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Overview and Purpose

- An idea in the works: the shifting focus of today's panel
 - Supporting a culture of academic integrity
1. Brief remarks by panel
 2. Structured discussion

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Context

- Teaching load
 - Upper-level, major courses
 - Graduate classes
- Academic Integrity is core value
 - Essential
 - Educate, investigate, take action

Yet, I struggle

- Don't they just know?
 - Assume best
- Haven't they learned this already?
 - Repeating vs. reinforcing
- Time to devote?

Cont.

- How?
 - Read & worksheet?
 - Discuss?
 - Boring....
- Violation
 - Educate?
 - Report?

Needed support

- Institutional
- Workshops
- Discussions with colleagues
- Effective resources/ strategies

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What's a new faculty member to do?

- Little or no training
- Different priorities/backgrounds
- Overwhelmed?

Into the fire...

- First experience
- ...and second
- ...and third

- What??

Creating a conversation

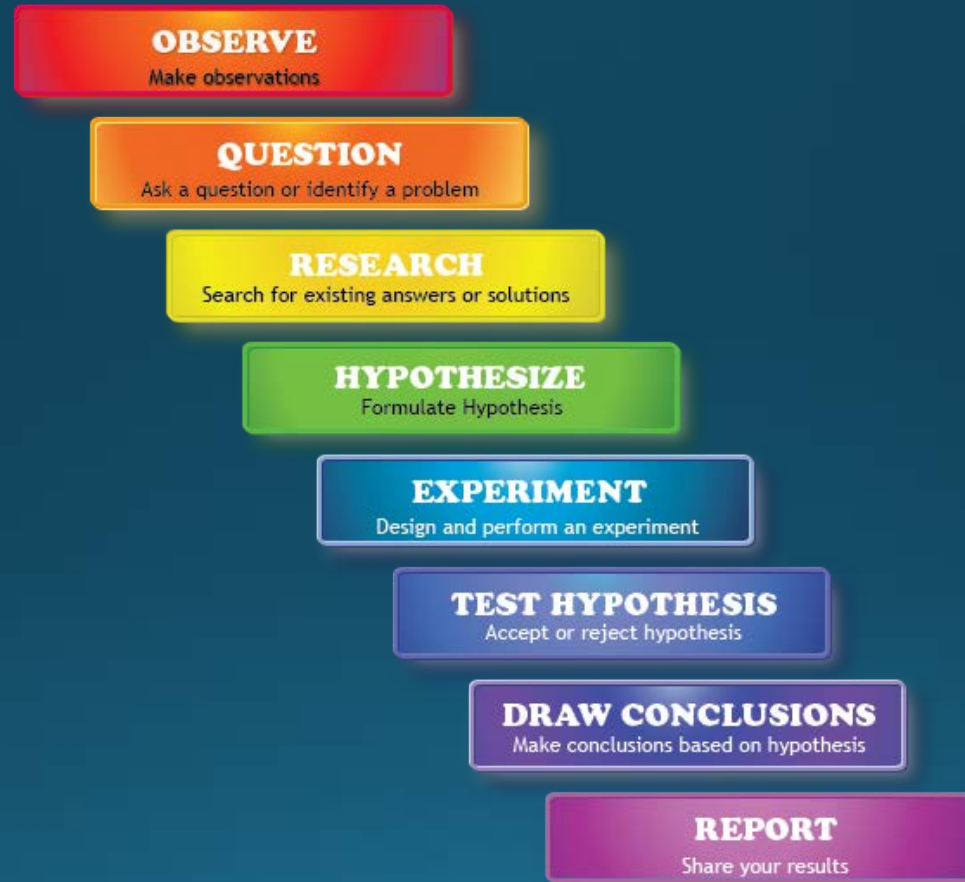
- This is OUR issue, as a class
- This is not about punishment, it's about learning respect
- We're working on it together, as a group, as a team
- We're asking questions, double-checking

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A Scientific Perspective



“It’s just a lab report”

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From Student to Doctor



Headlines

- **Researcher who spiked rabbit blood to fake HIV vaccine results slapped with rare prison sentence**
 - Washington Post, 2015
- **Chemist Admits to Mass Misconduct**
 - An analyst that worked for a state drug lab in Massachusetts has confessed to mishandling evidence in tens of thousands of drug cases.
 - The Scientist, 2012

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Community, Trust, and Integrity

Bemoaning the loss of trust or insisting on the need for trust is one thing: resolving to create or maintain that trust is something quite different and much more important.
(Flores and Solomon, 1998)

- Trusting in the classroom and beyond
- Trusting, trustworthiness, and integrity

Structured Discussion

Questions

- What does academic integrity mean to you? What strategies do you use to maintain or enhance academic integrity, in the classroom, in your scholarship/creative works, or in your discipline?
- What are we, as a university, doing well in terms of creating a broader culture of academic integrity?
- Reflecting on your own experiences or those shared by the panel, where do you see opportunities to support or strengthen academic integrity?
- What kinds of things could the Center for Academic Ethics do or offer that would support a culture of integrity?

Wrap-up

- Panel
 - Challenging
 - Dialogue & support needed
 - Innovative, positive approaches
- Structured Discussion