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Welcome to the nineteenth edition of our communications channel, ICAI Highlights!

In this issue, we will:

1. Spotlight ICAI Board of Directors and ICAI Conference 2027
2. Give you a snapshot from the latest #IntegrityMatters blogs.
3. Highlight new publications on academic integrity.
4. Give you a round up of academic integrity news.
5. Tell you about MAIN and ICAI Canadian National Consortium events.

How to contact ICAI Highlights

If you would like to contribute an item to ICAI Highlights: for example a member spotlight, a current news issue, or an academic integrity event, please get in touch with the editor: Mary Davis **mdavis@academicintegrity.org**

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Spotlight: ICAI Board of Directors/ ICAI Conference 2027

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Are you interested in joining the ICAI Board of Directors? Call for expressions of interest coming on November 4. Check out the work and responsibilities of the ICAI Board of Directors Queries to info@academicintegrity.org

ICAI International Center for Academic Integrity / MONTERREY, MÉXICO 2027 / Integrity: Our Shared Culture

ICAI Conference 2027 in Monterrey, Mexico, is getting closer! Join us to celebrate our shared culture of integrity!

Dates: **February 25**: Pre-Conference Workshops and Consortia meetings

February 26-28: Keynote, Conference Sessions and Experience Monterrey

Register now

Book hotels via Conference website

See **Conference website** for more details in English and Spanish.

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#Integrity Matters Blog

The #IntegrityMatters blog over the past month has included a blog about academic integrity in Pakistan, a special tribute blog to the late Derek Newton and a reflection on IDoA 2026. Read more on the **Integrity Matters blog page**

How is Pakistan rethinking academic integrity in the age of AI?

by Shafaq Zernab

When plagiarism is no longer the whole problem
Since the advent of generative AI, its impact on higher education has been quite profound. In a short span, it has become a research assistant, coding tutor and on-demand source of explanation for students and instructors alike. It also helped simplify complex information, streamlining repetitive tasks, and enabling personalised learning experiences. When used judiciously, it can augment intellectual work...



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Remembering the wit, wisdom and advocacy of Derek Newton

by Blaire Wilson, ICAI BOD and Emiriti

The ICAI community mourns the loss of one of our loudest supporters: Derek Newton, author of the Cheat Sheet, who passed away after a battle with cancer. You can read the announcement here from his beloved partner, Danielle. And to Danielle, please accept our deepest condolences as you navigate this loss.
Derek Newton was the keynote speaker at our 2025 conference in Chicago...

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Reflections on IDoA 2026 Recipes for Integrity: Sharing your signature dish

by Mary Davis

The International Day of Action for Academic Integrity (IDoA 2026) took place on October 21. With our theme of Recipes for Integrity, I think we may have hit our most successful, relatable metaphor and means of engaging and having fun with students in many different cultural contexts. Thanks go particularly to Thomas Lancaster for finally convincing the IDoA Planning Committee to go with integrity in the kitchen as our theme! Special thanks to my co-chair Rachel Gorjup for coming up with the IDoA 2026 map so that we could actually see the engagement with IDoA visually across the world. I had not realised the extent to which we could get people in institutions around the world to paint aprons, wear chefs' hats and get cooking!

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Do you, your colleagues and/or your students want to write a blog?
If you have an academic integrity message, experience, practice or project to share via a blog, please get in touch with the Integrity Matters blog editor: Mary Davis **mdavis@academicintegrity.org**

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New research in academic integrity

Forbes, J.K. The toll of tertiary educators' emotional labor due to academic misconduct. Int J Educ Integr 22, 28 (2026). https://doi.org/10.1007/s40979-026-00239-5

Building on Jane Forbes' earlier paper about educators' reporting practices, this paper examines the emotional labor of academic misconduct proceses on educators. The study findings show that these processes can take a toll on mental and physical wellbeing of everyone involved, and while we need to care about students, we also need to care about educators' health. Respondents reported dealing with angry students who screamed or threatened them, and they faced a backlash, such as through 'crushing' student evaluations. Support from senior staff in the institution made a difference, but unsupported staff could experience burn out.

Mežinska, S., Dubovska, E. How Transparent Should Institutions be? Balancing Ethical Principles in Research Misconduct Investigations. J Acad Ethics 24, 99 (2026). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10805-026-09774-9

This interesting study focuses on institutional transparency over research misconduct, where such transparency can harm institution's reputations and breach privacy. The authors argue that transparency around research misconduct cannot be a single standard or level of disclosure, but that instead institutions need to examine the complex intersections between the principles of honesty, accountability and reliability, while maintaining respect for all those involved.



Registration is now open for the 2026–27 Manitoba Academic Integrity Network (MAIN) Speaker Series, a free online professional development series exploring emerging issues and new perspectives in academic integrity. View the full program and register for individual sessions: https://assiniboine.libguides.com/MAIN

Integrity News/ AI corner

The ICAI Content and Communications Committee are making the news this time by starting a new academic integrity reading club: the **Virtual Water Cooler**. Join us to discuss themed readings starting on **November 13 at 12pm EST**, with the theme unauthorised GenAI use. All welcome!

Register



ICAI International Center for Academic Integrity — Canadian National Consortium

Still time to register for the Canadian National Consortium (ICAI Canada) upcoming events:

Wednesday November 4 at 1.30pm EST: Panel discussion

A stellar group of panelists will share their research or exciting initiatives from across Canada.

Registration: **https://assiniboine.libguides.com/ICAICanada**

Tuesday November 10 at 11am EST: Whose Agency? Academic Integrity in the Age of Autonomous AI Agents

Authors of new book 'Academic Integrity in the Age of AI' Tricia Bertram Gallant, Mary Davis and Zeenath Khan will discuss how AI agents are impacting learning and advocate for the human agency needed to uphold academic integrity.

Registration: **https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/iacuLWcrQT6ndckK6g7vDw**

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