

# **Advising Young Researchers:**

**It's not just about the publication  
or the grant!**

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# Research is serious business

- know the players
- play the role
- adapt to and use the system
- write the grants
- collaborate with others
- be prepared for rejection

# Research is serious business

- Learn how to talk to the public
- Befriend the press and engage them in your story
- Be prepared for push back and insults
- Remain the expert not the advocate

# Reflections

- Things that matter
  - Vision
  - Mentors
  - Timing

# Reflections

- Things that matter
  - Uniqueness
  - Standards
  - Quality

# Reflections

- Things that matter
  - Collaborators
  - Staff

# Rules for Surviving

- Live close to where you work
- Marry the right person
- Pay for good, reliable help
- Learn to take criticism

# Rules for Surviving

- Learn to set boundaries between work and family
- Ask for advice and help



# Rules for Surviving

-Remember life will get better

# Moving a field is different than doing research

## **Advocate**

Generalist

Biased

Collaborator

Compromise

## **Expert**

Specific issues

Unbiased

One man show

Don't compromise