

Welcome to 8.398 !

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## 8.398 Logistics

- Friday @ 1 pm in-person in 6-120
- Can't make it? Emergency Zoom + Panopto
- Course Goals:
  - 1) Hear about great research
  - 2) Find a research advisor
  - 3) Ask questions
  - 4) Build community
- Each week
  - 1 or 2 readings
  - 1 question / discussion point (Poll Everywhere)
  - Speaker ~ 25 minutes
  - Discussion ~ 25 minutes
- Three short written assignments:
  - 1) Setting goals
  - 2) Status update
  - 3) Summary} ~1 page each

## Unsolicited Advice

- Find mentors

- Be visible

- Tell a story

- Get a second opinion

- Fellow grad students
- "Official" faculty mentor
- Academic adviser

→ • Research adviser

- Postdoc, industry, beyond MIT
- Former professor
- Family friend

- Showing up

• Lunch

• Seminar / Colloquium

• Coffee / Tea / Walk Around

• Writing / Presentation

• Be explicit

Mantra: There are as many ways to be a successful physicist as there are successful physicists!

## Discussion

- Weinberg: Four Golden Rules
- Linsky: Unexpected Advice

