

BEFORE THE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of:
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
Employer,
And
GRADUATE WORKERS OF
COLUMBIA-GWC, UAW,
Petitioner.

Case No. 02-RC-143012

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing pursuant to Notice, before AUDREY EVEILLARD, Hearing Officer, at the National Labor Relations Board, Region 2, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, 10278, in Room 3614, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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1 Q How long have you been at Columbia?

2 A Since 1983.

3 Q As a faculty member in physics?

4 A Correct.

5 Q You're a full professor?

6 A I am.

7 Q Can you give us a brief rundown on your educational
8 background?

9 A Yes. I got my undergraduate degree at MIT in math and
10 physics, my PhD at SUNY Stony Brook in 1979, in experimental
11 particle physics. And then, as you said, I've been at Columbia
12 ever since. I spent four years as a post-doc at Stony Brook
13 and then joined the faculty.

14 Q Do you have a particular area of physics that you
15 specialize in?

16 A Experimental particle physics.

17 Q Can you give us a general description of the physics
18 department at Columbia, I guess beginning with whether the
19 areas of physics that you cover and what are the degrees that
20 are offered?

21 A Sure. We cover most of the areas that traditionally you
22 would find in a physics department, so we have particle
23 physics, both theoretical and experimental. We have nuclear
24 physics, both experimental and theoretical. We have condensed
25 matter physics, experimental and theoretical. We have what's

1 called AMO, atomic molecular and optical physics, and that we
2 only have experimental. We have astrophysics, experimental and
3 theoretical physics. And we have one person who does
4 experimental biophysics. And I think I've covered everything.

5 Q Where is the department located?

6 A It's in Pupin Hall, on the Columbia campus, at 120th
7 Street and Amsterdam, more or less, Broadway, between Broadway
8 and Amsterdam.

9 Q Are there other facilities that the department uses?

10 A Yeah. On campus, we have laboratory and office space in a
11 building called CEPSR or Schapiro. It's right next door to
12 Pupin. And we also have laboratory and office space in what's
13 called the Northwest Corner Building, which is again located
14 next to the physics department, to Pupin, connected -- both of
15 those buildings are connected by corridors that join them. And
16 then finally, in addition, we have a laboratory called Nevis
17 Laboratories, which is about 20 miles north on the Hudson
18 River, where experimental particle physicists and experimental
19 astrophysicists have facilities there.

20 Q How many faculty members are in the physics department?

21 A We have 34 faculty members, 4 of those -- 3 of those are
22 joint with other departments and 1 of them is a half-time, so
23 it's about 32 FTEs, but 34 faculty members.

24 Q What degrees does the department offer?

25 A So it offers at the undergraduate level there is the

1 general Bachelors of Science, but you can major in physics. At
2 the higher levels, there is a master's degree in a program
3 which is called the philosophical foundations of physics, and
4 so that's a program administered jointly between the physics
5 department and philosophy department. And we then -- the
6 graduate students that we admit directly into the program for
7 the PhD program, one can get a master's and fill on the way to
8 a PhD. It's certainly a PhD program.

9 Q How many undergraduate majors are there in the department?

10 A We have typically about 20 undergraduate majors that are
11 physics majors. Then there are variants on that. There are
12 people that are called concentrators, so they take a less
13 rigorous physics program, and I think there are about a half
14 dozen of those. So I think all in all, putting all these
15 together, there might be 30 or so physics related majors.

16 Q Of undergraduates?

17 A Per year, by the way.

18 Q Undergraduates?

19 A Undergraduates.

20 Q How about in the PhD program?

21 A So we currently have about -- by the way, so the
22 undergraduates, just to be clear, that was the number
23 graduating in any one year. So if you want physics majors,
24 kind of double that because they are juniors and seniors. For
25 the PhD program, we have currently about -- I think it's 97

1 graduate students in total. We typically admit on average
2 about 17 or so candidates per year.

3 MR. BRILL: I'm going to mark as exhibit -- we're up to
4 94, no --

5 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: You are on 98.

6 MR. BRILL: 98, Exhibit 98, for identification, is a
7 printout from the website on the physics department. I'm going
8 to ask the court reporter to mark this and then show it to the
9 witness.

10 (Employer's E-98 identified.)

11 BY MR. BRILL:

12 Q Have you had a chance to look at the document we've marked
13 as Exhibit 98?

14 A Yes, I have.

15 Q Can you identify it?

16 A Yes. It's a printout from the webpage, from the graduate
17 school's webpage, talking about the physics program, the
18 physics PhD program.

19 MR. BRILL: I'll offer it in evidence.

20 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

21 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: It's admitted.

22 (Employer's E-98 received.)

23 BY MR. BRILL:

24 Q How many applications do you get each year to the PhD
25 program?

1 A We get about 450 applications.

2 Q Who are the typical applicants?

3 A Well, they all are people that have had an undergraduate
4 degree, perhaps 98 percent of them in physics, maybe some in an
5 allied field, like mathematics. They are, I would say,
6 typically about half of those might be foreign students and the
7 bulk of the foreign students are Chinese applicants usually,
8 and the rest are from all across the United States.

9 Q What are the career aspirations of the students who are
10 applying to the physics PHD program?

11 A So typically when they apply to the physics PhD program,
12 they're imagining that they're going to have a career in
13 academia, be it say a laboratory or an academic position in
14 some university.

15 Q What is the experience of the students who graduate with a
16 PhD, what positions do they typically go into?

17 A I would say that, again, on average, maybe half of them
18 continue onto academic or national laboratory type careers.
19 And the other half would typically go into other fields. Many
20 of them, I guess initially, many of them, perhaps more than
21 half, go in to take a post-doc position after that and may
22 decide after the post-doc to go into another field.

23 Q Such as?

24 A Finance, for example, medical, physics. Those are a
25 couple of examples.

1 Q Can you describe the application and selection process for
2 the PhD program?

3 A Certainly. So an applicant would submit an application
4 with letters of recommendation, grades, and that application is
5 submitted to the graduate school by January of the year they're
6 interested in then coming in the fall. Once those applications
7 and the deadline have passed, then the graduate school sends
8 those application packets that are completed to the physics
9 department. We have a -- I appoint a committee, a graduate
10 admissions committee, that goes through all of the folders and
11 selects the list to who we will offer admission. That number
12 is larger than the number that we actually admit, because some
13 number of them don't come. So, typically, I think we make
14 around 50 offers of admission, anticipating to get 17, 18 or so
15 students coming.

16 Q What are the criteria that the department would be looking
17 for in terms of making these offers?

18 A So what we want is to know that the people come both with
19 the appropriate background to be able to enter the graduate
20 program, so that typically means in the U.S. having say a
21 bachelor's degree in physics. The physics program usually gets
22 you ready for graduate school. We look at standardized tests
23 such as the graduate record exam, the GRE, where we focus there
24 on the specific score, and physics is for us the most
25 important. And then the letters of recommendation, of which

1 there are three or sometimes more letters of recommendation,
2 and the grades are the sort of three main criteria that we use
3 in evaluating the students.

4 Q Would it be fair to say that you're looking essentially
5 for the academic potential of the students that you admit into
6 the program?

7 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Object to leading.

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: I'll allow it.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, correct. I mean what we want is
10 someone to succeed in the program. We train people to get a
11 PhD in physics. In some sense, we train them in such a way
12 that they'll be ready for an academic career; if they don't
13 pursue that, that's entirely possible, but that's certainly the
14 initial goal.

15 BY MR. BRILL:

16 Q Are the students who were offered admission sent a letter
17 from the university?

18 A Yes, they are.

19 Q That's conveying the offer of admission?

20 A Correct.

21 MR. BRILL: I'd like to mark as Exhibit 99, a copy of a
22 sample offer letter for the physics PhD program.

23 (Employer's E-99 identified.)

24 BY MR. BRILL:

25 Q Is Exhibit 99 an example of an offer letter that was sent

1 this January for admission to the PhD program in physics for
2 this coming term?

3 A Correct.

4 MR. BRILL: I offer it.

5 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

6 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: It's admitted.

7 (Employer's E-99 received.)

8 BY MR. BRILL:

9 Q Do the students of the physics department receive a
10 standard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences funding package?

11 A Correct.

12 Q And that's described on the second page of Exhibit 99?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Can you just briefly describe what the elements of support
15 are that are offered to the PhD students?

16 A So for the physics department, the incoming students are
17 offered a teaching fellowship. You see the amounts that are
18 indicated over there. For the physics department, typically,
19 it's the first two years for which they have a teaching
20 fellowship. And usually after the first two years, they're
21 then supported on a graduate research assistantship from
22 grants.

23 Q How long does the PhD program in physics last for the
24 typical student or average student?

25 A Typically, it would be five to six years.

1 Q From entry until award of the degree?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Can you take us through the typical progression during
4 that five or six-year period from entry until the final step?

5 A Sure. So the students are admitted for the fall of that
6 year. When they come, they have the teaching fellowship. So
7 for the first two years, the typical program would include them
8 taking classes in graduate courses which form the foundations
9 of the physics, whatever field they will specialize in. These
10 are general courses.

