## Abstract tips

- Know your audience
- ► Know your purpose
  - Paper: fully explain the contents (including the results)
  - Seminar: trying to get them to attend
  - Conference: convince them to let you talk
  - Grant: problem you'll solve; why it matters; what you'll do
- ► Focus on people outside your area
- ► As with poetry, more likely to be read if it's short
- Save all of the abstracts you write