

## Quote of the Month

*"Most of us can read the writing on the wall; we just assume it's addressed to someone else." -Ivern Ball*

### From Our Members

By: Karen Hodges      University of Arkansas      10/2015

The University of Arkansas held its third annual Integrity Awareness Week September 21-25. Hosted by the Office of Academic Initiatives and Integrity, the goals of the week were to increase awareness about the Integrity Office and resources, educate on issues related to academic and professional ethics, and promote honesty in all areas of student life.

Sessions included "Copyright for the Graduate Student Author," "No Excuses: Library Tools to Help You Cite Your Sources," and "Avoiding Plagiarism." The Department of Journalism hosted a panel discussion on ethics in journalism, and the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences ran out of popcorn during its popular "Consider This" event. Participants were presented with scenarios involving students taking tests and writing papers and asked to consider whether or not the students were being academically dishonest.

Students could also earn prizes at the Wheel of Academic Misfortune event (pictured here), by spinning the wheel and answering correctly questions related to academic honesty. This event was sponsored by the Global Campus. The highlight of the week for many was a free screening of "The Hunger Games," sponsored by the Honors College, followed by a discussion of the movie's themes of integrity and personal responsibility.



### *From the Director*

'Tis the Season . . .

The holiday season is synonymous with friends, family, festivity, and, unfortunately, with academic integrity issues. End of the semester papers, projects and tests suddenly loom large, pressure increases, while at the same time social opportunities and obligations increase, which in turn increases the temptation to take short cuts.

Teachers, too, feel the time crunch, often struggling to fit in all of the necessary content, keep up with grading, and manage their own professional and social lives. It's easy to skim over the reminders about the importance of academic integrity that featured so prominently in discussions earlier in the semester. It's important to keep in mind that as stress increases, the ability to (or likelihood of) making good, ethically sound decisions declines.

Remind students that even at crunch time, academic integrity matters. Remind them of the available resources, reaffirm your commitment to maintaining a culture of integrity with all that entails, and encourage them to join you in that commitment. Don't let integrity be lost in the run up to the holidays at semester's end when it matters most.

### **FEATURE YOUR SCHOOL!**

Are there any big academic integrity events occurring on your campus? Any major news or stories? To be featured in a monthly edition of Ethos, email [CAI-L@clemson.edu](mailto:CAI-L@clemson.edu) with the subject "Ethos Inquiry."

## Announcements

### Proposal Notification

If you submitted a proposal for the 2016 Conference, you will now be notified by **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### Conference Registration

Register TODAY to join us in New Mexico from February 18-21, 2016!

<http://www.academicintegrity.org/icai/events-1a.php>

To receive **Early Bird rates**, you must register and **submit credit card payment by January 25, 2016**. To **pay by check, payment must be postmarked by December 19, 2016**.



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### Dishonesty Thrives in Malaysian Academia

By: Murray Hunter 11/13/2015  
Study International News

One of the more destructive traits of modern Malaysian society is academic dishonesty. It is an issue that runs through many facets of the Malaysian culture. Academic dishonesty is not just an issue in education, it's also prevalent within the civil service, business, and even political walks of life.

A few high profile cases of academic dishonesty have arisen over the past few years. Two Federal deputy Ministers, Richard Riot (Human Resources) and Dr. Ewon Ebin (Science) were found to have fake degrees a couple of years ago, and an executive director of a private college of higher education affiliated with a UK university, and pop star Fazley Yaakob, were found to hold two fake degrees, and two public company directors were also found to have fake qualifications.

Many prominent figures in Malaysian society have bought 'bogus degrees' from unaccredited universities to enhance their qualifications and CVs. There are also cases of Malaysians trying to use fake degrees to get work overseas in countries like New Zealand. However, this lack of academic integrity is not limited to acquiring fake university qualifications...

<https://www.studyinternational.com/news/dishonesty-thrives-in-malaysian-academia>

### Harvard Student take Pledge not to Cheat

By: Sean Coughlan 11/11/2015  
BBC News

Students at Harvard this term have been doing something for the first time in the university's long history. Promising not to cheat.

Or more specifically, to sign up to an honour code - or "honor code" in the US spelling - in which they pledge to uphold values of academic integrity.

It means students at the prestigious US university have to commit themselves not to cheat in exams, make up figures or dishonestly claim other people's work as their own. It's not just a one-off promise.

Brett Flehinger, Harvard's associate dean of academic integrity and student conduct, says students now write their own "personal response" to the pledge before starting term, reaffirm their commitment...

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-34769435>

### Welcome New Members November 2015!

Athabasca University

Jon Kasler, Tel Hai College

Mendel University Faculty of Business and Economics

Rajan Chopra, Mahatma Gandhi University

Zachary Fine, Northeastern University

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