11 They may take some courses which are specific to their
12 intended field of specialization. They will also then, as part
13 of their teaching fellowship, will teach typically a lab
14 section, which is three hours per week. They will also have
15 responsibilities for manning a help room, which I think is
16 about one hour or so per week. Then there are other associated
17 things that they do, which is potentially grading problem sets,
18 proctoring exams, grading exams, and some mix of those things.
19 So, that they do for the first two years, year and a half to
20 two years.

21 In the summers, both in the first year and the ensuing
22 second year, they typically would find a research group to work
23 with over the summer to begin to do research and begin to see
24 what areas they might be interested in.

25 When they come in, also there is a PhD qualifying exam

1 that's given in the January of the year that they're coming in.
2 So they come in say in September and that following January
3 there is, after that one semester, there is an exam which is
4 based, in our case, typically on undergraduate physics. And so
5 the goal is to understand are they well prepared, are there
6 holes in their education that maybe we need to fill.

7 They take that exam. If they pass, fine. If they don't,
8 they're allowed one more try at the exam, so the following
9 January, they would take it. And probably I'm going to say 70
10 percent pass it on the first try. The next try, maybe one or
11 two students every one to two years may not fail and may be
12 asked to leave the program.

13 Q And then what's the --

14 A I'm sorry, I only got you to the first two years, sorry.
15 So after the -- so in say potentially either the summer of the
16 first year or the summer of the second year where they're doing
17 research, that's a time when they can explore what research
18 they want to do for their thesis and work with an experimental
19 or theoretical group.

20 By the summer of the second year, they should typically
21 have chosen the group with which they would like to work. And
22 it's a mutual thing. In other words, they would go to a
23 faculty member and say I'd like to work, let's say it's me in
24 experimental particle physics, working on your experiment in
25 ATLAS (ph.) and then we agree, one, we have to be able to

1 support them under the grant so we need to check to see that we
2 have that kind of funding and if all that works out, then they
3 would join the group and begin their thesis work.

4 Introductory, they may start doing work which isn't
5 directly part of their thesis work, which might be the analysis
6 of some data later on, but it is preparatory to that thesis
7 work. In other words, they might be building electronics,
8 calibrating instruments, doing theoretical problems which are
9 related but not exactly what their thesis will be. And so that
10 goes on then for let's say three to four years.

11 Typically, in the last -- probably in the last year, they
12 begin to actually write their thesis and that means truly
13 writing this document which might be anywhere from 100 to 300
14 pages long, which then documents their original research that
15 they've done in that chosen area.

16 And then at the very end, there is a thesis defense in
17 which there is a committee of faculty members and outside
18 faculty members that hear the thesis research work, and agree,
19 and say, yes, this qualifies for PhD, and you have your PhD.

20 Q Going back to the beginning of the process, when students
21 apply to the program, do they typically express an interest for
22 a particular field, such as particle -- experimental particle
23 physics or to work with a particular faculty member, or is that
24 something that develops later on?

25 A It's a mix. Some students come in knowing very much what

1 they want to do because maybe they've done research as an
2 undergraduate. Maybe their undergraduate advisor has said,
3 hey, Joe Blow over there at Columbia is doing the kind of work
4 that you might be interested in, so they may come in with a
5 very well defined notion of what they want to do.

6 Others come in saying I just want to do physics. Others,
7 many come in, fewer these days, but many come in because what
8 they've done as an undergraduate typically is take courses and
9 so they think physics is just theoretical physics and they
10 think, well, I'm going to be a theoretical physicist and until
11 they come to graduate school, they don't realize that there is
12 other areas. So it's a mix. Some come in very well focused.
13 Others have to figure out where they want to go.

14 MR. BRILL: Let me mark -- I think we're up to Exhibit
15 100, is that right?

16 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Um-hum.

17 (Employer's E-100 identified.)

18 MR. BRILL: We'll mark as Exhibit 100, another printout
19 from the Department of Physics website titled program
20 information and degree requirements.

21 BY MR. BRILL:

22 Q Can you identify the document that we've marked as
23 Exhibit 100?

24 A Yeah, it's from our physics department website and it's a
25 section on the information about the degree requirements for

1 the PhD.

2 Q Does this document accurately describe the requirements
3 for the PhD degree?

4 A Yes, it does.

5 MR. BRILL: I'm going to offer it in evidence.

6 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

7 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: It's admitted.

8 (Employer's E-100 received.)

9 BY MR. BRILL:

10 Q Is teaching required in order to get the PhD in physics?

11 A Correct. The graduate school requires at least one year
12 of teaching.

13 Q Is that the requirement of the department as well?

14 A That's the requirement of the department. Typically, the
15 students, as we say, are supported on teaching fellowships for
16 the first two years, so they teach for the first two years.

17 Q Now on the very last page of Exhibit 100, there is a
18 section headed teaching, if you would look at that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And it says in the second sentence most assignments are to
21 teach small laboratory sections with problem sessions in
22 elementary courses. In general, this program concentrates on
23 teaching in the first two years while the student is taking
24 graduate courses. The maximum teaching assignment for a
25 faculty teaching fellow is approximately four contact hours a

1 week for four terms.

2 A Correct.

3 Q Is that accurate?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q What are the responsibilities of the teaching fellows who
6 work in these small laboratory or problem sessions?

7 A So they -- the laboratory sections are for introductory
8 physics classes and so there are a number of different
9 experiments that the students do. And they do that under the
10 guidance, so there might be somewhere in the order of say a
11 dozen students per section. And there is one graduate student
12 TA for that section.

13 The responsibilities of the graduate student then as a
14 teaching fellow is, one, to prepare to be familiar with the
15 experiments, so they go through the experiments before the
16 students do so they can anticipate problems or issues that
17 might come up. They then, during the actual session, that
18 three-hour lab session, they are there to lend help if students
19 are having problems or there's problems with the equipment.
20 They guide them. So that's the laboratory part.

21 There is also one component, which I had mentioned
22 earlier, which is about the one-hour per week where they staff
23 the help room. The help room is a room available, staffed by
24 graduate students, where students from the introductory classes
25 can come if they're having problems with the homework or

1 understanding a lecture, or just in general any problems that
2 they might be having with physics.

3 And then, of course, the -- so I think those are the kind
4 of four contact hours that are discussed over there. Then, of
5 course, there is the additional preparation of that.

6 They also attend a TA meeting, which I think is held
7 weekly, where they go over just in general kind of teaching
8 issues, if problems have arisen. After all, they're all new --
9 typically, they're all new to this kind of responsibility, and
10 so they're learning as well.

11 MR. BRILL: Let me mark as Exhibit 101, another printout
12 from the website, Department of Physics' website entitled
13 teaching information.

14 (Employer's E-101 identified.)

15 BY MR. BRILL:

16 Q After you've looked at Exhibit 101, can you tell us if you
17 can identify it?

18 A Yes. It's from our same physics department webpage. And
19 it's the section that talks about the specifics of the teaching
20 responsibilities and some of the things that we've already
21 mentioned.

22 MR. BRILL: I offer 101.

23 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Any objections?

24 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

25 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: It's admitted.

1 (Employer's E-101 received.)

2 BY MR. BRILL:

3 Q Turning your attention to the first paragraph on the, I
4 guess it's Page 2 of the exhibit, but the first page that has
5 anything substantive on it, under faculty fellowships, there is
6 a listing of specific responsibilities, some of which you have
7 already described such as teaching the three-hour lab session
8 and the physics help room. But there's a few other items
9 there. Could you just go through the others?

10 A Certainly. So the others that you see there, it says
11 three hours per week grading lab reports, so that's associated
12 with that lab session, because at the end of that lab session
13 the students turn in a lab report and those need to be graded.
14 And so that's that one.

15 There is a, it says, one-hour per week preparation for
16 laboratory and that goes back to what I said earlier about the
17 graduate students having gone through the experiments by
18 themselves to see how they work and anticipate any problems
19 that might arise.

20 We mentioned the physics help room. And then it says 14
21 hours per semester grading lecture course examinations. So
22 that's I think perhaps a little bit more broad than that. It's
23 both grading lecture courses, so a faculty member teaches a
24 lecture course, gives perhaps a couple of tests during the
25 semester and a final exam. Those then are graded by the

1 graduate students, by the teaching fellows. And they may also
2 proctor the exams as well.

3 Q Can you describe briefly what's involved in grading one of
4 these examinations and how the PhD students would be prepared
5 to do the grading?

6 A It varies a little bit. So some faculty members will
7 write out detailed solutions to the problems and hand those
8 solutions to the graders. And they may or may not give more or
9 less detailed instructions saying this part, if you see this
10 answer, that's worth three points. If you see that, that's
11 another two points, and so forth.

12 And some may be less prescriptive and just have the
13 solutions and say grade them. Do according to what -- be
14 consistent, of course, across all the exams. Some people I
15 think more rarely might as a graduate student to actually write
16 the solutions and grade them. I think that's typically more
17 rare than the other ways that I mentioned.

18 Oh, just to finish that up, I mean then there is a
19 bureaucratic part, having graded it -- let me give you an
20 example. From my own tests that I've given, I have three
21 problems. I get three graders. Each one is assigned one
22 problem to grade. One of them is assigned adding up the scores
23 and another one is assigned sort of getting that list of scores
24 to our departmental administrator. And then those scores, she
25 records them into an Excel spreadsheet and I get those scores

1 to then assign a grade, a letter grade to them.

