps.edu/web/gwc/drop-in

No drafts sent in advance, please.
First come, first served.



<https://nps.edu/web/gwc>



WRITING A PAPER OR THESIS?
WE'VE GOT YOU.

GWC Write-ins



Dedicate time to write and concentrate.

Set and meet writing goals.

Team with writing coaches and librarians.

Join and support your peers.



Fridays, 1000–1430

Meet in person or via Zoom!

[HTTPS://NPS.EDU/WEB/GWC/WRITE-INS](https://nps.edu/web/gwc/write-ins)



DUDLEY KNOX LIBRARY



Summer Workshops!

Presented via Zoom by the
Dudley Knox Library &
Graduate Writing Center
July 2021

From Dudley Knox Library:

Library Quick Start

Develop research skills and learn how to use library search, databases, research guides, Google Scholar, and more!

Thesis Quick Start

Time to begin your thesis? Not sure how to start? This workshop covers academic research in general, as well as some NPS specifics.

Citation Management with Zotero

Save time and improve note-taking by learning Zotero, a free tool that helps you collect, manage, and format your references.

Inquiry and Argument:

Constructing Research Questions

Learn proven strategies for developing answerable questions given constraints in resources, time, paper length, topic, and data.

Crafting Convincing Arguments:

Attack/Defense

Learn the strategies and conventions of written argumentation that are essential to your NPS studies and career.

Critical Thinking in Review

Identify the differences between review and critical analysis. Practice assessing the strengths, weaknesses, agreements, and disagreements in scholarship.

Perfecting Paper Structure:

What (Nearly) Every Academic Paper Needs

Learn how the building blocks of academic papers fit together, making your papers more readable, complete, and academic.

Organization: The Secret to Academic Writing

Discover techniques that produce strong, readable papers and tools for effective communication.

Understanding Paper Types & Prompts

Review the types of papers you may be asked to write at NPS and strategies for decoding and understanding instructors' essay-exam and paper prompts.

Mastery Series:

Mastery Series: Grammar

Review common grammar errors writers make and learn how to avoid them.

Mastery Series: Punctuation

Small symbols with great power, punctuation marks can do it all—connect ideas, convey tone, clarify meaning.

Mastery Series: Clarity & Concision

Excellent clarity and concision stands as the core goal at the graduate and professional level of writing.



Using Sources in Your Work:

Mastering the Literature Review

Assess the strengths and inadequacies in the existing literature to help you reach the goal of adding new knowledge to your field.

Paraphrasing & Quoting Like a Pro

Confidently incorporate others' words, ideas, analyses, models, and images into your own writing. Practice quoting, summarizing, and the art of the paraphrase.

Debating with Your Sources: They Say/I Say

Learn to construct your paper as a "conversation with others," applying the basic methods that scholars use to engage with larger debates.

The Art of Revising:

Strategies for Active-Voice Writing

Overusing passive voice is a common stylistic blunder. This workshop explains what passive voice looks like and why, in most cases, active constructions serve you better.

Building Better Sentences

Learn how to communicate clearly and simply by demystifying the elements of sentence structure, including common patterns and the active voice.

Getting Published:

Writing for Online Outlets

Want to impact broader military and security discussions? Learn to pitch, scope, draft, and revise short pieces for online outlets.

Writing for Academic Journals

Target journals for your discipline, decode submission requirements, query editors, and prepare manuscripts for your academic research.

Grad School Skills:

Strategic Reading I & II

In this popular workshop series, practice Professor Zachary Shore's method of reading at the graduate level. Learn techniques to quickly examine texts. Sessions are targeted to STEM or social Science students.

Mastering Note-Taking & Time Management

Learn and practice winning techniques for studying more effectively, taking useful notes, preparing for exams, and performing better during tests.

...and more!

How to Give a Classroom Presentation

Learn how to forge a powerful presentation, penetrate to the core of your subject, and pull it off in style.

Professional Executive Summaries

Executive summaries help your research find an audience. Learn how to prioritize information, avoid jargon, write persuasively, and navigate this form's rules.

