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)