

*transitioning to published scholar:  
a glimpse at the process  
through pictures and stories*

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*solicited reflections on **becoming** a scholar,  
author and collaborator...*

- cognitive, emotional and intellectual **shifts...**
- important **hurdles** faced....
- **worries** and fears...
- lessons and “**keys** to success”...
- **questions...**

## ***“I worry....”***

- *“...my research is not **“sexy”** enough.”*
- *“... that people are going to think I'm **incompetent.**”*
- *“... that my work won't make any difference and will **never be seen as important.**”*
- *“(I am absolutely **PANICKED**) about finding **money** and funding my research.”*

- “as if you are **channeling the responses** of your participants.....”

*“treat them like **gold**, share your ideas with them openly  
and **without hesitation.....**”*

what were the most difficult aspects of making *'your own place'* in social work research and publishing?

what *mistakes* have you made?

what one thing would you *go back*  
and tell yourself?

when did you accept that you were a '*scholar*'?  
how did you know when you became one?

do you see your day to day work as  
*making a difference* in people's lives?

how do you manage the work-life *balance*?

*acknowledge and embrace...*

- issues of **shifting identities**
- the **humanity** of confidence gaps
- that **focus** (not pigeon-holing) is a very good thing
- the **conundrum** of being alone and being in community
- that both **patience** and **planful** action is needed

*say it **outloud.***

go **home** on time, **don't work** in the  
evenings or on weekends...

these things are more than possible,  
they are ***priceless*** 😊