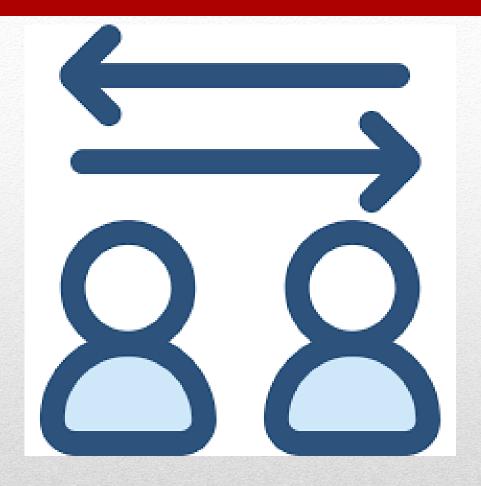
UCD Advising Graduate Students Conference MENTORING

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What is a mentoring relationship?

THE STRENGTH YOU GET WHEN YOU GET THE RIGHT SUPPORT, FROM THE RIGHT PERSON, AT THE RIGHT TIME, AND THE RIGHT PLACE IS CALLED A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP! - Abhishek Tiwari



The best mentoring relationships are bi-directional

Mentors benefit too!

Harvard Business Review (2016) article states: "older people who mentor and support younger people in work and in life are three times as likely to be happy as those who fail to engage in this way".

- 2. Aging Well those who mentor age better. Harvard's 75 year-long Grant study reveals that to age well, we must have meaningful human connections. Mentors have meaningful connections with others.
- 3. Legacy Mentors are able to choose the values, beliefs, culture, skills, and knowledge they pass on to others. We become symbolically immortal.
- 4. Connections Mentors develop and foster meaningful connections with individuals, communities and the world. Mentors are able to see life outside themselves, and as a bigger part of the world. This allows us to see our role in a valid, worthwhile, productive way. Our lives have relevance and we don't feel alone.
- 5. Purpose Mentoring gives our lives purpose. All of our knowledge, skills, values and culture that we accumulate aren't lost with us. We pass them on, and our lives have meaning and purpose when we are able to pass them on.

https://thriveglobal.com/stories/5-benefits-of-mentoring/

A coach talks to you.

A mentor talks with you.

A sponsor talks about you.



How do students choose the right mentors?

When students can choose, who do they choose?

Are the choices informed by the right questions?

How well functioning in the lab/group?

Are there sufficient resources?

Does the Major professor have time?

Is the style of leading right for the student?

What happened to students who graduated previously?

The cool guy may not be the right guy!

Staff and Faculty advisors can mentor students to ask these and other important questions!!!

Effective mentoring results in the development of many skills!

Not just academic and scholarly productivity!

Effective communication, written and verbal - social and academic.

Development of the whole person.

Development of camaraderie.

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Most important choice is the major professor?

But, it's not always a choice!

Who has money, space, capacity, projects....?

Faculty bring a dominant cultura perspective to mentoring.

Students are increasingly from diverse backgrounds (thank goodness!!) as expectations simultaneously evolve and increase and competition increases - it will make scholarship better - but may have different deficits or strengths and the old way of doing it may not work.

Staff and Faculty advisors can help students find the right mentors!

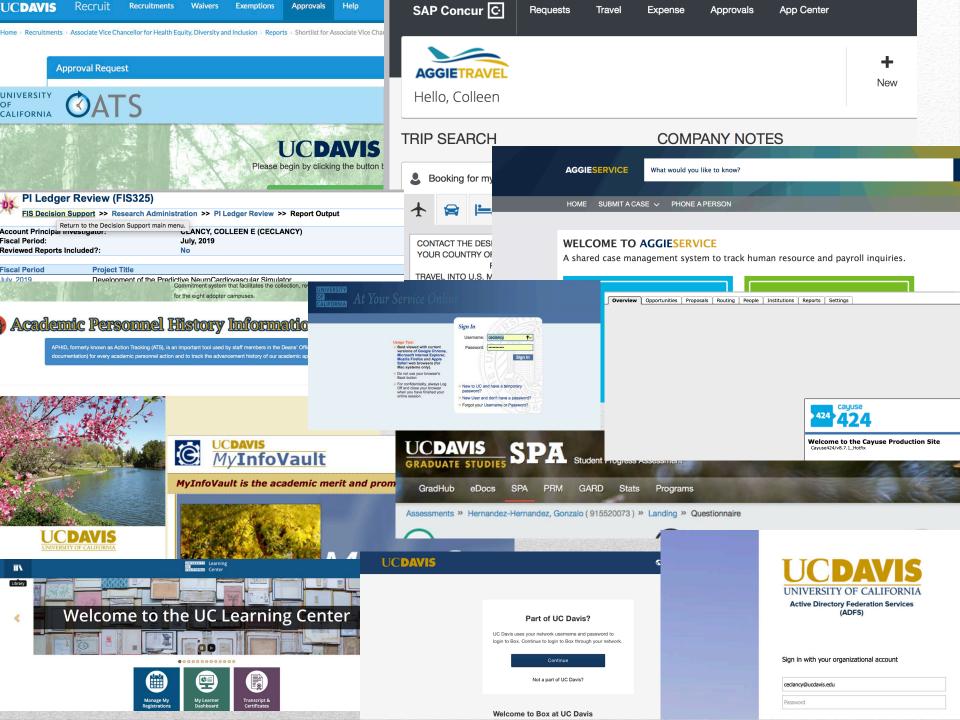
Things that get in the way of good mentoring

