Mentoring: Promises and Pitfalls
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“You don’t have to have mentors who look like you.
Had I been waiting for a black, female Soviet specialist mentor, I would still be waiting.”

--Condoleezza Rice

Mentoring, like technology, is great when it works
How to make mentoring work for you (types of mentors)
How to become a mentor to others
Finally, assume nothing. Mentoring, and being mentored, is hard work
A plug for writing groups and branching outside of your network

Mentoring Resources:

Traditional definitions of mentoring assume a one-to-one relationship between an older, wiser person and a younger, more inexperienced one—and that these relationships are ALWAYS beneficial. There are many different mentoring models: sometimes mentoring relationships are created randomly, or based on a particular set of criteria, or for a specific amount of time. Sometimes mentoring relationships are encouraged within departments; sometimes not. Sometimes mentoring relationships work really well, but, often, they don’t. Join Marybeth Stalp (Sociology) for a presentation and discussion on ways to construct mentoring relationships that function effectively and benefit both mentor and mentee.