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**GUIDE TO THE PREPARATION OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS**  
**FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF TENNESSEE**  
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This guide is designed as a resource tool for students and faculty venturing into the thesis or dissertation process. The material presented is in the approved, required format allowing the reader to see a visual example as well as learn from the written instruction. It has been found that students have less difficulty with the development of the research paper and fewer corrections when provided with a clear and concise set of instructions that are easily followed.

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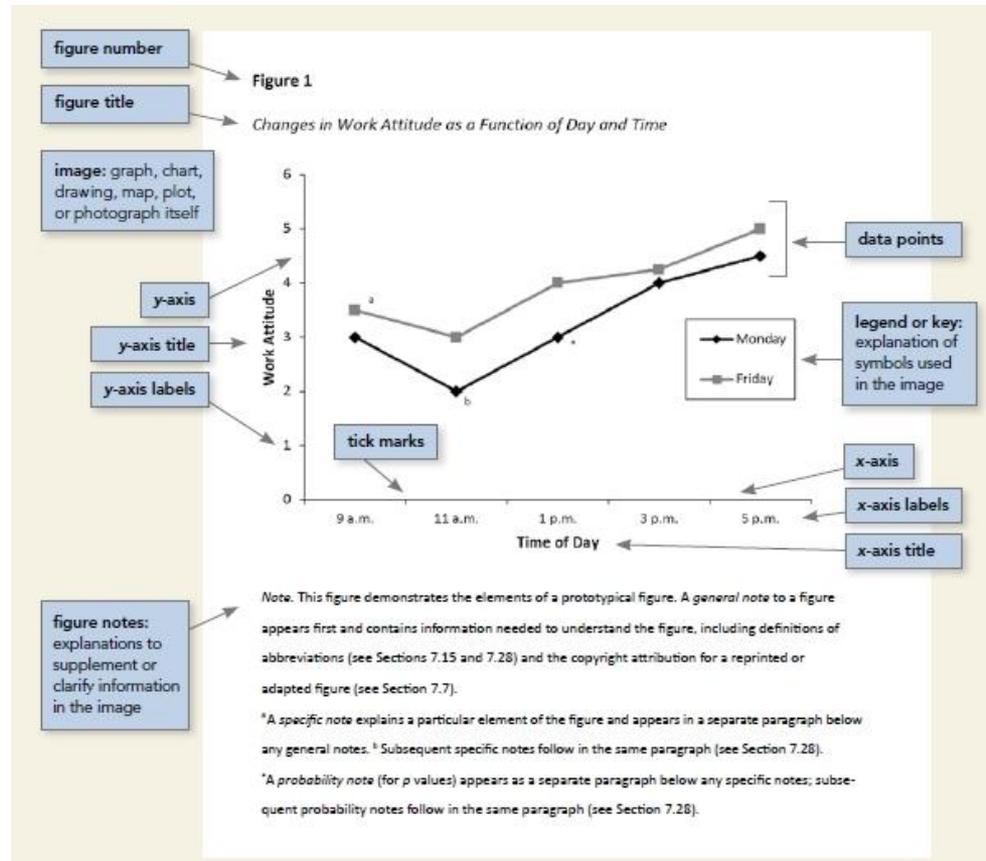
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## VITA

Sloan M. Parker was born in Orlando, Florida, on July 21, 1961. They attended elementary schools in the Orange County School District and graduated from Apopka High School with honors in June 1978. The following August they entered University of Florida and in August 1982 received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. They entered Tennessee Technological University in August 2023 and received a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 2025.

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