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MUD cards

- ▶ Questions about how to download HTML of lecture notes
 - ▶ See https://github.com/uchicago-harris-dap/ppha30538_fall2024 homepage
- ▶ Questions about other github setup (e.g. forking)
 - ▶ See revised instructions in lecture 0
 - ▶ Also, 104 forks created as of Tuesday night so most folks are figuring it out. If you haven't yet, ask a friend
- ▶ Questions about visual studio and quarto
 - ▶ Minilesson at lab today

Admin

- ▶ Simplified quiz content – each week's quiz will be material from that week (plus, in this week's case, some review of DAP1 and some integrity policy questions)
- ▶ (9AM Wed only) “We ask that phones remain in your backpack. If you need to use your phone, please first step out of the classroom.”

Who am I? (Peter)

▶ Professional

- ▶ Now: most of my research is on income volatility and consumption smoothing, side interest in meta-analysis
- ▶ Past research: foreclosure crisis, housing vouchers, migration/land use regulation, SNAP

▶ Personal

- ▶ Boston almost continuously until 30 (“Hub of the Universe”)
- ▶ Fun fact: got engaged at the finish line of Boston Marathon.

▶ Big fan of gap years

- ▶ Religious studies in Israel between high school and college
- ▶ White House Council of Economic Advisers between college and grad school
- ▶ Boston City Hall as leave of absence from grad school.

How did this course come about? (Peter)

- ▶ Wasn't sure what I wanted to do after my PhD so I took a year off to work in city hall
- ▶ Ended up in the IT department (really!) helping to start a Citywide Analytics Team
- ▶ At that point in time, the City didn't need stats or causal inference or economics...
- ▶ But it did need data cleaning (DAP I), data visualization (DAP II), and lots of dashboards (DAP II)

Backside of your MUD cards

- ▶ Name
- ▶ At least one professional fact
- ▶ At least one personal fact