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Data from a Graduate Course -- Social Science

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Description

A scenario that covers ethical issues that arise when a student wants to use a professors data in a manuscript.

Body

You are a graduate student taking a course with Prof Teacher. In this course, Prof. Teacher gives the class some data from his/her ongoing research as illustrations. You also are told to use some of this data in your course assignments. In doing so, you notice that the trends in this data have some interesting implications for other research you did with Professor Study and are now writing up. You want to use some of Professor Teacher's data in your article to draw out these new implications.

Whom, if anyone, do you approach about this, how do you approach him or her, and what do you say?

Notes

Caroline Whitbeck introduced methods and modules for discussing numerous issues in responsible conduct of research at a Sigma Xi Forum in 2000. Partial funding for the development of this material came from an NIH grant.

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