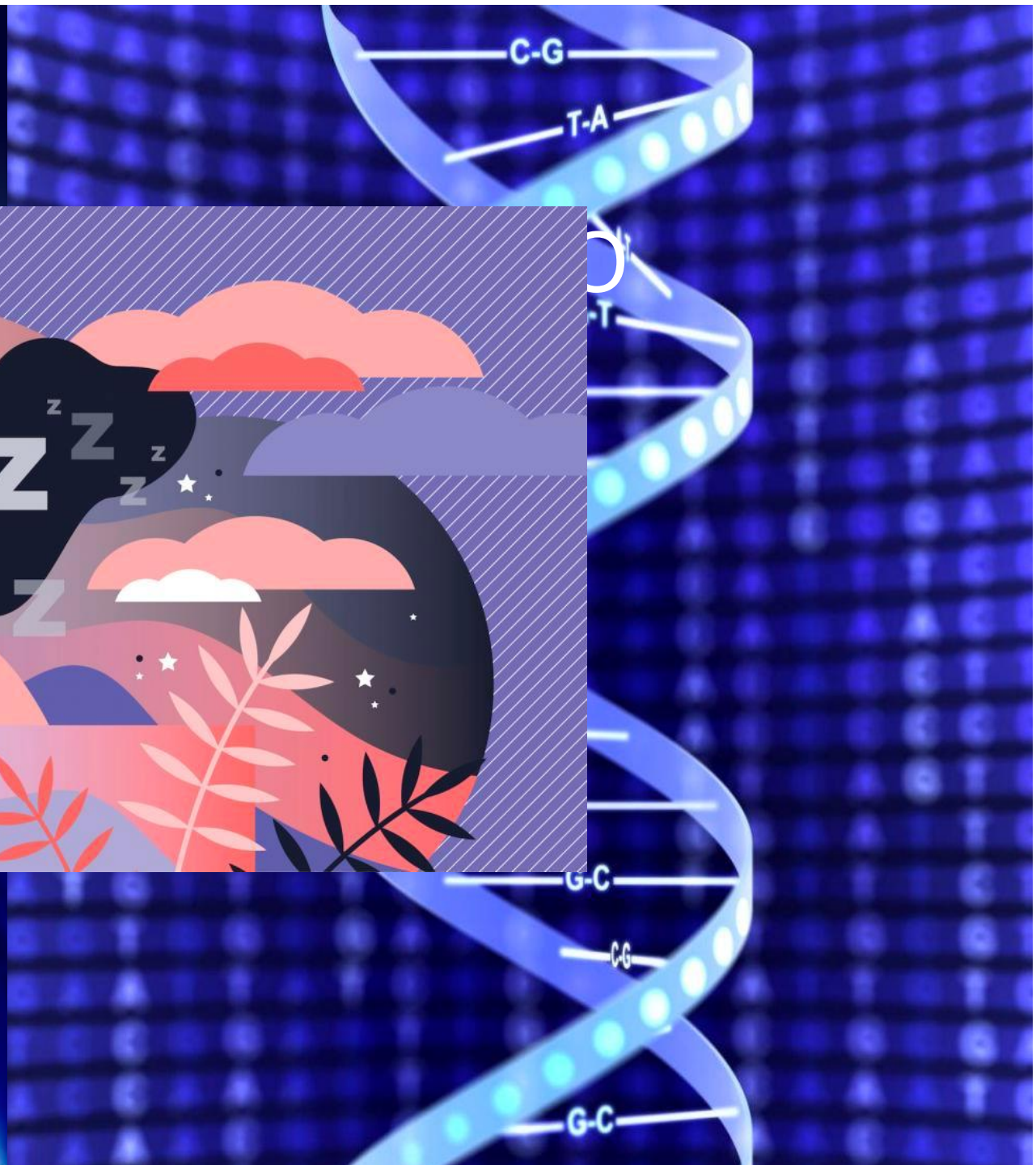


Turning your passion into research (Scholarship)

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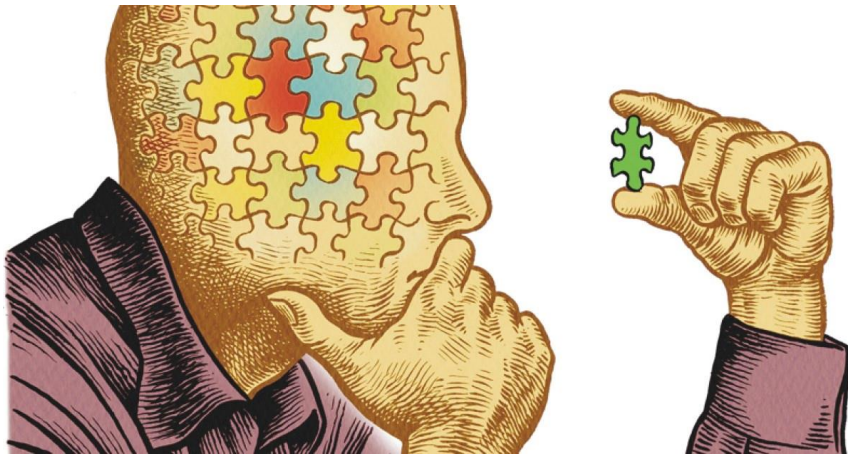


The mysterious “balancing act” we are all participating in...

- When is the “right” time to write manuscript versus a proposal for funding?
 - Ask yourself: Do you have a complete story, with an ending?
- How much of a complete picture do you need?
 - Paper-Your discussion section can lead you into your next publication...
 - Grant-strong enough rationale to propose
- It’s never too early to start writing. Outline main points first ---they don’t have to be in chronological order!



Things to consider to stay fresh and on track for success...



- Is your question impactful to the field or just interesting to you?
- Plan every experiment with the anticipation that it will be part of a publication.
- Let some things go. Sometimes early experiments are needed to set the foundation but do not ADD to the story.
- Give yourself deadlines. Put them on your calendar and hold yourself accountable.

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest. The trees are a mix of vibrant green and yellow-green, suggesting a mix of species or perhaps the beginning of autumn. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the canopy. The forest extends to the edges of the frame, with some taller, darker trees visible in the upper portion.

When you can't see
the forest for the trees-
go for a walk IN the forest.

Gail Lynne Goodwin

Don't ignore the data!!!



- If something is opposite of what you expect, don't trash it, repeat it!
- Crazy ideas are only crazy if you can't test them with a hypothesis and appropriate controls.
- Some ideas are BIGGER than just you, you will need to assemble a team (and that's ok).
- Small publications are still publications. If only one study builds off of your study in the future then you have benefited society.
 - **METHODS papers are some of the MOST IMPORTANT ones to publish!!!**

Your team and network are crucial for success

- You do not have to be an expert in everything.... But find people that ARE an expert for high impact pubs and grant proposals to lend you credibility.
- Work with people you like to work with. Minimize time with those that are more difficult or drain your energy.
- Book days on your calendar for yourself to “think.” The brain needs to exercise too.
- Challenge yourself to be creative about your field- step outside the box.