

MODULE 4: LIKELY CHALLENGES (ETHICS & MORE)

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ETHICS IN PAR & PHOTOVOICE

- Some common issues in PAR
- How RDL has navigated ethics issues
- Helping the IRB understand your project
- Other PV challenges
- Small group exercise

SOME COMMON ETHICAL ISSUES IN PAR

- Who is collecting which data? What are their ethical obligations?
- Who owns which data?
- Where are the data stored? How are they stored?
- Who can publish based on the results?
- Who decides what is publishable?

HOW RDL NAVIGATES ETHICS

- Strong distinction between UCSC data and community data
- UCSC owns UCSC collected data; community owns community collected data
- UCSC does not publish results from community-collected data, but can quote from their reports
- Modes of dissemination vary via the needs of the stakeholders

HELPING THE IRB

- Make clear who “owns” which data
- Run IRB materials by community decision makers and have them sign off before IRB submission
- Have community decision makers “approve” community data collection tools

ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES

- Time commitment (a project should last months, not weeks)
- Resources to support the project
- Taking photos - culturally appropriate?
- Historic relations between the community and researchers/NGOs/"do gooder" outsiders

ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES

- Group dynamics
 - Among participants
 - Among researchers
 - Between researchers and participants
 - In what ways are you socially similar to the youth? Is this legible to them? Pros and cons?
 - In what ways are you socially different from the youth? Is this legible to them? Pros and cons?

STAYING SANE WHILE ENGAGING IN PAR & PV

- Help your coworkers develop appropriate expectations (publications, grants, etc)
- Have a team with diverse social positions and skill sets
- Be clear about what you can and cannot do (Why I no longer agree to community gardens as interventions)
- Align your research, teaching, & service
- Publish on processes, not only end products

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

- What are predictable challenges in your potential photovoice project? How might you address them?