

# CAN WE TALK ABOUT FAILURE?

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# WE HAVE SOME BIG QUESTIONS.

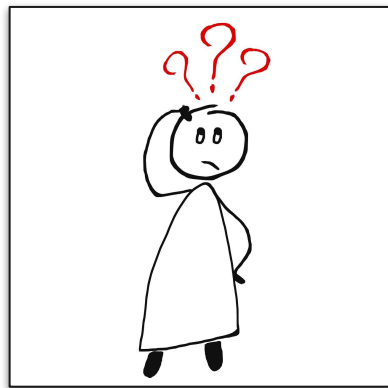
Why is failure so hard to talk about?

Does acknowledging our challenges, mistakes, and frustration actually shed negative light on us as professionals?

Today we will:

- Seek to normalize challenges and failure

- Share case studies and dialogue



# BENEFITS TO NORMALIZATION

When success is used as a measure of  
growth...

VS

Our ability to grow and change

Take risks

Experiment

Collaborate

Reflect

# WORKING WITH RESEARCHERS - DATA MANAGEMENT & CURATION

Working across domains and disciplines

Vulnerability is not a one-way street

Research cultures are also success driven

Finding the capacity for shared experimentation

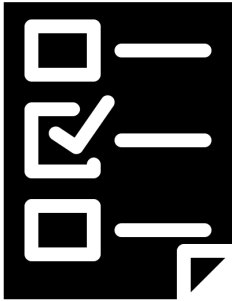
Embracing our humanity - it is okay not to know.



# CASE STUDIES

# FAILURE IN RESEARCH (OR SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION)

Journal articles often portray research studies as a series of perfect steps and outcomes.



Sometimes knowing what went wrong in a study is just as important as knowing what succeeded.

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Sharing failures in research lowers barriers to those new to the field.

# RDM - FAILURE TO LAUNCH & FINDING A HOME

Research Data Management is/was not historically viewed in connection with the library.



Margaret Hamilton at MIT, 1969

*Major institutional growth + old ways =  
Growing pains*

Is there anybody out there who actually wants to engage and needs support?

# FAILURE IN REACHING TOO FAR OUT

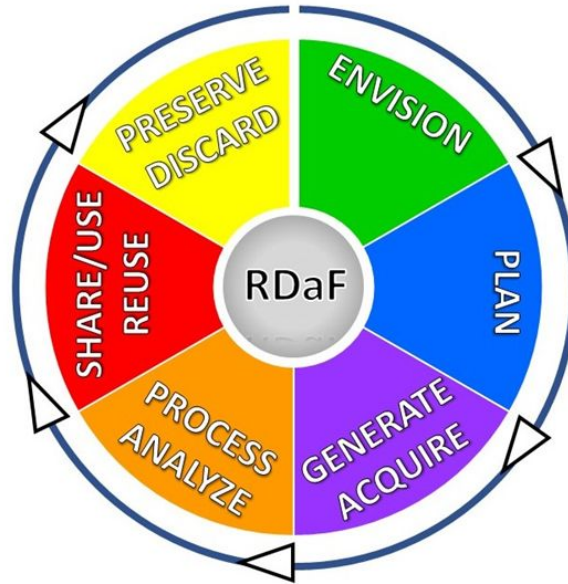


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# DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Use the chat function to ask questions or share:

- When have you taken a risk and failed?
- How do you feel about sharing failure in your workplace?
- How has open dialog helped you?