2 Q You mentioned there were weekly meetings of the TAs. Can
3 you describe the meetings?

4 A Yeah, I think the meetings, I've sort of not been present
5 in them so I'll give you my general impression of them. They
6 come to this weekly meeting. There is the director of the
7 teaching fellows, Jeremy Dodd, is there and I think they go
8 over things such as what is the next set of experiments that
9 the students are going to do. They'll go over it, perhaps go
10 over and see if the faculty members in the lecture courses,
11 where they're up to, because sometimes there is a tendency for
12 the lecture to get out of phase with the lab sections that are
13 going on. So I think it's just to understand where the faculty
14 members are.

15 And then I think there is also just a kind of "are there
16 any problems," you know, are you having problems with the
17 students, are you having problems with the lab section, and so
18 forth.

19 Q There is a reference on Page 2, again in that same section
20 on faculty fellowships to the teaching fellows' manual. Let me
21 show you a document and ask if this is the teaching fellow's
22 manual. I think it's already in evidence. I think it's
23 Exhibit 55. I don't know if that's readily available.

24 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Do you have Exhibit 55?

25 COURT REPORTER: 55?

1 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: 55, yes.

2 (Pause.)

3 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: The witness has been handed
4 Employer Exhibit 55.

5 MR. BRILL: Pardon me?

6 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: He's got it.

7 BY MR. BRILL:

8 Q Would you look at Employer's Exhibit 55 and tell us if
9 this is the teaching fellows' manual that's referred to in
10 Exhibit 101?

11 A Yeah, this is the teaching fellows' manual from the fall
12 of 2013.

13 Q Is there an orientation session for the physics doctoral
14 students who will be teaching?

15 A Yes, there is. At the beginning of the semester, there is
16 an orientation on a number of subjects, but in this area given
17 by Jeremy Dodd.

18 MR. BRILL: I'd like to mark as Exhibit 102, a copy of a
19 PowerPoint entitled incoming student orientation, teaching
20 responsibilities as a graduate student.

21 (Employer's E-102 identified.)

22 BY MR. BRILL:

23 Q Is Exhibit 102, is this the PowerPoint that's used in the
24 orientation?

25 A Correct.

1 Q And who is Jeremy Dodd? I'm sorry if you've mentioned
2 that already.

3 A Yeah, he is both the director of undergraduate studies and
4 he's also the TA supervisor.

5 Q For the department?

6 A For the department.

7 MR. BRILL: I offer 102.

8 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Can I just have a minute?

9 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Sure.

10 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Is Mr. Dodd also a member of the faculty?

11 THE WITNESS: He is a senior lecturer.

12 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

13 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay. It's admitted.

14 (Employer's E-102 received.)

15 BY MR. BRILL:

16 Q Do the students -- do the PhD students in the physics
17 department also attend the GSAS teaching fellow orientation?

18 A I believe they do.

19 Q Do you still have Exhibit 99 in front of you? That's the
20 admission letter.

21 A Yes, I do.

22 Q If you would turn your attention to the second page, about
23 halfway down there is a paragraph that begins your fellowship
24 includes --

25 A Yes.

1 Q You see that, your fellowship includes participation in
2 your department's professional apprenticeship, which includes
3 some teaching and research responsibilities. The faculty
4 regard this experience as a vital part of your education. Do
5 you see that?

6 A I do.

7 Q Can you tell us why the faculty regard participation in
8 the teaching responsibilities as a vital part of the PhD
9 education?

10 A Certainly. It's actually captured pretty well in the
11 slides for exhibit -- whatever that is, 102.

12 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Employer 102.

13 THE WITNESS: 102, where you see the introductory slide
14 where it says teaching is a very important aspect of your
15 graduate education. It'll help you prepare, those of you who
16 go onto careers in academia and teaching. So that's certainly
17 one important aspect, the ability. If that's what you're going
18 to go into, you certainly need to be able to have experience in
19 teaching.

20 It says it will provide excellent experience in giving
21 oral presentations. So, that's more generally useful both for
22 your research and making your research available and accessible
23 to people, and presumably also useful if you go into
24 non-physics areas as well.

25 And then the third point is that it says you'll gain

1 deeper understanding of fundamental physics through
2 interactions with students. Having to explain and having to do
3 the teaching helps to reinforce these fundamental principles of
4 physics understanding. Was that the question? I might have
5 gotten to --

6 BY MR. BRILL:

7 Q No, I think you answered the question.

8 A Did I answer the question?

9 Q Yeah.

10 A Okay.

11 Q I asked why the faculty considered teaching to be a vital
12 part of education. Is there any feedback or evaluation given
13 to the PhD students for the teaching activities that they
14 engage in?

15 A Yes. There are a number of ways. One is that there are
16 course evaluations that are handed out at the end of the course
17 or at the end of the semester. And students, undergraduate
18 students then evaluate the course, evaluate the instructor, and
19 evaluate the teaching assistants as well. So that feedback
20 then goes back through our TA supervisor and then people can
21 take corrective action if necessary.

22 Then I think there is ongoing evaluation from our TA
23 supervisor, who tries to keep his -- tries to understand
24 whether everyone is doing well or if there are any issues or
25 problems that have come up.

1 Q Is there also some feedback from the faculty member who is
2 in charge of the particular course?

3 A There may be, I would say, only in the context that for
4 grading -- typically, where a faculty member has direct contact
5 with the graduate students in this area is, as we mentioned,
6 the grading where he has solutions, the graders grade the
7 problems, and maybe there is some interaction there where you
8 say, wait a minute, you were too harsh grading here, or there's
9 some issues in the way you're grading, please pay attention to
10 that next time. So that would be a direct feedback.

11 Typically, the faculty member is not involved with the
12 laboratory section, so he doesn't see the graduate student
13 doing that. You may hear about it from students in your class
14 who say, gee, I have a problem, or a) this person is great, or
15 something, but it hasn't been more direct.

16 Q Now moving onto the research appointments, I think you
17 said is it after the second year that the students would
18 typically move onto a research appointment?

19 A Correct, starting in the summer, usually in the second
20 year.

21 Q And what would that appointment be?

22 A So this is a graduate research assistantship. You want a
23 description of what it is?

24 Q Yes, would you?

25 A Okay. So, again, as I mentioned earlier, there is kind of

1 an informal process whereby a graduate student decides what
2 area of physics they would like to specialize in, what area of
3 physics that they want to write their PhD thesis on. And the
4 way that that occurs is, as I say, an informal process where a
5 graduate student will talk to a faculty member or talk to an
6 experiment group and say I would like to work in your group.
7 Maybe they've had experience in the first summer working with
8 them, maybe not.

9 On the other side, the faculty member or the group would
10 then say do we have a position available, do we have grant
11 support to be able to support such a graduate student. Do we
12 like this guy? I mean it's a very close relationship that one
13 has and so you like to see that you're compatible and work well
14 together.

15 And if all that is satisfied, then that student would join
16 that research group and would then be supported on that
17 particular grant.

18 Q I'm going to jump ahead for a minute, but you talked about
19 the relationship that's developed. In your experience, are any
20 of these relationships between a faculty member and a doctoral
21 student, do they continue after a PhD degree is awarded?

22 A They don't continue in any formal process; that is to say
23 once your thesis student has graduated, I think your formal
24 responsibility is over. But more informally or right before
25 that, a thesis advisor might very well point students to the

1 next, if they're going to go as a post-doc, that they know
2 people in other groups working in the same area, they know them
3 well. They say, hey, I've got a student who is graduating,
4 probably a good fit to your group, maybe you ought to interview
5 them or think about hiring them.

6 People also will keep more or less closer track of the
7 students to see where they have gone onto in the future; but
8 all that is somewhat informal, not a requirement.

9 Q Now back to the process of the actual service as a
10 graduate research assistant. Can you describe what a graduate
11 research assistantship entails?

12 A Sure. So once you've established that you're going to
13 join this group, then typically what happens? Let me jump
14 ahead a little bit to the end first, which is where you're
15 headed is to write a thesis, original research, if it's an
16 experimental group, based on for example collecting some data
17 and analyzing that data, and seeing what the results are.

18 But how do you get there. In order to get there, you may
19 have to, depending on the size of the group, you may have to be
20 involved in designing an experiment, building an experiment,
21 building pieces of an experiment. If it's a larger group, such
22 as the groups that I work with, you may be involved in building
23 a piece of an electronics, you may be involved in calibrating a
24 detector, you may be involved in developing software to
25 calibrate the detector. So none of those things are directly

1 part of your thesis, but they are very important and are part
2 of the process of learning. You need to learn how to design an
3 experiment, how to build equipment, how to operate equipment.

4 Q How does the PhD student learn that through the graduate
5 research assistantship?

6 A It is, in some sense, kind of a mentorship process. The
7 graduate student is working with, depending on the size of the
8 group, there may be other graduate students more senior. There
9 may be post-docs. There may be -- well, there will be faculty
10 members. And so the graduate student would work closely with
11 them.

12 So a faculty member might meet weekly, or more often
13 depending on where they are, to go over and to understand is
14 the graduate student -- you've suggested a direction in which
15 to go, is he doing that, has he or she run into any problems,
16 can you help solve the problems. In some larger group they may
17 work most closely on a day to day basis with someone like a
18 post-doc who is working every day there.