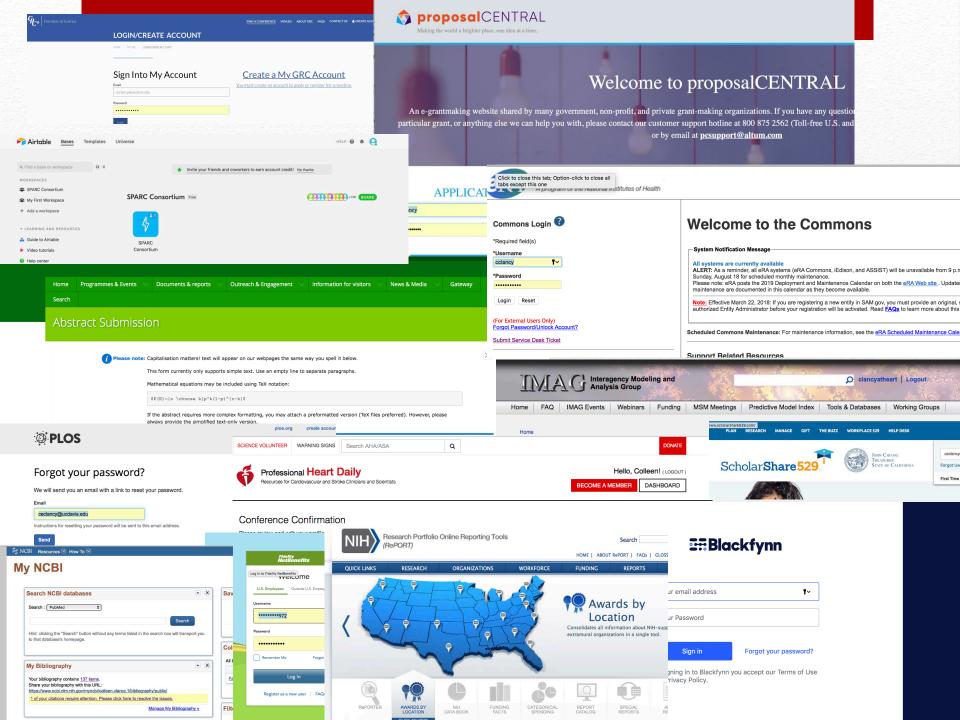
The apprenticeship model can be good because it's very intense and hand on:

- But, can create isolation and echo chamber effect!
- Important to disempower major professor
- A graduate student may need a letter 20 years later and they know it they may feel indentured.
- Better to have multiple trusted mentors



Faculty are so overwhelmed with "hidden" work.







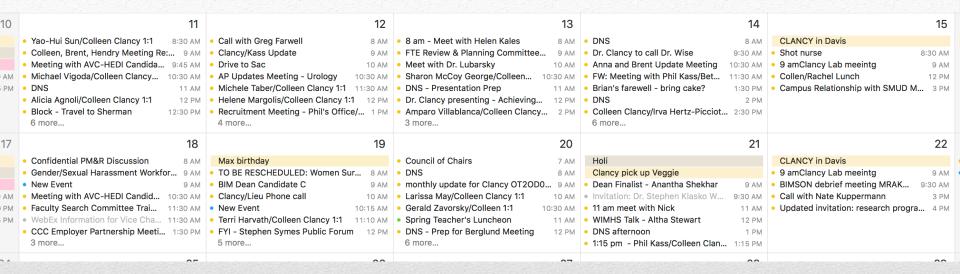
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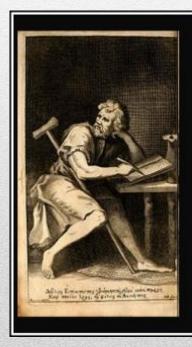
Welcome to Box at UC Davis



When am I going to edit that manuscript????

poor communication!! inaccurate perception - that grad students think they are working for faculty, but they work for themselves!!

