Advice from successful writers

and me
Eric-Jan Wagenmakers

- State your goal, clearly and early
- Use concrete examples
- Combat wordiness
• “Avoid statistical prose.”

• Integrate results and interpretation
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- Use consistent constructions
- Use subheadings
- Use transition phrases
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- Express 1-2 ideas per sentence
- Start sentences with old information, end with new information
David Perlmutter

• Your dissertation is not your final statement

• Your dissertation is a publication
  No less and no more

• You can’t build an ideal committee

• Plan what to accomplish, then say “done”
Chad Nilep

• Give yourself permission to write imperfectly

• Before you can engage, you must understand

• Language is a tool for communicating ideas
  Good writing is good, but not the most important thing