AMS 200 Week 2

- HOW TO BE A GSR
- HOW TO BE A TA
- SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING
How to be a GSR

- For GSRs, very little is “set in stone”
  - GSR may not be assigned teaching, administrative or general assistance duties
  - No appointment as a GSR, either by itself or in combination with another university appointment, shall exceed half-time (i.e. 20 hours/week).
How to be a GSR

Two kinds of GSRs:
- Paid by departmental funds or fellowships
- Paid by a faculty member

How do I become a GSR?
- Apply for fellowships (see last week)
- Convince a faculty member to hire you!
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What is expected of a GSR?

- Newbies are expected to ...
  - Chat to faculty members in this and other departments.
  - Read papers, go to seminars, get interested in research.
  - Identify and start working on a small research project.

- Once you have found a faculty advisor and decided on a research project ...
  - Meet with the faculty advisor on a regular basis
  - Make progress on research
How to be a GSR

• What is actually expected of a GSR?

○ Newbies are expected to ...
  ▫ Have a definite research project by end of 3rd quarter, and begin research in earnest during first Summer quarter.

○ Reasonable “production rate” beyond your first year:
  ▫ About 1 presentation in a conference every year.
  ▫ Publishable results for a few papers by end of PhD. The exact amount depends on the field chosen.
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- What can you expect from your faculty advisor?
  - Regular meeting times.
    - Set a weekly meeting time, stick with it.
    - Prepare the meeting, don’t just show up (that’s true for both)
  - Help with research.
    - He/she explains the background of the project
    - Provides a reading list, and helps you with questions on these papers.
    - In early years, suggests research projects.
    - Helps you with technical details on the project, gives you feedback on your progress.
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What can you expect from your faculty advisor?

- Help with career preparation
  - Suggests conferences/schools to attend
  - Introduces you to famous colleagues
  - Suggests fellowships to apply to.
  - Writes reference letters for jobs, etc.

- Help preparing for presentations/papers
  - When preparing for a conference talk, help preparing slides and rehearse talk
  - When writing a paper, helps with presentation, content, language.