



# The First Phase of Our PhD Odyssey

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# Outline

- Who are we?
- Expectations / cultural/ academic shocks and how we cope with them
- Us in the Chocolate Factory
- Collusion / Collaboration and Competition
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- Using technology
- How we balance our lives
- Q & A

# Expectations

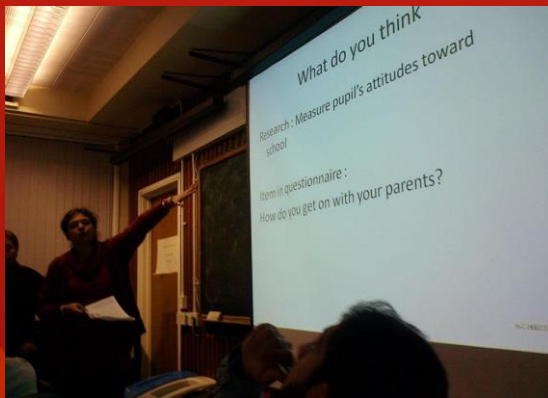


## \* 4 Cs (Fay, 2012)

- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Competence
- Confidence



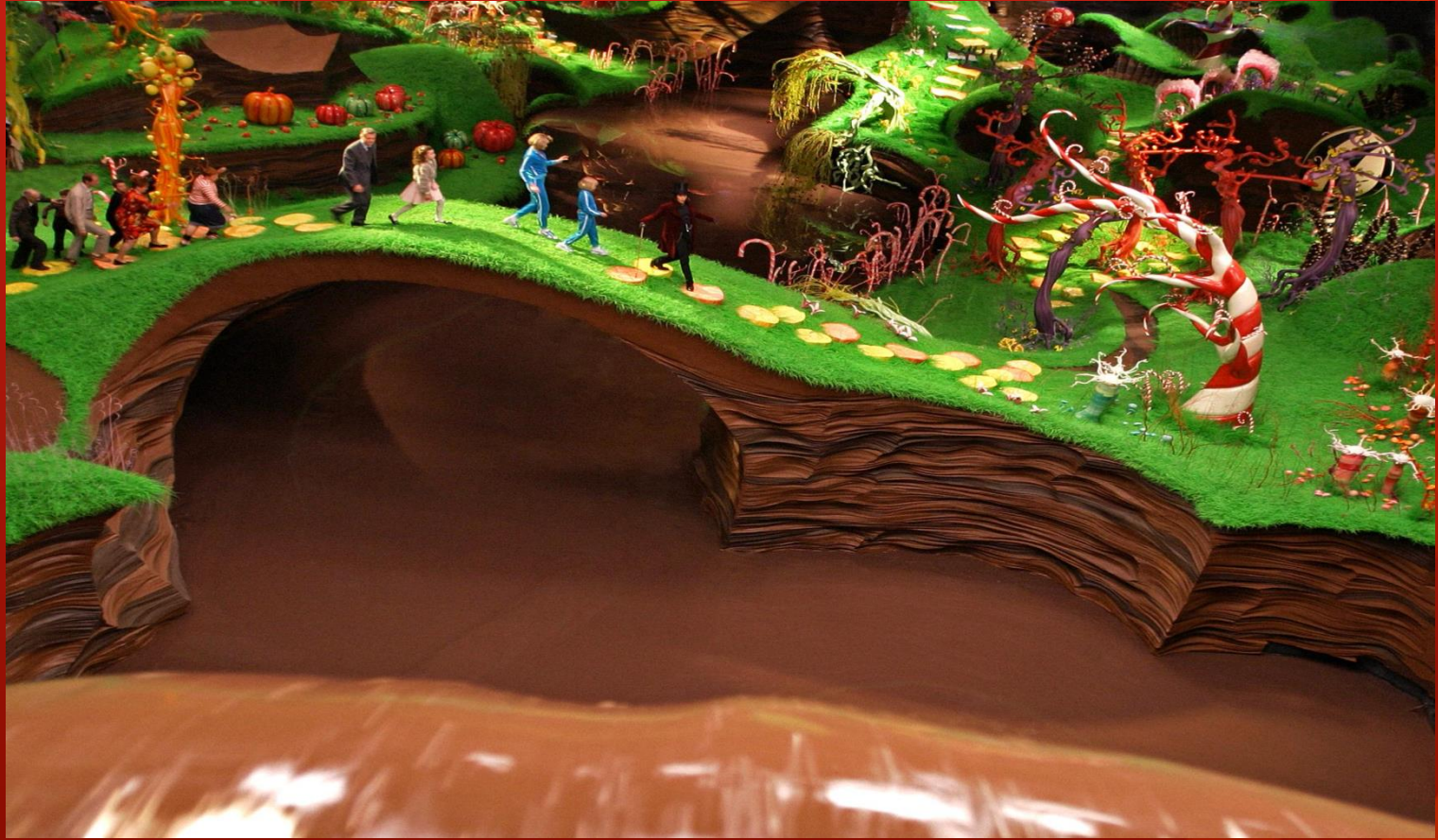
# Cultural/ academic shocks and how we cope with them



