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Title:

"Reducing the risk of sexual misconduct: Best practices for teaching and research at off-campus locations"

Abstract:

Many agriculture and natural resources faculty members work with students in non-formal locations during laboratories and research projects. Unfortunately, the risk of sexual misconduct increases in these non-formal spaces. The objectives of this presentation are for audience members to: (1) review the process for normalization of sexual misconduct; (2) connect the language in Title IX of the Education Amendment Law to sexual misconduct during field-based teaching and research experiences; (3) identify activities or situations with higher risks for sexual misconduct during teaching and research within agriculture and natural resources disciplines; and (4) learn best practices to reduce the risk of Title IX violations within field-based laboratories and among research team members. Universities must provide all students with a safe and equitable learning environment and this presentation will provide administrators, faculty members and students with the knowledge and tools to better achieve this goal.