Listen. Listen. Listen.



We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

(Epictetus)

izquotes.com

- Listening helps you learn.
- Listening shows you care.
- Listening is critical to build relationships.
- Listening serves as a powerful means of individualized consideration, support and acknowledgement of a person's value.
- Listening also serves institutional goals diversity of ideas brings solutions to complex problems and meaningful change.

Find the best in EVERYONE

RUDYARD KIPLING



"I Always Prefer To See The Best Of Everybody, It Saves So Much Trouble"

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inspire 99

- Your story about events may not be entirely accurate.
- Don't assume you know what someone else is thinking.
- Assume you don't have all the information.
- Don't assume your priority is their priority.
 - Can you make your priority their priority?
 - Can you align yours with theirs?

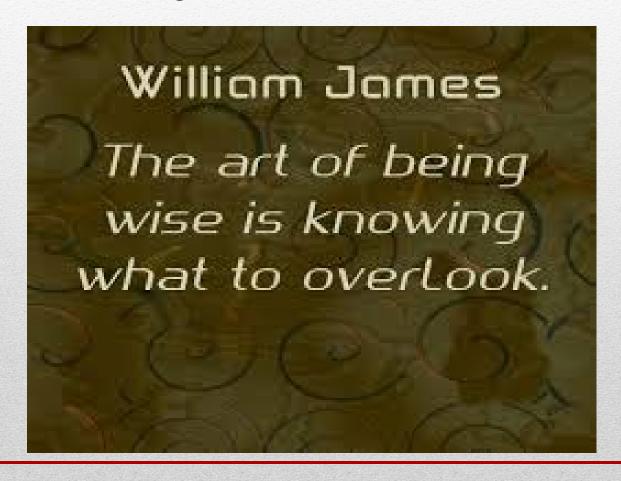
Faculty and students may live in totally different universes!

• show a cartoon of lots of people dreaming up new systems that faculty need to use

• The critical role of the tripartite relationships - staff, student and faculty must be well functioning for the best mentoring

program staff as mentors

Pick your battles



- Can you win?
- Is it productive?
- Will the battle damage relationships?
- Is now the time?
- Will it matter a year from now?
- What are the likely long term effects of a battle?
- Is is REALLY worth it?
- Or, is it worth letting it go.

• how does mentoring evolve over the course of a career? Mentors to sponsors - inside your group or institution to outside.

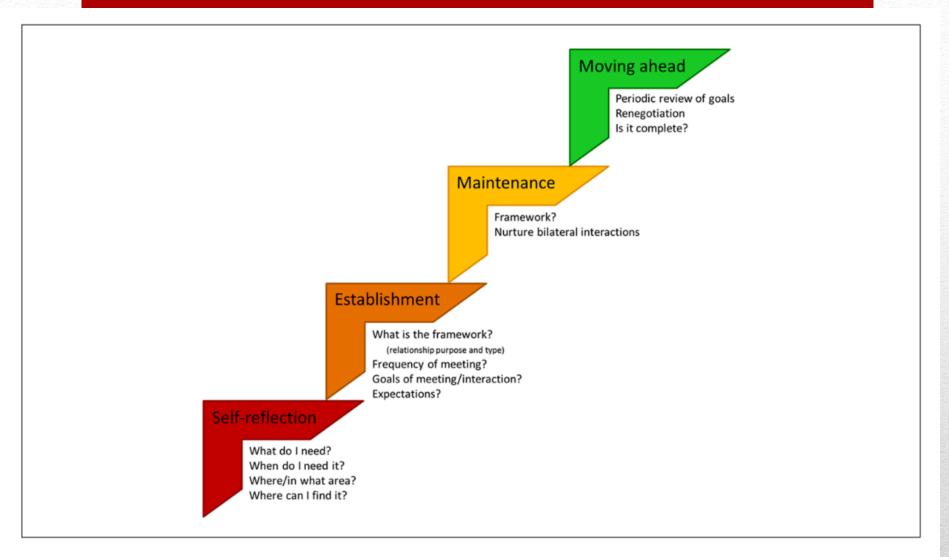


Figure 1. Elements of a mentoring roadmap.

