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Bioetiquette**Gunther S. Stent, Ph.D.***University of California at Berkeley***Noon, Monday, November 14, 1994****RMSB 5 Auditorium**

—————→ Lunch will be provided ←————

The most egregious kinds of scientific misconduct (fraud, falsification and plagiarism) are rare and remote for most biomedical scientists. By contrast, the kind of misconduct that most scientists encounter (failing to credit the work of others, spuriously claiming authorship, refusing to share data or materials, etc.) is not illegal. It is unmannerly, and hence subject to regulation not by law but by etiquette. Biomedical science is thus in need of a set of explicit rules governing mannerly professional conduct, for which the term “Bioetiquette” has been suggested.

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