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¹ Graduate Student Orientation Handbook, University of Louisville, Office of the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies Dean, page 5.
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flexibility as long as they remain internally consistent and consistent with their scholarly disciplines.

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Illustration B  Copyright page*

Illustration C  Signature/Approval page*

Illustration D  Dedication page

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This thesis or dissertation is dedicated to my parents

Mr. Appurajapuram Krishnamurthy Sethuraman

and

Mrs. Nagalakshmi Sethuraman

who have given me invaluable educational opportunities.
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ABSTRACT
WRITING ASSESSMENT AS SOCIAL ACTION

Ellen E. Schendel
May 14, 2002

This dissertation is a historical and theoretical examination of writing assessment as social action. It begins with a historical overview of writing assessment as reform, focusing on the various ways in which writing assessments shape knowledge, subjectivities, and the university. It uses poststructuralist theory and educational measurement scholarship to argue for an understanding of writing assessment as progressive social action, an opportunity for teachers and administrators to reflect upon and change writing instruction. The latter part of the dissertation argues that understanding writing assessment as social action can help compositionists design and implement ethical assessment technologies.

The dissertation is divided into five chapters, covering writing assessment history, theory, practice, and ethics. Chapter One gives a historical overview of writing assessment and argues that it has always been a form of social action. Chapter One also looks to contemporary writing assessment theory and practice to explore how writing assessment might become a means of proactive social change within writing programs, universities, and the culture at large. Chapter Two explores through poststructuralist theories of power and education the role that writing assessment has played within.
universities and culture at large. In particular, it highlights the role of human agency in changing the universities and the culture at large. In particular, it highlights the role of human agency in changing the way that writing assessments (re)produce institutional and cultural systems.

While Chapters One and Two are more theoretical in nature, Chapters Three and Four center on writing assessment practice and on the consequences that writing assessments have on programs, institutions, and individuals. Chapter Three focuses on a single assessment technology, the writing portfolio, to examine the extent to which writing assessment can be proactive social change in practice. And Chapter Four links writing assessment as social change to ethical inquiry, arguing that vigorous inquiry into the validity of writing assessments—including their social consequences on individuals and writing programs—is imperative research to conduct, as it is a means of reflecting upon and changing the course of writing assessment.
ABSTRACT

A COMPARISON OF BRIEF, SINGLE-SESSIONS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RELAXATION/MEDITATION ON AFFECTIVE RESPONSES OF FEMALE UNDERGRADUATES

Paul G. Salmon

December 8, 2003

This study compared brief, single sessions of physical activity (PA, self-paced treadmill walking) and relaxation/meditation (RIM, the 'Body Scan') on positive and negative affect and anxiety measures in female undergraduates. Both were predicted to reduce negative and enhance positive affect. Differential effects of PA and RIM were predicted for participants with predominantly cognitive or somatic anxiety symptoms. Forty-six undergraduates were randomized to PA or RIM interventions. Changes in affect (Positive and Negative Affect Scale, PANAS) and anxiety (Spielberger State / Trait Anxiety Inventory) were assessed using multivariate, repeated measures statistics. Both PANAS Negative Affect & ST AI anxiety scores declined following PA, but PANAS positive affect also declined. Similarly, RIM significantly reduced ST AI and PANAS Positive Affect scores, and (marginally) PANAS negative affect. Anxiety reduction was greatest following RIM for participants with cognitive anxiety symptoms, but the complementary prediction concerning PA and somatic symptoms was not supported.
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CHAPTER III
CARBON AND KEVLAR® FIBERS

Morphology of Carbon and Kevlar® Fibers

General

A characteristic of considerable importance is the morphology of the void phase embedded in carbon and Kevlar® fibers. These voids range in size between 1-30 mm (Barton, 1994), and tend to be elongated in shape with the length of the void being on the order of 1.5-6 times the void width. The mechanism by which the void phase forms is dependent upon both processing conditions and material characteristics (Anson & Brown, 1996). In the case of wet spun fibers, such as Kevlar®, the voids are formed as the solvent leaves the polymer during coagulation (Smith, 2000). The ellipsoidal shape of the voids is due to the applied tensile force during this process.

The micro void phase in pitch-based carbon fibers has a number of sources. The formation of the structure is refined, and volatiles are given off (Barton, 1994). Polycrylonitrile (PAN) based fibers often have similar structures with voids arising both from wet spinning and from carbonization. The more needle-like appearance of the voids in PAN based fibers are attributed to the high tensile forces applied to the fibers during spinning and carbonization (Jones, 2000). The appearances of voids in the PAN based fibers also contribute to the lightness of the fibers in virtually all applications. This property has contributed to the universal acceptance of PAN based fibers in
Illustration L

Table 4

Flexor Carpi Radialis Enthesis Measurements

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Extensor Carpi Radialis Brevis Two (E2B) is one of the two insertions measured for this muscle, and is located on the dorsal ulnar side of a proximal MC2, just across from the ERL insertion. E2B is a raised bony area that runs obliquely across the ulnar fork of the bone (see Figure 22). The enthesis is narrower distally and wider proximally. The oblique axis was used as the length measurement with width the average of several measurements taken at equal distance perpendicular to the length.
Figure 1. Schematic illustration of the contractile force measurement system.

Circumferential squeezing of the LDM is measured by the Pressure Transducer and longitudinal pull of the LDM is measured by a Force Transducer. See text for further explanation.

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