



Academic Ghosting: Towards an Academy of Truth- Telling

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“When Students Harass Professors”(2022)



“I do not dream of being able to swiftly remove students from my classroom. I dream about an academy where I can teach authentically and without fear. An academy where complaints from disempowered members of our community, whether instructors or students, are freely spoken. And an academy where all of us – not just those being scraped away – are invested in hearing, and addressing, these complaints.”

“Academics Don’t Talk About Our Mental Illnesses. We Should” (2023)



“Those of us who struggle with mental illness are desperate to fight the stigmas associated with our respective diagnoses, for others to know that our need for accommodation is not a personal failure, that we just operate, think, differently. And this is why it’s crucial to accommodate us: to diverge is to differ, to deviate, to continually depart from a standard, a norm. It follows, then, that neurodivergent academics are trailblazers; they offer the academy something more than already exists.”

“The Sad Humiliations of Academic Ghosting” (2023)

“How to hold ghosts accountable? How to relearn how to communicate with one another? How to face conflict in clear, direct, and truthful ways?”



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Academic Ghosting

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Have you ever been ghosted in academia? The mentor who no longer replies when you reach out, the collaborators who mysteriously stopped collaborating with you, the search committee that said you were a top candidate and then stopped communicating with you—these are academic ghosts. They are people who are important to your career and suddenly stop responding to you without warning or explanation. What makes academic ghosting different than romantic ghosting? And why does it seem to hurt so much more? Dr. Andrea Andrzejewski joins us to explain:

- The systems in academia that make some forms of ghosting inevitable.
- What to do about it.
- The lingering pain and shame that being ghosted causes.
- Why your ghoster may reappear but they won't apologize.
- The ethical and financial reasons to address the issues that perpetuate ghosting.