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DIALOGUE 181

## When Mentors Break the Rules

Allison Harbin, Ph.D.  
*Brooklyn, NY*

**11 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**Executive Board Room, School of Nursing and Health Studies**

Lunch provided; first come, first served. Note Gables Campus venue.

Mentors in STEM fields and the Social Sciences sometimes violate duties to graduate students. After the publication of her story of academic misconduct on her blog ([www.allisonharbin.com/post-phd](http://www.allisonharbin.com/post-phd)), Dr. Harbin received hundreds of “me too” emails from around the world. Given what she has learned, her talk will address a systemic problem in academia in which ethics is sometimes enforced as a one-way street that can leave those in lower positions of power without recourse or agency. Most importantly, she will discuss ways graduate students can protect themselves, while inspiring mentors to do their duty.

Allison Harbin holds a Ph.D. in Art History. After her defense, she launched a blog detailing an abuse of power and negligence toward graduate students. The blog is now a wider platform to advocate for the rights of – and duties to – graduate students. She is currently a freelance writer living in Brooklyn.

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