

2011 Harris Teaching Workshop

TA Professional Development

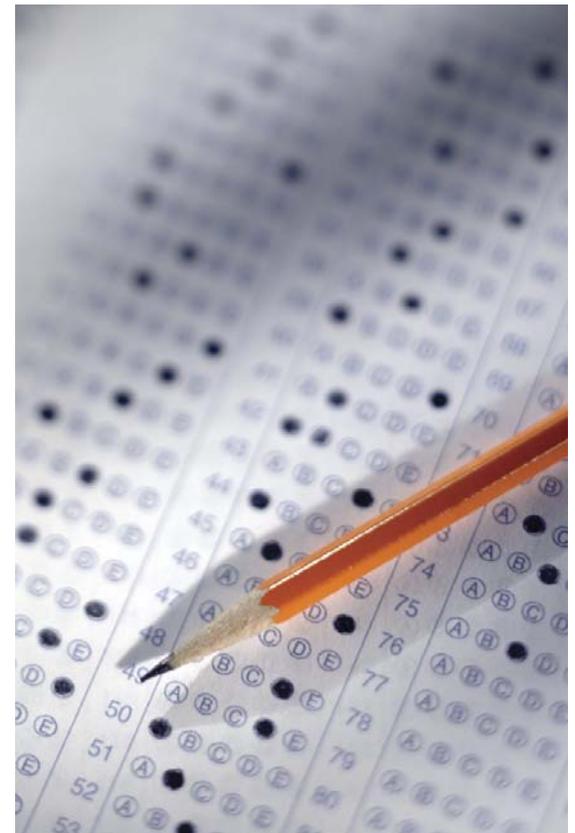
Traditional methods

- Compulsory initiation
 - lab safety
 - marking guides
 - student-TA relationship (e.g. harassment, conflicts of interest, ethics)
- Mentoring
 - shadowing
 - formal mentors



Assessment (The TA Exam)

- Student, peer or supervisor
 - spot checking
 - periodic
 - summative
- FGSR (UofA)
 - 15 h boot camp
 - peer evaluated teaching
 - teaching diploma



Teaching dossier

- All applicants have a PhD
- Distinguish yourself
 - Teaching workshops
 - Guest lecturing
 - Demonstrations
 - TA evaluations/awards
 - Mentorship
 - Outreach
 - Misc. relevant courses



From Lab TA to Course Lecturer

- TA
 - guest lecture or sit in
 - chair lab meetings
- New lecturer
 - Practice delivery
 - Have a mentor
 - borrow notes, shadow, consult
 - early feedback survey
 - inter-faculty peer consultancy and evaluation
 - informal feedback (make students comfortable)



Acknowledgements

- Group members (Breakout session 4)

