

MOVING AHEAD AS SOCIAL RESEARCHERS

AN OPEN CONVERSATION

HOSTED BY THE SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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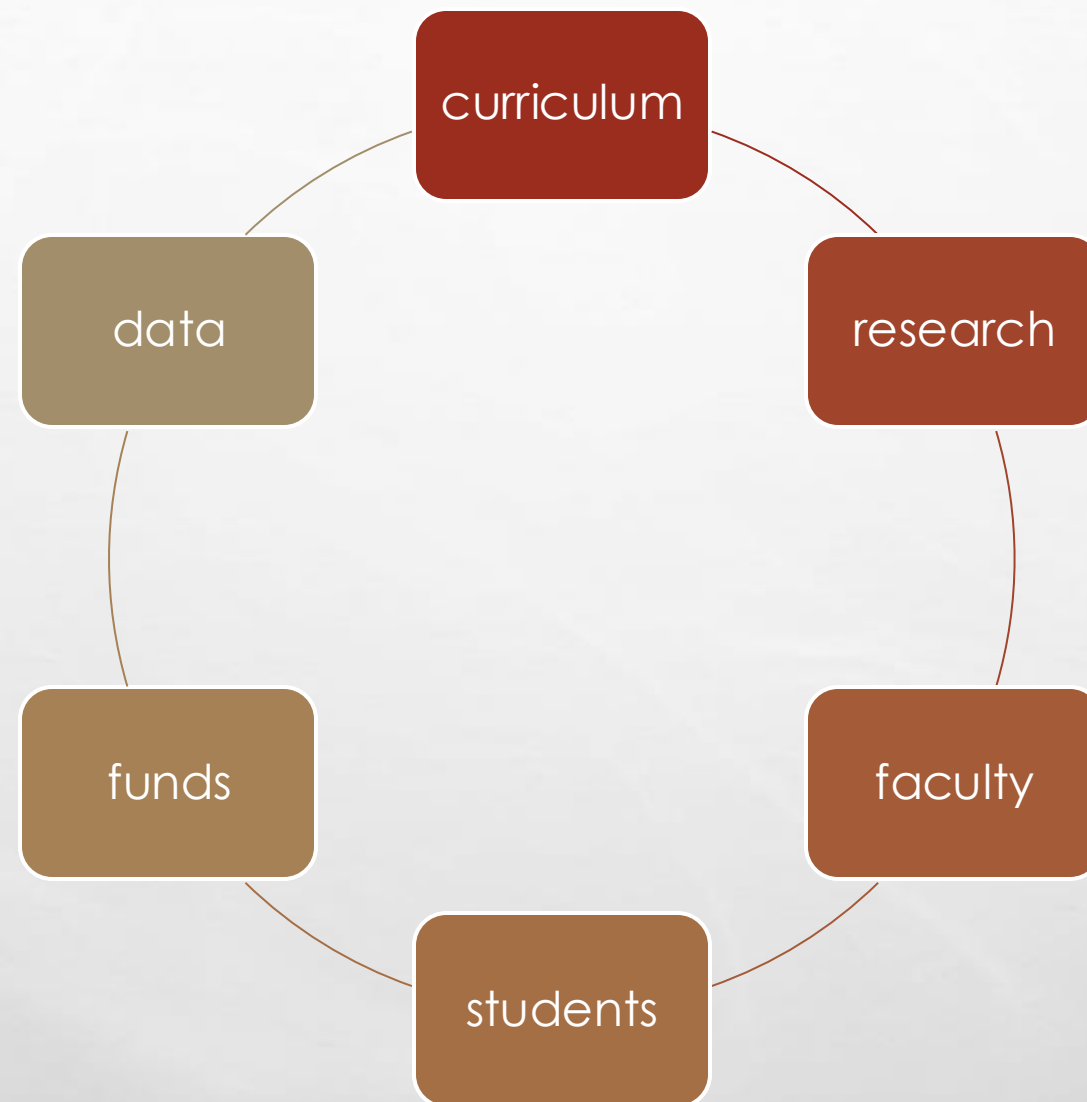
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SHARED PRINCIPLES

***Community Principles for Meetings**

- **We respect the right to privacy.** We keep each other safe. Please do not record meetings or share info about participants. Our meetings are closed to media and reporters.
- **We work with each other with respect.** This means that we don't tolerate violence in all its forms including (but not limited to) symbols and words that represent oppression.
- **We treat each other with care and practice unlearning oppression together.** We commit to learning together and offering and receiving feedback rooted in boundaries and care.
- **We will engage in collective liberation** while centering the needs and experiences of our most targeted community members.
- **We understand the difference between intent vs. impact.** Consider intent. Be responsible for impact.