Note. This figure illustrates the stages or stations included in a mentoring roadmap, including self-reflection, establishment, maintenance, and moving ahead. Pertinent guiding questions or considerations for each stage are represented below each major area. Although depicted in a linear progression, the roadmap is not unidirectional and revisiting steps such as self-reflection should occur periodically.

Be confident in your ability to learn new things.

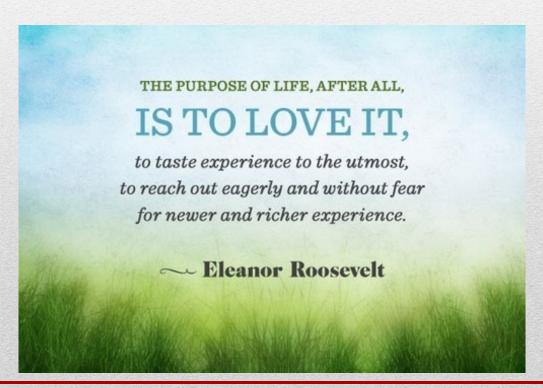
You can learn new things at any time in your life if you're willing to be a beginner. If you actually learn to like being a beginner, the whole world opens up to you.

Burbara Sher

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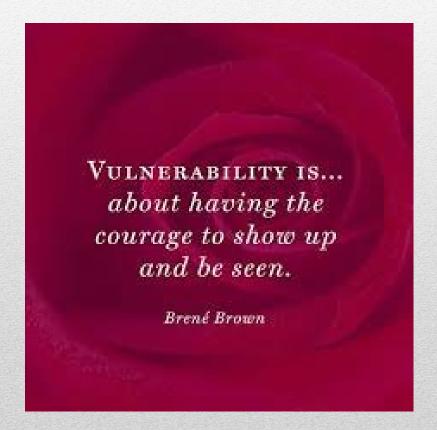
- Think about how many new things you've learned in your life.
- Is it harder than things you've already done?
- Learning brings opportunity, change, growth and possibilities.
- Divide and conquer!

Say yes to things you're pretty sure you CAN'T do.



- You can do them!
- Challenges add interest and excitement to your professional life!
- Mastering and succeeding at difficult tasks brings major sense of accomplishment.
- The key to moving up may be taking posts you don't know if you can do.
- You'll never be "ready".

Show vulnerability



- Nobody's perfect And we all know it.
- Showing your true self builds trust and understanding.
- Vulnerability is impactful it can lead to open and honest conversation.
- Your vulnerabilities are part of the genuine and complex you.
- Openness allows you to experience connection, which can help to inspire and guide your teammates.
- Give up the need to be right in order to GET IT RIGHT

- Try to assume the positive intention!
- Rid yourself of "negativity" bias.
- Everyone has strengths and abilities!
- If you see them in others and support them, they'll grow!
- Make finding the good in others a priority.
 - Zig Ziglar

Do things that don't benefit you directly.



- You can make a huge difference in someone's life.
- Research suggest doing things for others may be the key to personal happiness.

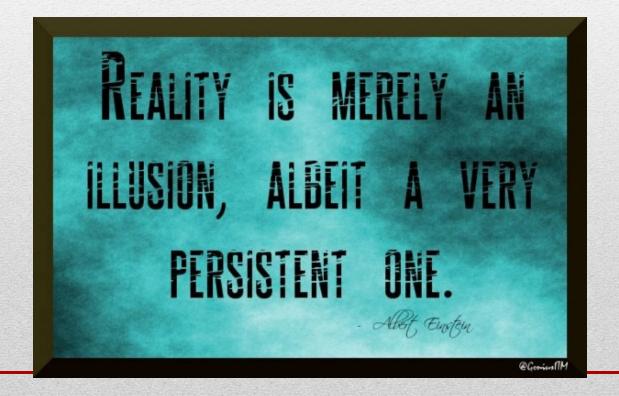
- "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Respectful interaction: ALWAYS



- Engage in respectful interaction by respecting the person you're interacting with.
- Respect and acknowledge others' skills and expertise.
- Acknowledge what you don't know.
- Admit when you're wrong.

Be the informed reality/fact-based voice at the table



- Do your homework!
- Come prepared with thoughts and ideas.
- Come prepared to listen!
- Be the voice that others come to trust.
- Follow up.
- Start and FINISH things you volunteer to do.

Beware of SILOS



- Organizational silos occur when communication occurs only within units.
- Informational silos occur when communication occurs only between those with shared information.
- Cultural silos occur when communication occurs only between like-minded individuals.
- Proximal silos occur when communication occurs only between those close to you.

Every experience brings learning



Thank you!

Questions? Comments? DISCUSSION!