

Econ 2362 Film 2 Assignment

Watch the film "Picture a Scientist", and answer the following questions.

- 1) What did the researcher find when she started measuring office spaces at her university?
 - a) Name the researcher who did this work.
 - b) Name the university.

- 2)
 - a) Describe the incident(s) of abusive behaviour that caused a complaint against David Marchant.
 - b) Consider the behaviour of other graduate students. In terms of costs and benefits, why might they ignore what was occurring?
 - c) Why did the person who had been a victim finally bring forward the complaint?
 - d) Why do you think it can be difficult for a bystander and even a victim to identify abuse even when it is blatant?

- 3) Define micro-aggression and list two examples noted in the film.

- 4) The film shows how intersectionality affects women of colour in science.
 - a) What are some of the incidents that are more likely to occur to women of colour than men of colour or white people?
 - b) What is the effect of talking about these incidents on the scientist interviewed? (How does she react when she starts to talk about this? What does this tell you about long term effects of the incidents on the people who are faced with them?)

- 5)
 - a) How did Marchant's colleagues react to the finding that Marchant was abusive to female graduate students?
 - b) What was the ultimate outcome for David Marchant?

- 6) Using the material from the film, return to the pyramid shown concerning the number of women at different levels of leadership How does the film shed light on possible reasons for that pyramid ?
(Clarification:
You can refer to either: a) the the pyramid shown in the powerpoint notes on earnings differences in the S&P 500, or

b) to the data on the decreasing number of women in higher positions in science. They use a bar chart not a pyramid, but the pattern is similar).

7) Write a question based on the film that you would like to discuss in class.