- Different pond different fish
- Different country different culture and expectation



# Us in the Chocolate Factory





- Loads of interesting choices and intriguing domains
- Be yourself
- Stay on your way but still be flexible to changes

# Collusion or Collaboration?



- Collegiality with Limits
- Beware of plagiarism – our biggest foe
- Critical Friends

Oh Gosh! They are a lot better than me!

- We are here not compete with others – we compete with ourselves
- Impostor Syndrome



# Competition

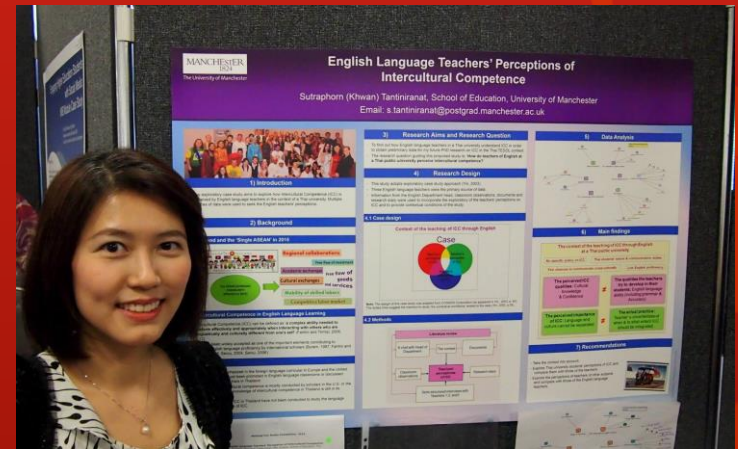


I am in competition with no one.  
I run my own race. I have no  
desire to play the game of being  
better than anyone, in any way,  
shape, or form. I just aim to  
improve, to be better than I was  
before. That's me and I'm free !..

*~ Jenny G. Perry*

# Researchers on the Making

- Development of our research interest/ thinking
- JUSTIFY your choices!

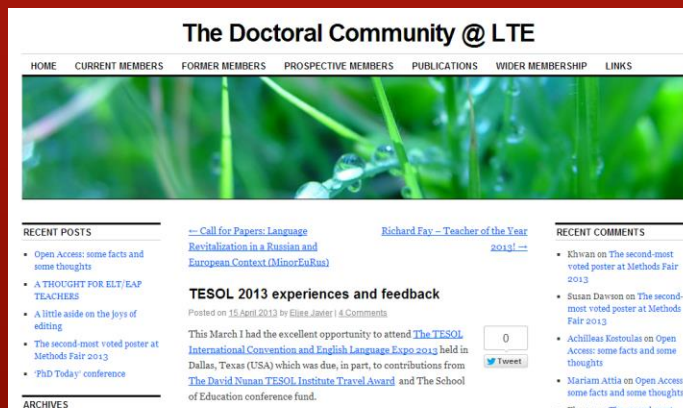


# I want to Change the World

- Don't try to be a superhero.
- Don't try to change the world.
- This is a PhD.
- Go get your PhD then you may save the world, get your Nobel Prize or be a superhero.

