Finding your scientific voice: Physics Special Topics Course # 7685

You’ve spent years designing, carrying out, and wrapping up your research. Now it’s time to communicate your results to your peers and the broader community! This course will workshop your 10 minute scientific presentations in a safe and playful environment. You will develop performance practices that will enable you to tell a credible and entertaining story in a confident manner. You will also learn how to incorporate basic story telling elements such as honing a core message, opening with a good beginning, developing an effective narrative arc, and developing a strong ending. In addition, we will discuss a number of special topics aimed at improving communication more broadly. These include, working on interviewing skills, developing a message triangle when speaking with reporters, and developing the skills to listen and engage with an audience that may not be receptive to your ideas.

Prerequisites: This course is intended for Graduate students and Postdocs who have data they would like to present at a conference.

There will be a class size limit of 20 students. So please sign up early!

You can watch a video about the course at the following link:

http://cohengroup.ccmr.cornell.edu/courses/2015/finding-your-scientific-voice

Testimonials:

“…a great workshop! … I can definitely say that it was more than worth it!”

“The improvisation exercises were great as well as the concrete feedback to the talks.”

Julia

“The outcome of the modification of core statements is amazing. It really results in the totally different feeling about my expression: before modification, it is boring and not attractive to strangers; after modification, it is straightforward, attractive and sticky.”

“The directions to how to construct beginning and body of the talk are also very useful. I learnt making a talk with attractive beginnings and logical, well-packed body sections. They help me to improve my slides and the presentation in future a lot.”

“I managed to reorder my slide in a more logical sequence and acquire to wrap on section up and then connect to the next part. It makes my speech more fluently and continuously. All the strategies I learnt in this workshop is really helpful and hope I can get benefit from it in my talk tomorrow.”

Mengying Wang

“it was good to have someone expert in our field and also a good coach.”

Allyson