

LESSONS LEARNED
AT THE FLIGHT 93 /
9-11 RESEARCH
GROUP

"IT'S MY FIRST REAL LIT REVIEW"

MENTORING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM READING TO WRITING



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Student needs help refining a topic.

- Mentor...
- explains real-world relevance
- builds student confidence in reading, writing, researching, project management, and teamwork

Student needs help finding the right kind and right number of resources.

- Mentor...
- introduces student to discipline lingo
- teaches student to find appropriate research in places specific to the discipline

Student needs help writing a synthesis.

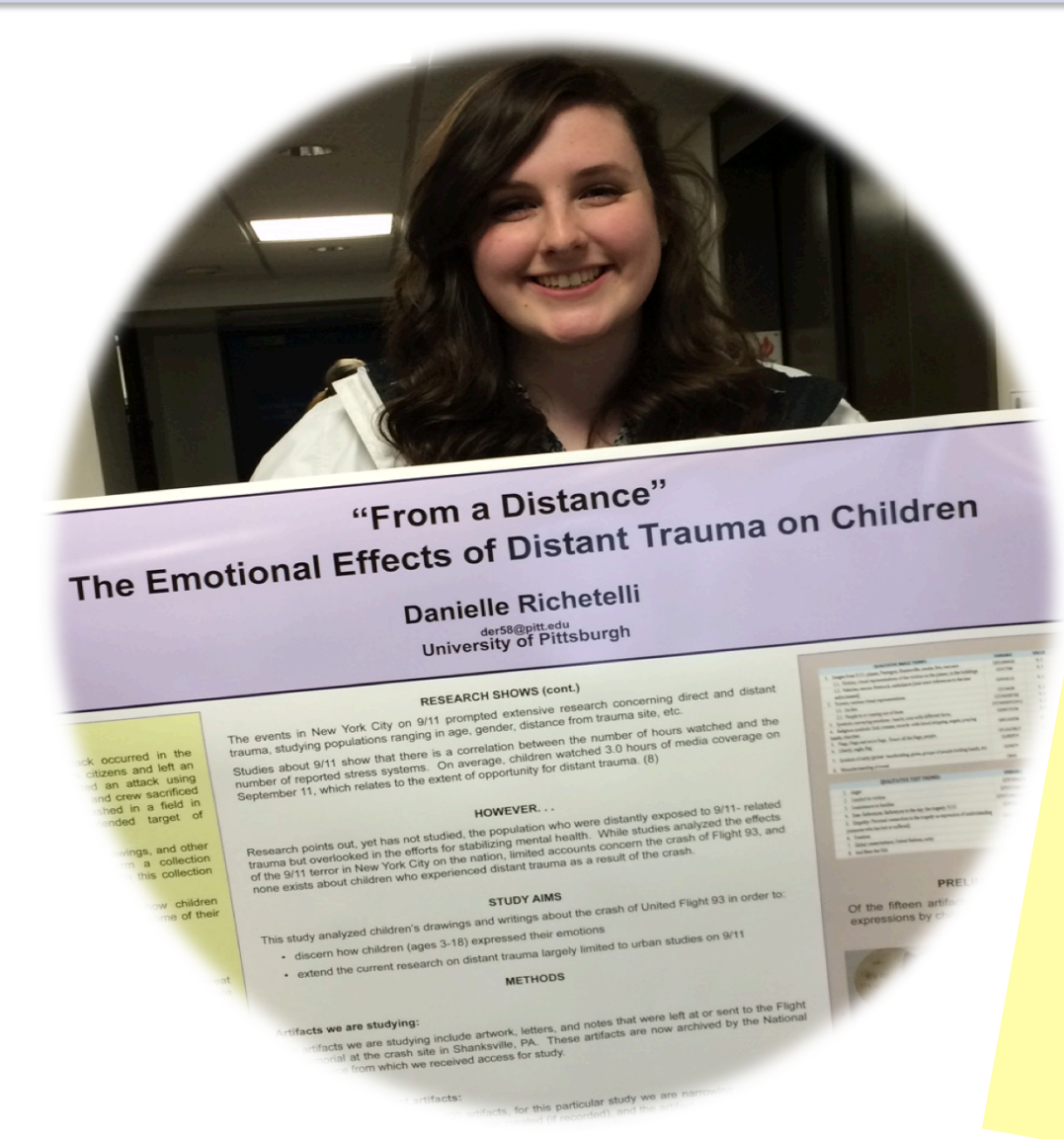
- Mentor...
- reinforces the difference between "summary" and "synthesis"
- helps student keep research question in mind
- focuses on the iterative nature of the literature review process

Student needs help right here, right now!

- Mentor...
- provides just-in-time instruction, via text, IM, Whatsapp, or whatever means necessary

Mentors include...

- ...practitioner mentors, like art therapists, librarians, and high school teachers
- ...graduate students
- ...and undergraduate peers..



Just-in-time instruction means mentoring undergraduate researchers through...

- ...questioning
- ...searching
- ...narrowing
- ...synthesizing
- ...and questioning again.