# Reflecting? Why should I?

- Write your reflection - think of what we have done and make the most of it (Reflection in action and Reflection on Action)
- Sense of Achievement



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This March I had the excellent opportunity to attend [The TESOL International Convention and English Language Expo 2013](#) held in Dallas, Texas (USA) which was due, in part, to contributions from [The David Nunan TESOL Institute Travel Award](#) and The School of Education conference fund.

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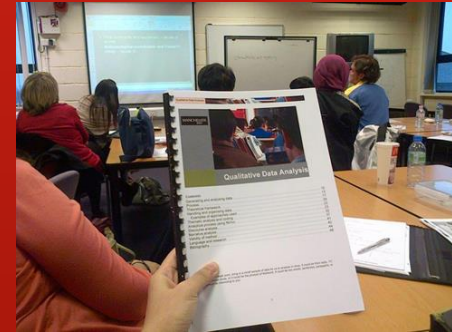
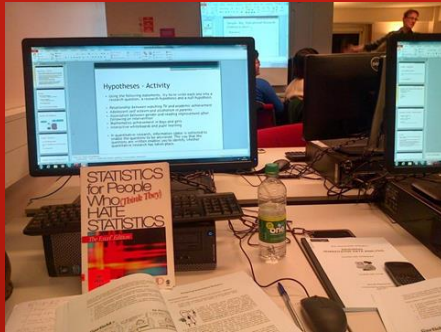
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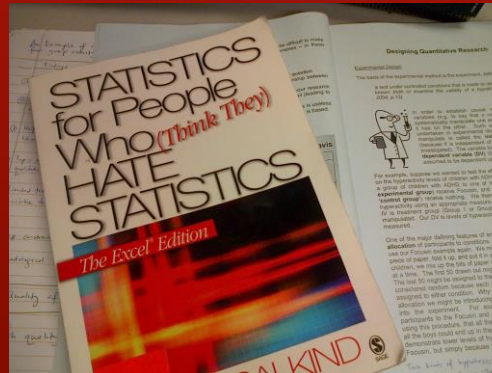
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# Research Courses?

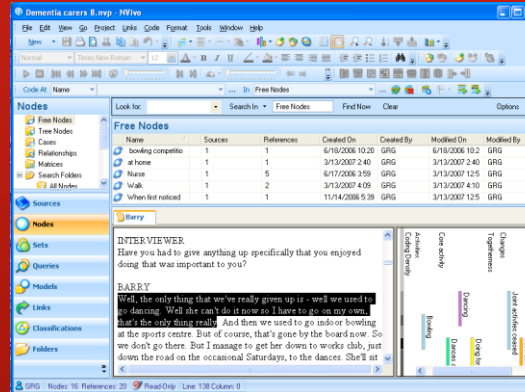


- What we think about the first year's Msc modules



# Using technology

- N-Vivo
- End Note
- Atlas-Ti
- SPSS
- Mandalay
- Pomodoro
- Penzu



# Didn't you back up?



- BACK UP - BACK UP - BACK UP – your email –your p-drive – cloud – Facebook – Hard drive-online journal – offline journal aka paper 😊

# Work Hard Play Hard

## Managing Time

- Love yourself – your body and soul
- Manage your time
- Procrastination – A big no no
- Spend some quality time to relax and refresh your body and mind
- Go social, don't be a hermit 😊

WORK SMART PLAY SMART

LIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST







Being a PhD student is (just) a part of our life  
(Apart from being a mum, a wife, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a partner, etc)



# Any questions?

- Wishing you all the very best 😊



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