QUESTIONS

- HOW ARE CURRENT CHANGES AFFECTING THE REACH AND SCOPE OF WHAT WE CAN STUDY AND TEACH ABOUT (OUR ACADEMIC FREEDOM)?
- HOW ARE CURRENT CHANGES TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO DATABASES, ARCHIVES AND OTHER PUBLIC SOURCES AFFECT OUR RESEARCH?
- HOW DO RECENT POLICY AND FUNDING CHANGES IMPACT OUR WORK AS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS (STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, RESEARCHERS)?
- WHAT ARE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS DOING ABOUT THIS?
- HOW ARE RESEARCHERS AND ACTIVISTS CONFRONTING THIS?
- HOW CAN WE COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?
- HOW TO ADDRESS THE CONFLICT AS PRESENTED (IDEOLOGICAL VS. SCIENTIFIC)?

INFORMATION (1)

- [LIST OF TRUMP EXECUTIVE ACITONS](#)
- [TRUMP'S DEI ORDER LEAVES ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS FEARFUL OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE OVER GRANTS](#)
- [FACULTY REPORT DECLINING ACADEMIC FREEDOM](#)
- [ACADEMIC FREEDOM REQUIRES DEI](#)
- [TRUMP TARGETS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RESEARCH ARM IN LATEST CUTS](#)
- [SCIENTIST CALLS THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FEDERAL HEALTH DATA A 'DIGITAL BOOK BURNING'](#)

INFORMATION (2)

- UNDER COMMUNICATIONS FREEZE, CDC UPDATES SOME IMPORTANT HEALTH DATA BUT NOT OTHERS
- SOME FEDERAL HEALTH WEBSITES RESTORED, OTHERS STILL DOWN, AFTER DATA PURGE
- EXPERTS WARN ABOUT THE 'CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE' OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DATA
- TRUMP'S EFFORTS TO REMAKE GOVERNMENT HARMING RESEARCH AT THE NIH, EMPLOYEES SAY
- JUDGE ORDERS RESTORATION OF FEDERAL HEALTH WEBSITES
- JAN. 6 VIDEO EVIDENCE HAS 'DISAPPEARED' FROM PUBLIC ACCESS, MEDIA COALITION SAYS

RESOURCES

- COSSA (CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATIONS)
- SANCTUARY CAMPUS NETWORK
- HARVARD DATAVERSE
- THE DATAVERSE PROJECT
- YOUR WORK IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER (SIGNED BY ASA...)
- AAUP – ACADEMIC FREEDOM

IDEAS FROM CONVERSATION (II)

- Importance to take a historical and international perspective to learn from past and current experiences of oppression and resistance
- With a sociology of knowledge approach, reflect on the politics of knowledge, language and academia
- Get inspired by ideas, methods and strategies from action/activist/applied critical schools of thought
- Move away from presenting the current context as a "science vs. Ideology" debate – highlight the scientific rigor and history of social sciences (for example, gender is not an ideology, is a scientifically explained social construction, etc.)

IDEAS FROM CONVERSATION (III)

- Decenter funding as essential to develop research or do impactful social science
- Contribute to the development of alternative databases, archives and conceptual frameworks
- Identify research methodologies that prioritize bottom-up (as opposed to top-down) data collection and knowledge building (including testimonials, oral history, digital humanities, participatory action research, etc.)
- Consider multiple venues to disseminate research findings besides academic journals, think about expected audiences
- Join collective efforts of resistance and creation of better futures strategically