Technical Writing

Learn the skills needed to write clear technical reports and theses. Together, you'll dissect a well-written report, and determine what makes it effective.

Illustrating Your Thesis with Tables & Figures

Master the art of knowing when and how various kinds of graphics can clarify a process or illustrate an argument.

LaTeX Crash Course for Student Research

Are you passionate about beautifully formatted equations? Learn the fundamentals of writing your thesis or dissertation in LaTeX.





Join on Zoom

ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 1: JULY 8-10



THURSDAY 7/8

What (Nearly) Every
Academic Paper Needs 1200-1300

Strategic Reading I 1700-1830

FRIDAY 7/9

Understanding Paper
Types and Prompts 1000-1130

Critical Thinking in Review 1300-1430

SATURDAY 7/10

Mastering Note-Taking
and Time Management 1000-1130

Strategic Reading I 1200-1330

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ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 2: JULY 12-17

MONDAY 7/12

Mastery Series: Grammar	1000-1130
Organization	1300-1430
Strategic Reading I	1700-1830

TUESDAY 7/13

Library Quick Start	1200-1250
Mastering the Literature Review	1500-1630

WEDNESDAY 7/14

Mastery Series: Punctuation	1000-1130
Thesis Quick Start	1200-1250
Crafting Convincing Arguments	1700-1830

THURSDAY 7/15

Strategies of Active-Voice Writing	1000-1130
Giving a Classroom Presentation	1200-1330
Debating Sources: They Say / I Say	1500-1630
Research Questions	1500-1630

FRIDAY 7/16

Citation Management with Zotero	1000-1150
Strategic Reading I	1200-1330

SATURDAY 7/17

Paper Types and Prompts	1000-1130
Paraphrasing and Quoting Like a Pro	1000-1130
Crafting Convincing Arguments	1200-1330

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ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

WEEK 3: JULY 17-24

MONDAY 7/19

Technical Writing	0930-1100
LaTeX Crash Course	1100-1200
Building Better Sentences	1300-1430
Organization	1500-1630

THURSDAY 7/22

Executive Summaries	1200-1300
Mastery Series: Punctuation	1300-1430
Strategic Reading: STEM	1700-1830

TUESDAY 7/20

Strategic Reading II	1000-1130
Thesis Quick Start	1200-1250
Strategic Reading I	1300-1430
Paraphrasing and Quoting Like a Pro	1500-1630

FRIDAY 7/23

Citation Management with Zotero	1000-1150
Writing for Online Outlets	1200-1330

WEDNESDAY 7/21

Mastery Series: Grammar	1000-1130
Library Quick Start	1200-1250

SATURDAY 7/24

Strategic Reading: STEM	1000-1130
Strategic Reading II	1200-1330

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Spaces for GWC Workshops and Coaching

NPS Dudley Knox Library, 1st floor

DKL Hours:
M–F 0730–1730

GWC Team:
M–F on campus & virtual
Sat–Sun virtual
nps.edu/web/gwc

DKL and GWC Workshops:

- All delivered via Zoom
- Join via laptop in the GWC, or DKL Rooms 151 or 161*

GWC Coaching:

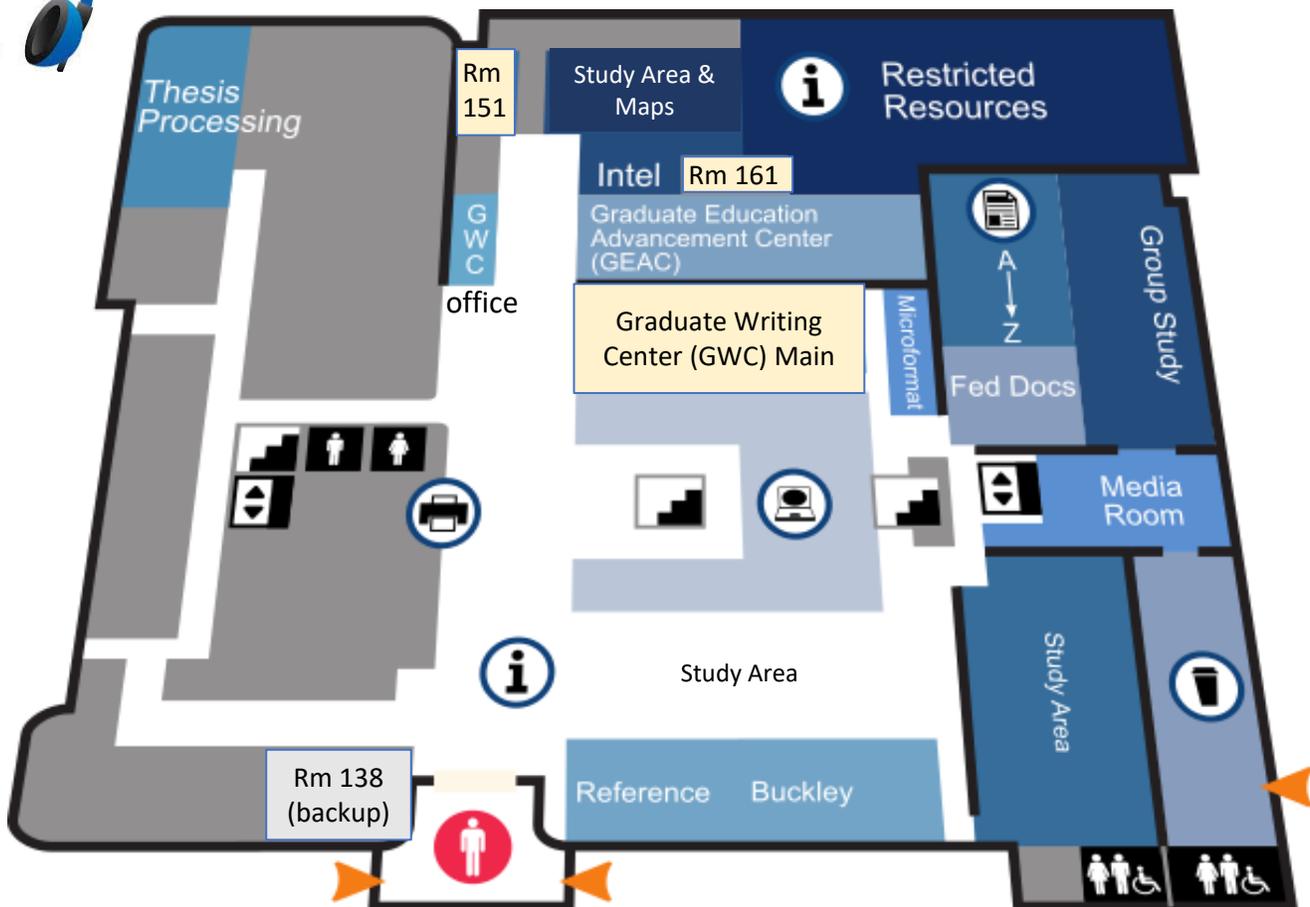
- In person and via Zoom or Teams, check [WCOOnline](#) for coach's location
- Meet in the GWC* or join your coach online from the GWC or another study space

Room Capacities*

GWC Main: 15 ppl
151: 12
161: 4
138: 4



Bring headphones!