19 In our particular case, we have an experiment in
20 Switzerland and the faculty members can't be there all the
21 time. So they work very closely with more senior graduate
22 students and with post-docs.

23 So they would work towards, developing and ultimately
24 reaching the point where they can take data. But the idea is
25 that they get an education in all of the aspects required in

1 this case for experimental physics, building equipment,
2 analyzing data, so forth.

3 Q And where does the funding for the graduate research
4 assistantship come from?

5 A Typically, the funding comes from government funding
6 agencies. So some of the largest agencies that do that are the
7 Department of Energy's Office of Science, there is also the
8 National Science Foundation. For those doing more astrophysics
9 type related areas, NASA does funding. For those in condensed
10 matter, they have a wider range of funding opportunities,
11 ranging from agencies like DARPA, or the Office of Naval
12 Research, or -- we don't do any classified work, but perhaps
13 the Department of Defense doing that. So there are a number of
14 agencies.

15 There are some private foundations, but I'd say those are
16 rather few and far between.

17 Q These government agencies would typically give a grant to
18 the university, for research?

19 A Correct. So a PI, a principle investigator, faculty
20 member would -- it varies. There may be a solicitation from a
21 funding agency saying that we are -- we have a program to fund
22 research in such and such an area. The faculty member would
23 submit a proposal. That proposal is peer reviewed. It may or
24 may not be funded. If it's funded, then that funding is then
25 administered typically through Columbia. There is the

1 sponsored projects office that takes in all of those funds and
2 administers them for the principle investigator.

3 Q Would the proposal for the grant include in some cases
4 support for one or more graduate students?

5 A Correct. It would include support for personnel. So,
6 typically on there might be a faculty member's summer salary.
7 We're only supported by the university for nine months, and so
8 two months of summer salary is typically on a grant. There
9 would be support for post-docs and there would be support for
10 graduate students. And that depends on the size of the
11 proposal, the particular proposal; but, typically, it would
12 include that.

13 Q Do you know why these government agencies include support
14 for graduate students in these grants?

15 A Yes. The support for graduate students is twofold. One
16 is that they recognize the need to train the next generation of
17 physicists and this is part of that training, educational
18 process. That's particularly in the forefront for an agency
19 like the National Science Foundation. That's one. And then
20 the other is, of course, the students in all the activities
21 that I've mentioned do contribute to the experiment. And,
22 ultimately, the deliverable, if you wish, for a physicist is
23 going to be a publication about some particular aspect of the
24 science. That's where we're headed. And all the steps of
25 getting there, graduate students certainly can contribute to

1 those steps.

2 Q Do you, personally, have any grants at this time?

3 A I do.

4 Q I shouldn't say you, personally. Are you the principle
5 investigator on any grants?

6 A Yes. I have I think currently active two grants.

7 Q Can you describe those grants?

8 A Sure. One of them is what I'm going to call a base grant.
9 That's an umbrella grant for doing -- for the high energy
10 physics experimental group, so all of the experimental high
11 energy physicists, which is five of us, have one umbrella grant
12 from the National Science Foundation at about, I don't know, I
13 think it's about \$2.2 million per year now. And that supports
14 the summer salaries that I mentioned. It supports post-doc
15 support. It supports graduate students and travel.

16 Q Are you the PI on that grant?

17 A I am a co-PI on that. The PI is Mike Shaevitz, who is the
18 director of Nevis Labs. I am also then the PI on a large grant
19 which is about \$9 million per year and that's called -- from
20 the NSF, again. It's called a cooperative (ph.) agreement.
21 That supports more broadly our experiment, which is called the
22 ATLAS experiment, which takes place at the Large Hadron
23 Collider, in Geneva, Switzerland.

24 So this grant, cooperative agreement is intended by the
25 National Science Foundation to help support the technical

1 activities to operate the detector in Switzerland. It's a very
2 large experiment. It has 3,000 physicists from 178
3 institutions, 44 U.S. institutions. And so this helps,
4 together with the DOE, which has a different supporting
5 mechanism, supports some of the U.S. institutions in there. So
6 it does not support in general students. It does not support
7 post-docs. It does support technical manpower, engineering,
8 mechanical, electrical engineering, software professionals,
9 computing, and so forth.

10 Q The first grant that you mentioned --

11 A I call it a base grant.

12 Q The base grant, the umbrella grant, are there graduate
13 students supported on that grant?

14 A Correct, yes, there are.

15 Q Have you worked with graduate students on that grant?

16 A I have in the past. I currently don't have a graduate
17 student that I'm supervising.

18 Q Can you talk a little bit, perhaps explain in layman's
19 terms what the experiment or what the experiments in
20 Switzerland involve and how your work and the work of the
21 graduate students relate to that project?

22 A I'll check to see whether your eyes are closing or not.
23 So just very, very broadly, what we have and the last student
24 that I had was looking at, I'll tell you the words first and
25 then try and explain it a little bit. He was looking for the

1 decay of a Higgs boson into a Z boson and a photon. Now at
2 this point, I have lost you, but let me try and bring you back.
3 For the last 50 years or so, we've been trying to understand --
4 in particle physics, what we're trying to understand are the
5 fundamental forces in particles, the stuff that you and I are
6 made of.

7 And there was one very puzzling issue which has existed
8 for the last 50 years which is these elementary particles have
9 different weights. And it's a very deep question to ask how do
10 they get their weights, how come? Because our simple theories
11 would indicate they should have no weight, and they do.

12 So there was a theory proposed about 50 years ago called
13 the Higgs mechanism. Higgs is named after a physicist, Peter
14 Higgs. He proposed this way of explaining how these elementary
15 particles acquired their mass. And that was the last missing
16 piece of something that we call the standard model, the
17 standard model meaning that we explain all the fundamental
18 particles and forces.

19 In the popular press, you may or may not have heard of it.
20 This Higgs particle or Higgs boson has been called the God
21 particle. We have to live with that. But that's -- it became
22 very popular. And in 2012, after searching for these 50 years,
23 finally at the accelerator where we work, which is the Large
24 Hadron Collider, two experiments there, two very large
25 experiments, ATLAS, the one that I work on, and CMS, the other

1 experiment, discovered what appeared to be this Higgs boson,
2 this God particle.

3 A fundamental question is our theories predict what it
4 should look like, you know, does it smell like a Higgs boson,
5 does it quack like a Higgs boson, is it a Higgs boson. So in
6 order to understand that, you have to understand does it get
7 produced the way the theory says, does it decay the way the
8 theory says. And so the student that I had was looking at one
9 particular decay mode to see does it behave the way that we
10 expect it to behave. And if all of these things agree with the
11 theoretical calculations, then you say, yes, that is a Higgs
12 boson of the type that we expected.

13 It's certainly in particle physics perhaps the most
14 important discovery in the last, I don't know, pick your number
15 50 years, 100 years. So much so that having discovered it in
16 2012, the 2013 Nobel Prize in physics was given to Mr. Higgs
17 and another theoretical physicist for having predicted this
18 particle.

19 Q So the graduate student that you mentioned was doing an
20 experiment as part of this very large scientific consortium in
21 Switzerland?

22 A Correct. We collect data, vast amounts of data from that
23 experiment. And then we have many different teams looking at
24 different aspects of that data. So it's the same data, but
25 looking at different aspects of it. In his particular case, he

1 was looking to see was there evidence for a Higgs boson
2 decaying into these two other particular particles, for which
3 there is a theoretical prediction.

4 Q What is the scope of work, if you will, under the NSF
5 grant that supports this research?

6 A In a peculiar sense, it's to find the unknown. That is to
7 say we are not charged with doing -- not even charged with
8 saying you will find the Higgs boson. We're simply charged to
9 look, explore the unknown, and to see what's there. So in
10 very, sort of written large, our mandate is to try and discover
11 what the fundamental forces and fundamental particles are that
12 make up the universe. How you do that, where you will find
13 those answers, we don't know.

14 Q Are there other graduate students now involved in this --
15 other PhD students now also serving as graduate research
16 assistants in connection with the same ATLAS project?

17 A Correct. We have about six or seven graduate students now
18 that are working in our group to do that. None of those right
19 now are particularly my advisee, but we have more faculty
20 members and they work with them.

21 Q Would you be on the dissertation committees, for example,
22 of any of the other students?

23 A I may well be. A typical thesis committee consists of
24 three people from the department and two outside examiners,
25 meaning outside of the department or even outside the

1 university. Of those three, it's the thesis sponsor, someone
2 typically who is a theoretical physicist, in our case, because
3 it's an experimental thesis, and then usually someone else
4 possibly from the group. So I could be, in this case, that
5 someone else.

6 Q Would the process of the research that's being done by the
7 graduate students currently be similar to what you've described
8 for your own student?

9 A Correct. From a broad perspective, it's the same stuff.
10 Obviously, from a detailed physicist's perspective, they're
11 doing different things. But, yes, we're looking for trying to
12 understand these fundamental forces and particles.

13 Q So just to be clear, the students who are supported by
14 these grants as graduate research assistants are working on the
15 research that leads to their dissertation, is that correct?

16 A That's correct. It all typically is -- it's more or less
17 directly related to their research, but it is all part of their
18 research. Without having done the preliminary work, you
19 wouldn't get to the other state.

