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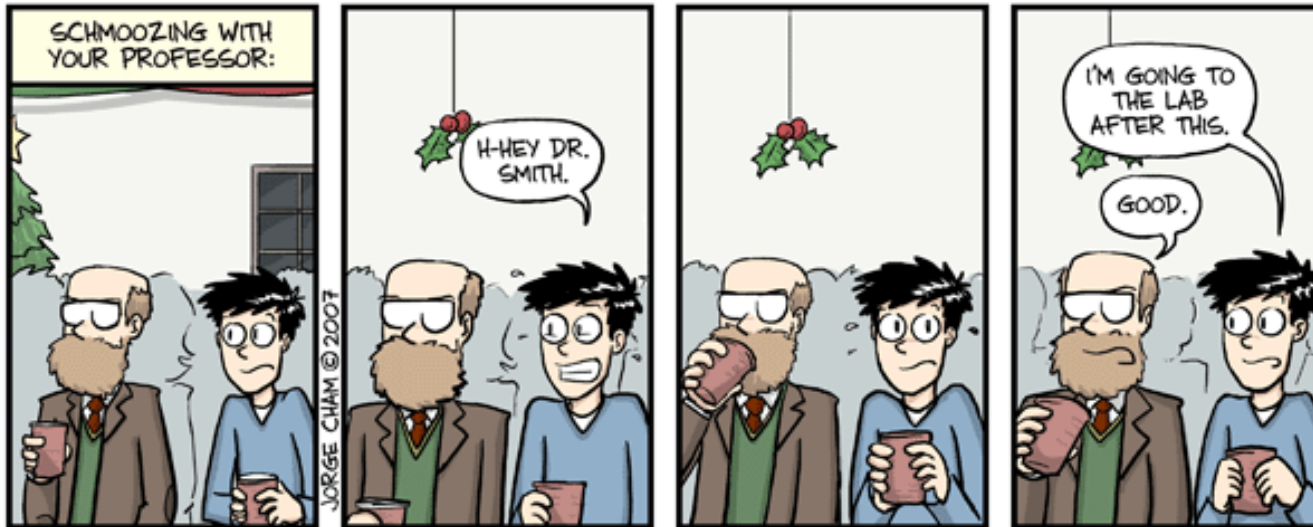# Finding a Supervisor

Also other topics like plagiarism… as time permits
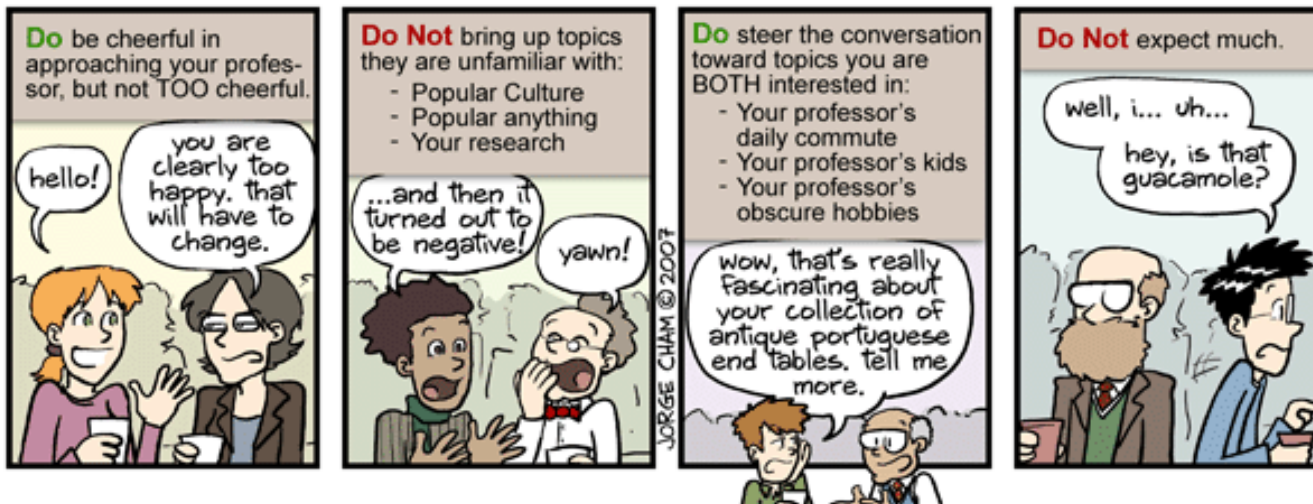
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The Supervisor Hunt

Grad-life by Marg:

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whBrTOzj0Kw
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsLPqdFNxm4&feature=related

Roundtable Discussion (part 1)

- Advice from the veterans
  - "I had trouble finding a supervisor, but succeeded by…"
  - "I had no trouble, my secret was…"
  - Things to find out before approaching a potential supervisor (their favorite type of doughnut?)
  - A heart-warming tale of a boy and his dog on an epic journey to the inside of Imager

What you're getting yourself into:

Supervisor Classification

- Professor NeverThere
- Dr SlaveLabourNoResearch
- Dr NoNewIdeasSince1995
- Professor ChangesDirection
- Dr LoneWorker
- Dr OverbearingInterferer
- Dr TesttilyouBreak
- Prof PerfectSupervisor (Uli)
- Dr NeverSatisfied
- Dr HappytobeMediocre
- Prof Differentplanet

Roundtable Discussion (part 2)

- Questions from 1st year grads:
  - "Im interested in topic x, who should I talk to?"
  - "X said no because… how can I change their mind?"
  - What about funding?
  - Thesis vs project advice
  - Inside info on profs?
  - Pitted against each other, tournament-style one-on-one combat, no-holds-barred, which supervisor in the department comes out on top (the clear favorite is Wolfgang… prove me wrong)

Useful Resources

- UBC: http://www.grad.ubc.ca/supervisor/
- CS: http://www.grad.ubc.ca/policy/index.asp?menu=008,002,000,000
- A random website: http://www.phdseek.com/logbook/faq/how-do-i-go-about-finding-a-suitable-phd-andor-scholarship/

Other Discussion Material Courtesy of Pat and Emti

- On plagarism
  - http://www.cs.ubc.ca/about/policies/collaboration.shtml
  - http://www.grad.ubc.ca/students/ipguide/index.asp?menu=004,000,000,000
- On harassment
  - http://www.cs.ubc.ca/about/policies/