

Goals Statement – Second Portfolio

As I worked on my second portfolio, I knew that I needed to stay focused on certain things. I needed to redo my vita, as the one I had previously in the first portfolio was much too detailed for an academic vita. In addition, I needed to complete and add additional reflections and artifacts for the remaining coursework up through this semester. All of my completed coursework is now documented under the Coursework tab.

I have also made additions to the Research Experiences and Dissertation Planning pages but the most significant area of focus for this portfolio for me has been the area concerning Analytical Thinking. On that page I have tried to articulate the points in the program that have started to define me as a researcher. I hope that this can be a starting point for a discussion.

In addition to the notes above and because there has been less time between Portfolio 1 and 2, I have been continuing with my coursework and have not significantly changed my goals as were written for Portfolio 1. I have taken a leave of absence from my job with Fairfax County Public Schools for the 2010-2011 academic year and will use this time to work on my degree full time as I am getting quite close to proposal.