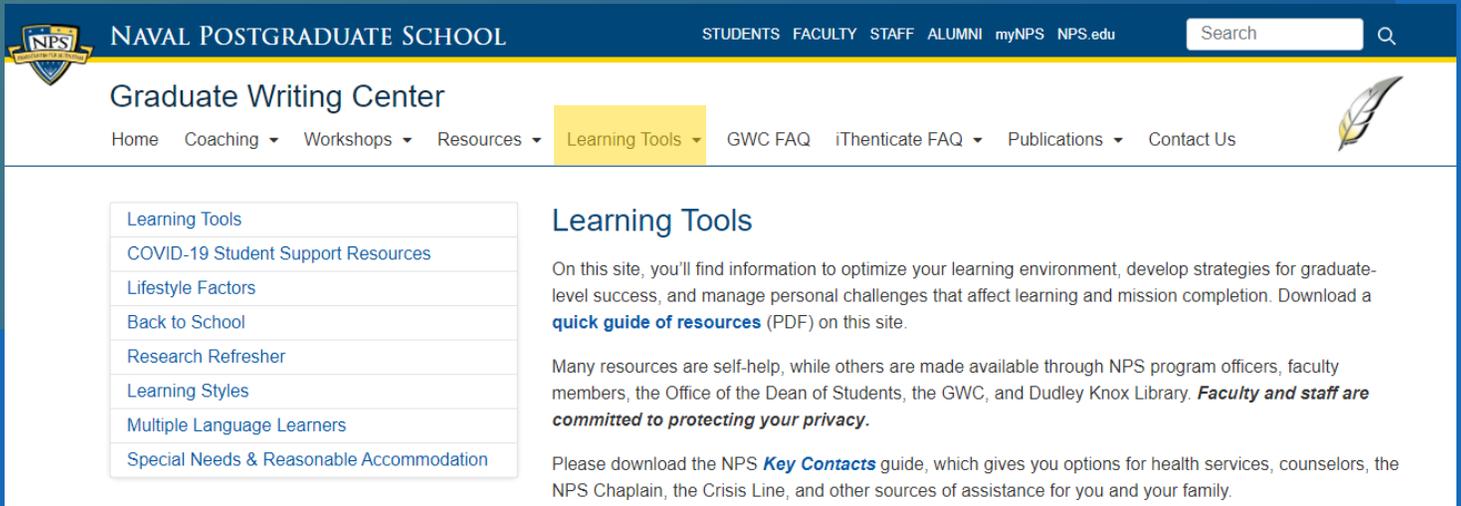
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|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Entrance | General | Elevators |
| Information | Computers | Stairs |
| Print, copy, scan, fax | Starbucks | Restrooms |

Learning Tools at NPS

In support of your academic mission, we have assembled resources and best practices on the GWC website

nps.edu/web/gwc/learning-tools



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NPS website with the school name and various user links. Below that is the 'Graduate Writing Center' header with a search bar and a feather icon. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Coaching', 'Workshops', 'Resources', 'Learning Tools' (highlighted), 'GWC FAQ', 'iThenticate FAQ', 'Publications', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a left sidebar with a list of links: 'Learning Tools', 'COVID-19 Student Support Resources', 'Lifestyle Factors', 'Back to School', 'Research Refresher', 'Learning Styles', 'Multiple Language Learners', and 'Special Needs & Reasonable Accommodation'. The main text area is titled 'Learning Tools' and contains three paragraphs of introductory text.

Lifestyle Factors:

Many factors in your life play a role in the learning process, such as your health and fitness, ability to relax, and sleep patterns. This page provides resources that will help you maximize your lifestyle in support of your educational goals.

- Physical and Mental Health
- Sleep
- Relaxation
- Play for Rejuvenation
- Healthy Relationships
- Support Networks

Back to School:

Nearly everyone who has been out of school for more than a few years can benefit from a basic skills refresher. This page lists resources to help you get on your feet quickly, whether you are a resident, international, or distance-learning student.

Vital Skills for Academic Success:

- Critical Thinking
- Note-taking
- Presentation Skills
- Active Reading
- Test-Taking
- Time Management



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Learning Tools

Research Refresher:

Most students are expected to conduct research: to collect and analyze information in order to answer a question, support an argument, and test a hypothesis. This complex, multi-step process will be less intimidating if you make research design choices that lead to more efficient work and meaningful findings. The tools here also help you get up to speed on terminology you will see in your readings.

