

## **The 5 keys to becoming a successful freelancer**

### ***1) Account for your work***

- Set up a production goal
- Circulate finished works
- Organize mailings and finished pieces

### ***2) Conceptualize the whole thing as a relationship***

- First contact, first impressions are important
- Respond to rejections/send something new
- Be smart and play the field

### ***3) Create a community of equals***

- Make friends
- Ask for help
- Stay in touch

### ***4) Living the life of a writer***

- Stay focused and keep working
- Be out there
- Market yourself

### ***5) Have fun and play***

- Create time to “just write,” whether stream of consciousness, journal, or letter
- Do exercises to help stretch your writing muscles
- Explore everything. Writing is an adventure. Treat it as such