

Academic Honesty & Academic Bravery

- **How do I convince my coursework students that they should be honest when the society outside is largely not?**
- I try, largely unsuccessfully, through:
 - honour code
 - value of signature,
 - pinpricks of conscience

Academic Bravery

- Some may think that being brave means you have to be tall, big and muscular. Academic bravery means standing up to thoughts and ideas with proof.
- Academic bravery gives us the freedom to pursue knowledge and develop lines of argument
 - without fear of reprisal for controversial findings
 - without the premature disclosure of those ideas
 - Without bias of personal beliefs
- This allows us to pursue unpopular lines of thought that may pave the way to a better society and life-saving discoveries

Academic Bravery

- Why are so few people working on important problems?
- We need to develop a “warrior ethic,” where service to a noble cause is its own reward
- In Silicon Valley a failed entrepreneur still gets plenty of respect. In Academia, failed researchers sink.