## Graduate Level Writing

But what does that mean?



Qualities of good writing are context-specific – there is no such thing as "general skills writing"

Writing development is recursive

Writers develop through experience, reflection on experience, feedback, and revision

Metacognition – knowing how one knows – is central to writing development

Things to consider as you develop as an "informed" writer

Authority is constructed and contextual

Information creation as a process

Information has value

Research as Inquiry

Scholarship as conversation

Searching as strategic exploration

So, what will it look like and what will writing in graduate school involve?

- 1. Different and unexpected, at first
- 2. Process may be messy, and process should be collaborative
- 3. Time consuming / sacrifice
- 4. Involves precision
- 5. Persistence despite rejection
- 6. Require development of a particular "voice"
  - review and discuss the content
  - synthesize material
  - present analysis
  - meticulous about styles (MLA/APA/Chicago/Etc.)