20 Q Do students ever have the opportunity to publish the
21 research along the way until their dissertation is actually
22 completed?

23 A Yes. There may be -- yes, they can in a number of ways.
24 If they are experimental students, they may or may not publish
25 papers on instrumentation that they may have worked on. They

1 may also be doing smaller analyses or be part of an effort
2 involved in those analyses. And then, of course, there is
3 their own thesis research.

4 Now in a large group like ours, when we publish a paper,
5 it has 3,000 authors on it. So they will actually be on many
6 papers, but it's certainly true that they may not be
7 specifically aware of analyses that might actually have their
8 name on it. That's just the tradition in our field is how we
9 work.

10 Q Is there any academic benefit to the student from working
11 on these papers along the way to dissertation?

12 A Absolutely, in a number of different areas. One, again,
13 from a teaching perspective, learning to write a paper and to
14 carry out an analysis is a key element of what a physicist is
15 and what a physicist should be able to do. So that experience
16 is invaluable.

17 From a practical benefit, having your name on a
18 publication helps when you're going out later on and looking
19 for the next position. So having worked on some publication is
20 very good. And I guess those are the two sort of main areas.

21 Q Just a few questions about the master's program. How long
22 is the master's program typically?

23 A I'll ask for a little clarification.

24 Q I'm sorry. The master's in philosophical foundations.

25 A So we have a master's program which is kind of a terminal

1 master's program in the philosophical foundations of physics,
2 together with the philosophy department. I believe that that
3 program is sort of a couple of years is typically what it is.

4 Q Do any of those master's students receive instructional or
5 research appointments in the physics department?

6 A No. I should say I believe no, I'm not absolutely sure.

7 MR. BRILL: I don't have anything further on direct.

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay. Off the record.

9 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

10 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Back on the record.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

13 Q I may be sorry, but I have two physics classes.

14 A Excellent.

15 MR. BRILL: We only have till five o'clock this afternoon.

16 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: I thought we had another witness.

17 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: You don't have another
18 witness?

19 MR. BRILL: No, I meant if he's going to ask physics
20 questions. I know, because I asked the question the other day,
21 we could still be at that.

22 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: I was getting excited.

23 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

24 Q Well, first, is it possible to give a concise layman's
25 explanation as to what compressed matter is or not?

1 A Compressed matter? I'm not sure --

2 Q That was one of the departments you mentioned.

3 A Oh, condensed matter.

4 Q Condensed, excuse me, condensed. It's my handwriting
5 that's the problem.

6 A Yeah, condensed matter simply refers to the fact that --
7 sometimes, it used to be called solid state physics. The new
8 name is condensed matter. And typically what it means is that
9 you're looking at states of matter that aren't normally present
10 here. So one of the states of matter you might look at is
11 two-dimensional matter, so the stuff that isn't in three
12 dimensions but in two.

13 An example of that that got a lot of publicity also won
14 the Nobel Prize recently was what's called graphene. Graphene
15 is a two-dimensional array of carbon atoms and it has some very
16 nice and interesting properties. And so that kind of physics
17 studies these kinds of crazy, different forms of matter which
18 you don't normally see; although, graphene is actually easy to
19 find. The way they made it was you can take one of your
20 pencils and a piece of Scotch tape, and when you pull off the
21 Scotch tape, having attached it to the pencil, typically you've
22 made a layer of this two-dimensional graphene.

23 Q Just single atoms?

24 A Single atoms, yeah.

25 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: I object to that question.

1 MR. BRILL: Overruled.

2 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

3 Q How did your students research into the decay of the
4 X boson work out? Did the boson decay as predicted by theory
5 or --

6 A Well, since you asked, this one was -- this particular
7 decay was not -- given the amount of data that we had at the
8 time, was not expected to be visible. In other words, it
9 decays so infrequently that with the amount of data we had, we
10 didn't expect to see it. So, in that particular case, he was
11 looking to see if something crazy was happening the other way;
12 in other words, if you had seen it, then you would have said,
13 whoa, whoa, whoa, that's something different, that was not what
14 was expected. So he didn't see it, but that's what we
15 expected, to not see it.

16 Q So it was consistent with theory.

17 A It was consistent with the theory, that's exactly right.

18 Q You testified that the university provides you with
19 support for 10 months of the year and that --

20 A Nine months.

21 Q Nine months, I'm sorry.

22 A Me.

23 Q A faculty member?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q It's not just you, personally. All --

1 A No, no, all faculty members, yes.

2 Q And that for some faculty members anyway there is other
3 support available during the summer. Can you define the term
4 support, as you used it in your testimony?

5 A Hopefully, I'm not going to get us into trouble. What I
6 mean is -- I mean it's what appears in my bank account.

7 Q It's money.

8 A It's money, salary. It gets taxed. It gets all those
9 horrible things happening.

10 Q And so when that word support is used, well, it's used
11 somewhere in the documents that you've introduced regarding the
12 graduate student, when you talk about support for the graduate
13 student that's also referring to pay that they receive,
14 correct?

15 A Correct. Again, appears in their bank account.

16 Q Not in yours.

17 A Not in mine, no.

18 Q That would make for --

19 A I'd be in a different trial.

20 Q The admission letter or the fellowship package on Page 2
21 of the admission letter, which is Employer Exhibit 99.

22 A Yeah.

23 MR. BRILL: Just wait one second.

24 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

25 Q The paragraph that counsel referred you to that says your

1 fellowship includes participation in the department's
2 professional apprenticeship, by the phrase apprenticeship, do
3 you mean that the student is performing functions for which he
4 both learns and he is also performing work for the university?

5 A I guess I would say mostly a learning aspect. I would say
6 that it's mostly for the benefit of his or her learning. Of
7 course, it helps the department in this particular case. They
8 are teaching those lab sections. Without them, we couldn't do
9 that. We'd have to have a different way of doing that. I'm
10 not sure I'm answering the question.

11 Q No, you are. What alternative would there -- well, let's
12 go to the lab sections. As I understand it, the lab sections
13 that are taught by the teaching assistants or teaching fellows
14 are associated with their lecture class, is that right?

15 A They are associated -- they have a separate course number,
16 so they stand on their own as a course. But the topics covered
17 are being covered in lecture, but there isn't a very, which we
18 are not terribly good at, making it a close one-on-one
19 relationship. It's not that in the lecture you say next week
20 you're going to be doing Experiment X. Hopefully, what happens
21 is that you're covering that topic in the lecture and, indeed,
22 you're doing Experiment X and it happens to correspond with it.
23 But it's not closely, closely coupled.

24 Q Okay. These are undergraduate classes, correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q And the students who take the undergraduate classes, are
2 they required to take both the undergraduate lecture class and
3 the lab section simultaneous?

4 A It depends a little bit on what area they are. We teach
5 pre-med students. We teach engineering students. And we teach
6 our own physics majors. So the physics majors have to take it.
7 I think the pre-med students have to take it. And I think some
8 set of engineering students have to take it, but not all of
9 them.

10 Q So there are some students who take the lectures, but
11 don't do --

12 A Correct.

13 Q -- the experimental work?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Please try to wait till I finish the question.

16 A Sorry.

17 Q I know it's really obvious where I'm going and it's
18 probably painful to listen to my voice, today, but the court
19 reporter has to get down both the question and the answer, and
20 that's hard to do if we're both talking at the same time.

21 So everybody in the -- or all the students in the
22 laboratory sections that are also attending the lectures are
23 supposed to be attending the lectures?

24 A Correct.

25 Q All right. And Exhibit 55 contains some detailed

1 instructions on the, you don't have to look at them quite yet,
2 on the duties that the TAs or teaching fellows are expected to
3 perform in the lab. But is part of their function to show the
4 undergraduates how to use the equipment properly?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And to see that they learn how to conduct the experiments?

7 A Yes. I mean not to do the experiments for them, of
8 course, but to help them and aid them, and them doing the
9 experiments.

10 Q I see one of the things that it says in the instructions
11 is that they shouldn't -- that it would be easier for everybody
12 if they told the students exactly how to do the experiment step
13 by step, but then there wouldn't be as much learning that would
14 result from that. I mean the idea is that they do their jobs
15 in the way that affords the most learning opportunities
16 possible for the undergraduates.

17 A Correct.

18 Q I mean that's sort of the function or the purpose of all
19 these teaching functions is to help the undergraduates to
20 learn.

21 A Correct.

22 Q And that is presumably one of the reasons why these
23 undergraduate students are paying tuition to the university,
24 correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q I do have some questions about Employer Exhibit 55, which
2 was the manual for the physics department teaching fellows.

3 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: He has it in front of him.

4 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Pardon?

5 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: The witness has it in front of
6 him.

7 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

8 Q Could you turn to Page 2?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you see there is a listing of general obligations. It
11 says as a member of the teaching staff representing the
12 university in all interactions with your students, you're
13 expected to following general accepted obligations to the
14 teaching profession?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do those obligations apply to faculty members as well?

17 A Let me read them. Responsibility, meet all teaching
18 assignments promptly and fully prepared. Yes.

19 Impartiality, treat all students fairly and be sure
20 that -- yes.

21 Consistency, although there is no intention to stifle
22 individuality, you must be consistent with other teaching
23 assistants. Not so much that one. I, as a faculty member,
24 don't have to be consistent with other teaching assistants.