● [Library Navigation](#) ● [Research Terminology](#) ● [Group Study and Writing](#)

Learning Styles:

Learning styles categorize the different ways that people learn. Culture, environment, and purpose can also affect the learning process. Use knowledge of learning styles to develop study habits that optimize your strengths, and challenge yourself to experience different styles of learning, giving yourself more tools.

Multiple Language Learners:

Whether you are visiting from another country or you have more than one language under your belt, you may find writing in American English a challenge at NPS. Use the links on this page to learn more about U.S. military writing style and formatting norms and polish your English. Visit the [Writing Resources](#) page for even more tools.

● [Military Language](#) ● [English Language Learner Resources](#)

Special Needs & Reasonable Accommodation:

NPS is committed to assisting all students' efforts to achieve academic success. Students with disabilities—whether temporary or permanent, visible or invisible—can receive a variety of services to adjust or enhance traditional teaching and testing.

NPS Program Officers coordinate services between faculty, staff, and students in an effort to offset circumstances that may negatively impact a student's academic performance. At all points in the process, your private information is restricted solely to staff and faculty on a need-to-know basis.

What Are Reasonable Accommodations?

A reasonable accommodation is an adjustment or change to the environment that provides a student with an equal opportunity to learn and allows the individual to meaningfully participate in class activities.

Requesting Reasonable Accommodations at NPS

It is up to you to confidentially discuss your challenges and explore accommodations with NPS personnel. NPS is committed to making the process simple, fast, and discreet. Review the information on this website, then **contact your program officer to get started.**





THINKING OF DOING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH?

focus groups
surveys
human data



questionnaires
interviews
behavior

START BY SPEAKING WITH THE **IRB!**

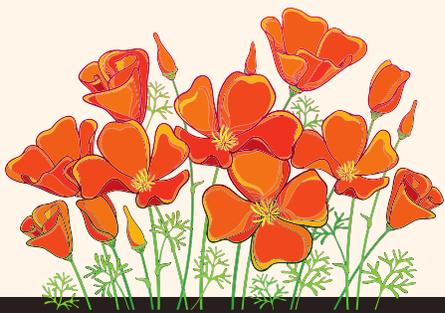
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Voices Unmasked