25 Q What about with other faculty members?

1 A Even that, we can teach the same course and we teach them
2 slightly differently, so I'm not sure that that one necessarily
3 is correct. Professionalism, yes.

4 Q You did say something about if the teaching assistants,
5 well, I don't remember exactly what you said. What alternative
6 would there be or what other resources would be available to
7 teach the laboratory sections if you did not have graduate
8 teaching assistants to do that work? Who would it fall to?

9 A This is perhaps a little facetious. If you hired another
10 40 faculty members in my department, which I'd be happy to do,
11 then faculty members could teach the lab sections.

12 Q But that would be --

13 A Couldn't.

14 Q The university isn't going to give you the resources to
15 hire another 40 faculty members, are they?

16 A No.

17 Q I understand that's short-sighted of the administration.

18 A Correct.

19 Q But it would be much more expensive.

20 A Yes, it would.

21 Q I'd like you to take a look at Employer Exhibit 102, which
22 is the student orientation by -- do you call him Professor
23 Dodd?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Could you turn to the second page, or the first page in

1 substance?

2 A Introduction?

3 Q Introduction, that's the one.

4 A Okay.

5 Q You were asked some questions about the bullet point that
6 begins teaching is an area important. I would ask you if you
7 see the bullet point that says the TAs provide very important
8 assistance to the department through their various teaching
9 roles. Do you agree with that statement?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Could you explain what it is about the work of the TAs
12 that is important to the department?

13 A I think it's a little bit what we just said. They teach
14 these laboratory sections. Teaching laboratory sections is,
15 from the department point of view, key for the undergraduate
16 education. And so addressing here is the importance to the
17 department, not the importance to the graduate students, which
18 was from the other box. They, in their grading and proctoring
19 roles, again, they provide important assistance to the
20 department. These are roles that we would have to do somehow.

21 Q I think we can move onto the research assistant functions
22 now. First, you said that in the course of someone joining a
23 group, you referred to a group rather than going to work for a
24 particular principle investigator. In your experience, is it
25 typically the case that the entire group participates in making

1 the decision as to whether a graduate student can become a
2 research assistant in that group?

3 A Yeah, so when I said that, that's a little bit colored by
4 my own personal experience where we have a large group working
5 on the same experiment. There are -- in condensed matter.
6 There are PIs which are groups that are single PIs. So in that
7 sense, in that case, it would be just that single PI making
8 that decision.

9 Q The PI might have or there are instances where the PI
10 would have other graduate students working with him or her and
11 other people working in his or her lab?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Typically, would those individuals participate in deciding
14 whether to add a person to the group or is it generally up to
15 the PI individually?

16 A I would say it's up to the PI. I could imagine that the
17 PI might consult the post-doc. I doubt that the PI would
18 consult with the graduate students except for maybe general
19 things, saying, you know, we're getting another student. I
20 doubt it. I think it's an individual, you know, it's an
21 individual process. Some PIs might, some might not. My guess
22 is that most don't.

23 Q Okay. And you listed some of the factors that the group,
24 or the PI individually, would look to would include the
25 student's academic work, is that correct?

1 A Yes. All things are on the table. I mean they look at
2 their academic work. They could look at if they've had
3 research experience.

4 Q One of the things you mentioned was whether the individual
5 would fit with the group.

6 A Yes.

7 Q Are you looking to ensure that -- when you say fit, you
8 mean does the person have skills that fit the group, or are you
9 also considering whether the personality is going to be
10 disruptive of the workplace?

11 A I think it could be a bit of both. I mean, to give you
12 one example, it's possible that somebody said they want to come
13 work with our group, experimental particle physics. Students
14 in our group have to spend time at CERN, in Geneva,
15 Switzerland, at least a couple of years. Maybe a student said,
16 you know, I came to Columbia to be in New York City. I'm not
17 going to go to Geneva. If that were the response of the
18 student, we'd say, sorry, we can't take you.

19 Q Okay. Do you consider issues of whether he's going to
20 work well with the other people in the group?

21 A I think in general you'd like to have that, yes. You work
22 closely together, so you'd like some level of compatibility.

23 Q I mean I think you used the phrase do we like this guy,
24 when you --

25 A A sort of colloquial phrase. But I mean what I -- what do

1 I mean in that. I don't have a specific example, but you could
2 imagine someone that -- sorry, I'm trying to think of an
3 example and I'm not coming up with one.

4 Q Well, Sheldon is a theoretical physicist so he wouldn't be
5 applying to work in your lab.

6 A That's right.

7 Q But is that personality issues might come into play?

8 A I think if there were a sort of extreme. Obviously, we're
9 all slightly quirky and, you know, have different
10 personalities. But, yeah, if there was something really
11 extreme, somebody -- look, here I am making one up, right? I
12 mean suppose a person said, you know, I really can't work with
13 women in the laboratory. If somebody said that, I would say,
14 look, we've got a problem. We can't do that.

15 Q He has a problem, but, okay.

16 A He has a problem, I understand. But I'd say that may be
17 your viewpoint, but, sorry, that's not going to work.

18 Q You testified that I think more than half of the way -- of
19 your research assistants who are PhD students after obtaining
20 their degrees go on to be post-docs for some period of time
21 before they land a more permanent career path?

22 A Certainly, if you're following the academic career path,
23 it is, barring some very real exceptions, the career trajectory
24 would be get your PhD, have a post-doc for -- typically, a
25 post-doc is for three or four years, and then after the

1 post-doc you would look for some kind of junior faculty
2 position. That would be that path.

3 Q Is it typically the case that when the individual becomes
4 a post-doc, they continue to follow-up on the research that
5 they were doing as a graduate student?

6 A Not necessarily. There are many different ways that can
7 happen. In our -- again, let me take a personal example. We
8 could have someone that graduated, got a PhD, on our
9 experiment, this ATLAS experiment. Maybe they would join
10 another experiment and do something still particle physics, but
11 relatively speaking completely different.

12 Q And when they become a post-doc, they would be still
13 working under the direction of a PI?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And I think you used this term, but the PI is a faculty
16 member or members who are in charge of the lab, correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q I think you did define that.

19 A Correct.

20 Q And so the post-doc might be doing a -- working on a grant
21 awarded or sponsored by a different PI, doing a different
22 experiment?

23 A I'm not sure I understood the question.

24 Q Well, let me just ask are there similarities between the
25 work that a post-doc would do and the work that a graduate

1 research assistant would do?

2 A I would characterize the differences as the post-doc,
3 having now gone through sort of that educational experience of
4 having been a graduate student, is able to sort of stand on his
5 or her own two feet and carry out the research program with
6 little or no direction from the PI. Whereas a graduate
7 student is still learning and so needs that direction, that
8 guidance in order to accomplish their tasks.

9 Q Okay. I take it there is similarly a progression from
10 being a post-doc to being a junior faculty member.

11 A Sure. One example would be that the post-doc typically
12 does not have his or her own grants. And so the skillset of
13 writing your grant proposal and being funded is something that
14 you would do as a junior faculty member, but not usually as a
15 post-doc.

16 Q In your experience, do PhD candidates stay on at Columbia
17 as post-docs on occasion?

18 A On occasion, yes. Typically, I would say that's not the
19 case. In general, I think we like to have people have other
20 experiences, see what -- it's helpful for their career to move
21 on and do something different. The case where maybe they
22 continue on as a post-doc for a brief period is that perhaps
23 they don't have a job lined up and so you might keep them on as
24 a post-doc for a year, six months, while they find another
25 position. And that's simply because they already have their

1 PhD, so they have to be a post-doc.

2 Q What would they do as a post-doc under those
3 circumstances? What kind of work would they do?

4 A Again, they would -- it's a little bit as I described
5 before. They might have a particular project that they would
6 lead or be principally responsible for.

7 Q In your testimony about the duties of a research
8 assistant, you indicated that the examples that you gave
9 involved building a detector, or calibrating a detector, or
10 designing software to calibrate a detector, which I see how
11 that fits in with your work. Are there benefits to the
12 university of the research associate -- research assistant
13 building or calibrating these detectors?

14 A Again, it depends a little bit what you define by
15 benefits. I mean if one of the benefits is the Columbia
16 physics department, in the top 10 physics department of the top
17 two, the fact that the research that's going on may put you in
18 the higher ranks, yes, that's a benefit. If you ask does it
19 have a financial benefit, I don't think so.

20 Q It furthers the mission of the university of conducting
21 research and being a top research university.

22 A Sure, yes.

23 Q And the university also provides a number of -- let me
24 strike that. Let me rephrase the question. The university
25 also provides a support system to assist faculty members in

1 applying for and obtaining grants, is that correct?

2 A Yes. There is an office of sponsored research that does
3 provide that sort of assistance.

4 Q Are there other offices that are involved in encouraging
5 research as well?

6 A I don't think in a formal sense. I mean we do have our
7 vice president for research has people in their office that pay
8 attention to funding or fellowship opportunities that might
9 come up and bring those to our attention; so, in that spirit,
10 yes.

11 Q Do you have an understanding of why the university
12 provides these programs to support research or grant writing?

13 A I think part of the mission of the university is to
14 support the faculty in their endeavors and their research.

15 Q And part of this is to bring in money for that research?

16 A To bring in money?

17 Q The purpose of these programs is --

18 A To allow the research to be done, yes, and if that
19 requires money, which it does, yes.

20 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: I'd like this document marked as
21 Petitioner's Exhibit 48.

22 (Petitioner's P-48 identified.)

23 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay.

24 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Have you had an opportunity to review
25 Petitioner's 48?

1 MR. BRILL: I haven't. Could you give me a few minutes?

2 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Oh, okay.

3 (Pause.)

4 MR. BRILL: Can I skip the section on research involving
5 humans or animals?

6 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Yes.

7 MR. BRILL: Okay. I'm almost done.

8 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Yeah, some of these wouldn't apply
9 directly to the physics department.

10 THE WITNESS: That's right.

11 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: As counsel pointed out to me.

12 (Pause.)

13 MR. BRILL: Okay.

14 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

15 Q I don't know if the witness -- are you still reviewing
16 this? You can skip the part about animals.

17 A I mean if you're going to quiz me on any particular point,
18 I may have to look at it. But, in general, yes, I've looked at
19 it.

20 Q Okay. Do you recognize this as a document prepared I
21 believe by the Office of Sponsored Research to aid principle
22 investigators in applying for grants?

23 A Yes. I, personally, have not looked at it before; but,
24 yes, it is. It comes from their office. It's clearly --

25 MR. BRILL: So if the witness -- he's basically saying he

1 can't identify it, as I understand his testimony.

2 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: He appears to also recognize the source
3 of the document. I mean I'm going to -- I'll move it, as it's
4 also available on the website of the Office of -- what's the
5 correct name of the office?

6 THE WITNESS: Sponsored research. This comes from the
7 Office of the Executive Vice President for Research, Michael
8 Purdy.

9 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Oh, I see, yes. I move Exhibit 48.

10 MR. BRILL: Well, first of all, it's not from the Office
11 of Sponsored Research.

12 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No, he made that clear. He said it's
13 from the vice president.

14 THE WITNESS: It's from the vice president for research.

15 MR. BRILL: So I don't -- I mean, look, If Mr. Meiklejohn
16 is representing that this is representing that this is a
17 document off of Columbia's website, then I'm not going to
18 object to it. But it's subject to us checking that it is what
19 it appears to be on this card. I note that the date is March
20 of 2011. But with that caveat, we would not object to it.

21 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay. It's admitted.

22 (Petitioner's P-48 received.)

23 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Yeah, there were some recent changes to
24 the technical requirements, but this is pretty broad.

25 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

1 Q Are you familiar with the standards listed under financial
2 management, of the applicability of these standards to
3 sponsored grants?

4 A In general. I haven't read every single bullet point
5 here. I could do that, if you want me to.

6 Q I would draw your attention to the one that reads costs
7 charged to sponsored projects must be --

8 A Okay. Okay, I've read that.

9 Q Those requirements would apply to stipends or salary of
10 graduate students paid for out of the research project -- out
11 of the research grant?

12 A I'm sorry, could you repeat the question? I didn't --

13 Q Maybe I should lay more of a foundation. It is the case
14 that if a graduate research assistant is working on a project
15 funded by a government grant that the government grant would
16 typically pay the stipend or salary of that graduate research
17 assistant, correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And the standards for costs that can be charged to the
20 project would apply to the stipend or salary of that graduate
21 research assistant, correct?

22 A Correct.

23 Q So I mean that would include the ones that are listed on
24 this document?

25 A Correct.

1 Q If you could return to the back of the document or the
2 second page where there is -- the original of this appears to
3 have been in the form of an eight-page brochure. So in the
4 part which would have been Page 4 of the brochure, there is a
5 reference to effort reporting. Do you see that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Are you familiar or have you had to do effort reporting on
8 your grants?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Can you explain what effort reporting is?

11 A What we see in the effort report that I get to fill out is
12 the source of funding for a particular person, so maybe they
13 have different grants, maybe it's the university that's paying,
14 and then one is required to fill in the effort, the work effort
15 associated with each of those funding sources for that person.

16 Q So if you have a graduate research assistant working on a
17 project, you would have to indicate what percentage of that
18 individual's work was devoted to the work on the funded grant?

19 A Correct.

20 Q And that's a condition of receiving the funding under the
21 grant?

22 A I believe the effort reporting is a Columbia-imposed
23 piece. I'm not absolutely sure of that. But I think it's in
24 response to maybe perhaps OMB (ph.) or somebody regulations,
25 but the implementation of it I think it in Columbia.

1 Q But Columbia requires you to report on the extent to which
2 the work of the graduate student assistants, as well as others
3 working on the project, relates to that project or the
4 percentage.

5 A Correct.

6 Q Now are you familiar with the award of indirect costs on
7 federally funded projects?

8 A In general.

9 Q There are a lot of complicated technicalities, correct?

10 A Right.

11 Q But, in general, the university -- strike that. The funds
12 that are received under the federal grant are received by the
13 university, correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And I understand you have explained that the university
16 then uses -- somebody has, I think it was you -- uses those
17 funds to sponsor and further research, correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q When you receive the grant, you receive funding for
20 certain direct costs, including the salary or stipend of the
21 graduate research assistants working on the projects, if any,
22 correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And in addition, there is a formula for receiving
25 additional funding under a federal grant to cover the indirect

1 costs of conducting research at the university, correct?

2 A Yes, in the sense that's just part of the grant. That's
3 folded into the grant that you get.

4 Q Well, your grants are much bigger than this. But say you
5 wrote a grant for or you apply for a grant at \$100,000 in
6 direct costs associated with it, correct? You understand,
7 right?

8 A Sure.

9 Q And in applying for the grant, you would also be able to
10 request additional funding for indirect costs incurred by the
11 university, correct?

12 A Correct. So just if I can add, if there was 60 percent in
13 indirects, your grant would be you'd ask for \$160,000, 60
14 indirect and 100 direct.

15 Q That's exactly where I was going, so I appreciate you for
16 making it simpler. It's additional money on top of the direct
17 costs that are received by the university.

18 A Correct.

19 Q And 60 percent is the rate that the university is
20 currently -- the indirect rate that the university is currently
21 receiving, correct?

22 A Now you're at the complication part. It depends exactly
23 what those costs were. Some have 60 percent. If you're off
24 campus, it's 26 percent. If it's capital equipment, it's zero.
25 So it depends what it is.

1 Q So if you have a graduate research assistant who is
2 conducting research on campus, that would be considered a --
3 that's an eligible direct cost, correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And so you could receive an additional 60 percent or the
6 university would receive an additional 60 percent for that
7 student's work performed on campus, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And if that student went to Switzerland, then you would
10 only get an extra 26 percent in indirect cost.

11 A The university would.

12 Q The university, yes. I understand the part how it doesn't
13 end up in your pocket. You've gotten \$25 million in your own
14 pocket, you might not be here, today.

15 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: I have some other documents I have
16 obtained, I guess as the witness very astutely pointed out,
17 that are actually authored by the executive vice president for
18 research and not by the Office of Sponsored Research. But I
19 don't need to question the witness about the documents. I just
20 will be offering them after we conclude the witness' testimony.

21 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay.

22 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: So I have no further --

23 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Anything further?

24 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No further questions.

25 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Mr. Brill?

1 MR. BRILL: Maybe a few.

2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. BRILL:

4 Q Doctor Tuts, how many hours a week does a graduate
5 research assistant spend on the work he does as a graduate
6 research assistant?

7 A It varies tremendously. I am going to say it depends on
8 the student, what's going on and so forth, but 60, 70 hours a
9 week.

10 Q Is there any way to distinguish -- you were asked about
11 percentage of effort. If the student is wholly supported, if
12 his stipend is wholly supported on a grant, would his
13 percentage of effort then be 100 percent --

14 A Correct.

15 Q -- on the grant. And is there any way to distinguish how
16 many hours he's spending on say dissertation work versus other
17 types of work on the grant?

18 A No. It's all research. And maybe ask the question again?

19 Q Well, I'm just trying to figure out if there is any way to
20 distinguish if the student is putting in 80 hours a week as a
21 graduate research assistant, is there some way to say part of
22 that is just work as a GRA and part of that is work as a
23 student on his research?

24 A No.

25 Q It's all the same.

1 A It's all the same.

2 Q You talked about covering the work of the lab sections if
3 you didn't have the TAs to do that. And you talked about on
4 possibility would be to hire more full-time faculty. Would
5 there be other types of instructors that might be used to do
6 that, for example adjunct faculty or lecturers?

7 A I could imagine it could be adjuncts, yes.

8 Q Or lecturers?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And do you know if --

11 A Or existing faculty, I mean if you wanted to work more.

12 Q You could have existing faculty do it.

13 A Could do it, existing faculty.

14 Q Do you use adjunct faculty in the physics department at
15 all?

16 A We have two adjunct faculty.

17 Q Are they paid by the course or --

18 A They are paid -- yeah, they are paid by the course. They
19 have -- they've been teaching the same course for quite a long
20 time. And there is a salary that they get for teaching that
21 course.

22 Q So I guess my question is as chair of the department if
23 you had to hire adjunct faculty to cover these laboratories, do
24 you know how you would compare the cost of that to the cost of
25 what it costs you to support a PhD student?