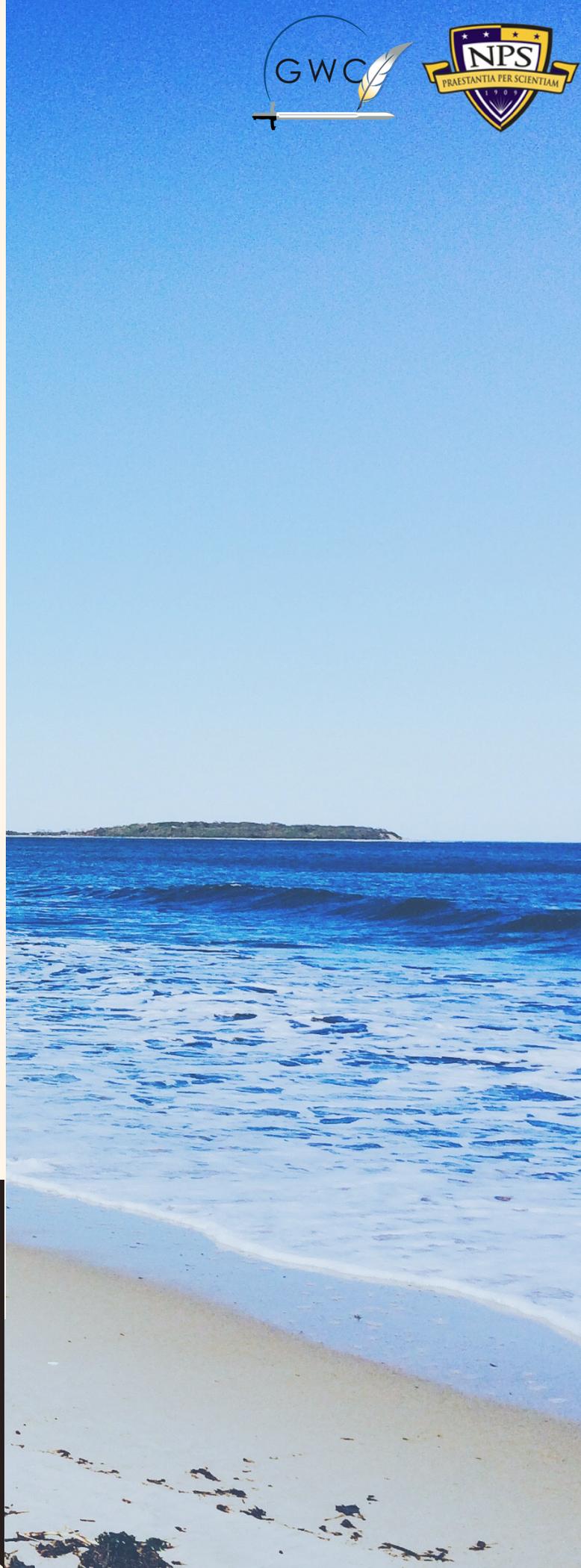
COVID-Era Poetry of the NPS Community

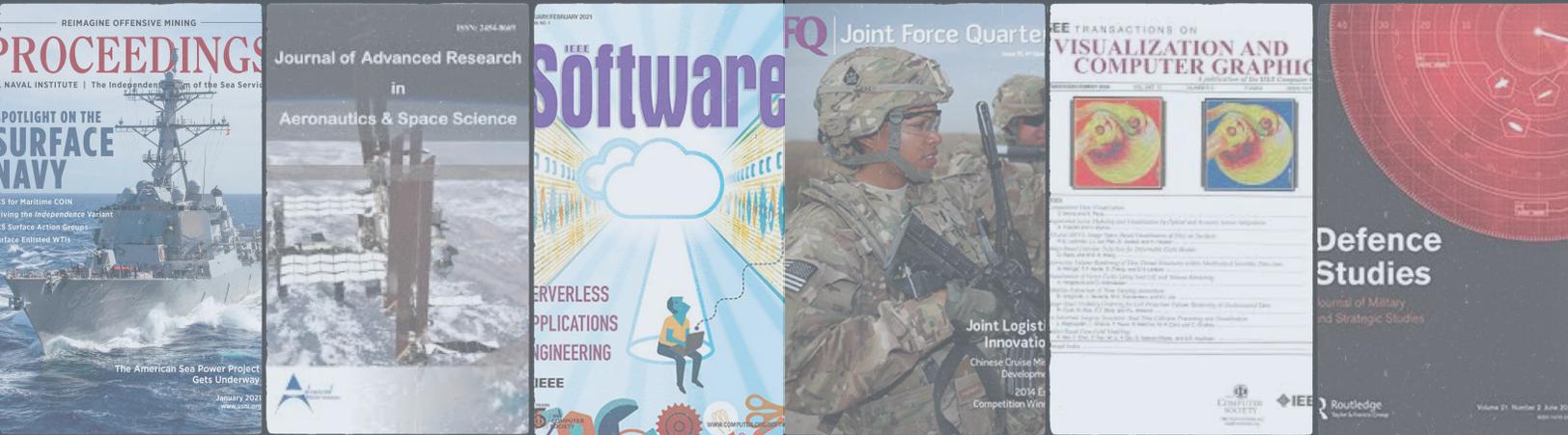
A place for students, faculty,
and staff to share and respond
to the *original poetry* we
write during these uniquely
challenging times.

- Process
- Conquer words
- Explore
- Wrestle ideas



To participate:
ask writingcenter@nps.edu
to add Voices Unmasked to
your Sakai listings.





Discover the GWC's

Student Publishing Portal

<https://nps.edu/web/gwc/publication>

- Academic publishing
- Journal listings
- Submission guidelines
- Conference presentations
- Student publications
- Outstanding theses & dissertations

We also help students set publishing goals through our pre-submission coaching and two publishing workshops:

- Writing for Online Outlets
- Writing for Academic Journals