1 A I'd have to look. I don't know, off the top of my head.

2 MR. BRILL: All right, I don't have anything further.

3 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: I have some follow-up.

4 RE CROSS EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

6 Q What do these two -- these two adjuncts teach the same
7 course? Are they --

8 A No. We have one adjunct that teaches sort of an advanced
9 laboratory course. I'm not -- the courses we've been -- the
10 labs we've been talking about here are introductory courses.
11 So he teaches an advanced, sort of junior/senior level
12 laboratory course. That's where students actually really
13 perform one or two experiments over the course of a semester,
14 not a dozen like these ones. And we have one adjunct faculty
15 member that teaches an evening course during the summer.

16 Q You've been at Columbia since 1980 something.

17 A '83.

18 Q '83, okay. Has Columbia been using TAs or TFs to teach
19 these lab sections for that entire 32-year period?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Have you ever heard of any university using adjuncts to
22 teach laboratory sections in physics?

23 A I don't know, but I don't know that I would have.

24 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Nothing further.

25 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Mr. Brill?

1 MR. BRILL: No.

2 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Thank you, you're excused.

3 (Witness excused.)

4 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: We're adjourned until
5 one o'clock.

6 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Oh, I have some other -- why don't I give
7 these documents to counsel to review and then I will offer
8 them.

9 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: You'll offer them when we come
10 back?

11 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: When we get back, yes.

12 MR. BRILL: Here, give them to me.

13 (Whereupon, at 11:59 a.m., a luncheon recess was taken.)

14

1 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: That's Petitioner's 50, yes.

2 (Petitioner's P-50 identified.)

3 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: No objection, I understand.

4 Okay, it's admitted.

5 (Petitioner's P-50 received.)

6 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Can I ask them one other thing off the
7 record?

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Off the record.

9 (Discussion off the record.)

10 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: We've agreed that the indirect cost ratio
11 that Professional Tuts testified applied to Columbia
12 University, the 60 percent for on-campus research and 26
13 percent for off-campus research, also applies to research at
14 the engineering school with respect to yesterday's witnesses'
15 testimony about research at the engineering school.

16 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Noted.

17 Mr. Plum, would you like to call your witness?

18 MR. PLUM: Sure. I'd like to call Professor Holger Klein.

19 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Professor Klein, have a seat
20 here.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Please raise your right hand.
23 (Whereupon,

24 HOLGER KLEIN,

25 was called as a witness by and on behalf of the Employer and,

1 after having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as
2 follows:)

3 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Could you please state your
4 name loud and clear, and spell your last name for the record?

5 THE WITNESS: Holger Klein. Last name is K-L-E-I-N.

6 COURT REPORTER: And your first name?

7 THE WITNESS: H-O-L-G-E-R.

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Mr. Plum?

9 MR. PLUM: Thank you.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. PLUM:

12 Q Professor Klein, would you describe for us your
13 educational background?

14 A I was educated in art history, archeology, German
15 literature at the Universities of Fribourg, in Germany; Munich,
16 in Germany; the University of London; and the University of
17 Bonn, in Germany.

18 Q Would you tell us about your work history?

19 A Yeah, after receiving my PhD at the University of Bonn, in
20 2000, and in fact shortly before that I joined Columbia
21 University as an assistant professor of art history. Before
22 that, I was a post-doctoral fellow at the Metropolitan Museum,
23 the Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore, and the Dumbarton Oaks
24 Research Center, which is part of Harvard University, in
25 Washington, DC.

1 Q What is your current position at Columbia?

2 A I am the chair of the Department of Art History. And as
3 chair, I am the person in charge of all the administration of
4 the Department of Art History and Archeology at Columbia.

5 Q Would you give us a brief, general description of the
6 Department of Art History and Archeology?

7 A How short do you want it? The brief description --

8 Q We've been talking to Audrey since --

9 MR. BRILL: I think Audrey is ready to leave right now on
10 vacation.

11 THE WITNESS: So the Department of Art History and
12 Archeology at Columbia is one of the foremost departments of
13 art history and archeology in the United States and
14 internationally. It is well regarded and it is one of the
15 largest both in terms of the size of its graduate students and
16 in size of -- in terms of the size of its faculty. We have
17 about 25 faculty members teaching art history and archeology
18 all the way from Ancient Assyria to contemporary New York. And
19 we have various programs. We have an undergraduate majors
20 program. We have two MA programs. We have a PhD program in
21 art history and archeology. That's the very short version.

22 BY MR. PLUM:

23 Q That was good. That was very good, thank you. Let's talk
24 a little bit first about the PhD program. And if you could
25 just describe that program for us, the goals of the program,

1 type of students who are admitted?

2 A Yeah. So the PhD program in art history is a program that
3 is a fully-funded program for PhD students which admits an
4 average or median of about 14, 15 PhD students a year. The PhD
5 program is a fully-funded program, which means that there is a
6 five-year funding package for PhD students entering the
7 program. And that has been the case for a little bit over 10
8 years that we are offering incoming PhD students this 5-year
9 funding program, and I'm sure that other people have spoken
10 about the funding for PhD students at Columbia before.

11 What we are doing in the PhD program in art history and
12 archeology is train students to be both curators at museums, at
13 art museums, and academics and foremost academics to fill
14 academic positions from assistant professor and then grow in
15 those positions to full professors at liberal arts colleges,
16 research one universities and smaller universities.

17 Q How do students apply to the program?

18 A Students apply through the Graduate School of Arts and
19 Sciences. The department, itself, does not admit any students.
20 The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is admitting all PhD
21 students that are part of our department. We get our
22 admissions targets from the graduate school based on the fact
23 that it is one of the departments in the Arts and Sciences of
24 Columbia University.

25 Q Who makes the admissions decisions?

1 A It's a faculty committee. Usually, the way that our
2 admissions process for PhD students works is that we get about
3 an average of between 180 and 250 applications a year. And
4 those 180 to 250 applications are vetted by faculty in the
5 department, and faculty rank the students according to the
6 quality of the application. A faculty committee, the so-called
7 PhD admissions committee, is then looking at faculty
8 recommendations. And the students -- the best students out of
9 the various fields of art history are then compared with each
10 other by the admissions committee, and the best 14, 15
11 students, in fact, the best 20 students are getting an offer.
12 Of those 20 students, we hope that about 14 or 15 are coming
13 every year.

14 Q When you evaluate the qualifications of the students for
15 admission, do you look for or look at teaching skills or
16 teaching abilities?

17 A No, we do not, because the undergraduate students or the
18 students with an MA degree, who are applying for the PhD
19 program as the highest degree program in the field, in the
20 discipline of art history, do not have teaching experience,
21 typically. It depends, of course, on where they are coming
22 from. So one or the other student who is coming from overseas
23 and who is from a different program might, in fact, have some
24 teaching experience as a tutor, but that is a minute minority
25 of those students who are applying.

1 Typically, neither undergraduates who are applying after
2 the BA degree nor MA students who are coming to our program
3 have any teaching experience. We are accepting them based on
4 the transcripts, meaning their grades on record from their
5 undergraduate or graduate degrees, or/and their publication if
6 they exist. Typically, the student who is applying for our
7 combined MA/PhD program does not have any publications, so it
8 is essentially the undergraduate transcript that we go by or
9 the MA degree that the students have sometimes received as a
10 standalone MA before they enter our program.

11 MR. PLUM: What is our last exhibit?

12 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: 102.

13 MR. PLUM: Let's mark this as Exhibit 103.

14 (Employer's E-103 identified.)

15 BY MR. PLUM:

16 Q Professor Klein, do you recognize what we've marked as
17 Exhibit 103?

18 A Yes. Not in this fancy printout, but I suspect this is a
19 printout from the graduate school's website that describes our
20 MA/PhD program.

21 MR. PLUM: I'd like to have Exhibit 103 in evidence.

22 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

23 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Admitted.

24 (Employer's E-103 received.)

25 BY MR. PLUM:

1 Q Professor Klein, I'd like to sort of walk through the
2 typical progression for a PhD student in art history and maybe
3 you could describe the progress beginning in the first year?

4 A Yeah. Typically, as I said, a PhD student comes to the
5 department with a five-year funding package when they are
6 admitted by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. And the
7 way that these five years, the first five years usually because
8 rarely does a PhD student finish a PhD degree in five years.
9 It usually takes six or seven years for them to finish. The
10 first five years are usually structured as follows.

11 An incoming student comes in and the first year is
12 essentially an adjustment period to the PhD program, in which
13 the student takes classes. Typically, it's six classes to
14 eight classes during that first academic year that they're in
15 the PhD program. They have no teaching responsibilities. The
16 only responsibility that they have is attending classes,
17 including one mandatory class which is an introductory level
18 history and historiography of art history class, which we call
19 the proseminar.

20 This is essentially to allow MA students who are coming in
21 to do a PhD and undergraduates who are not coming in with a
22 higher degree in art history to get up to the same level, the
23 proseminar is.

24 Q What happens during the second year?

25 A So the typical route for a PhD student in our program is

1 after this first year, which is essentially a year in which
2 only course work is taken without any responsibilities, the
3 second year in our department, a student takes on what we call
4 a TAship. Typically, they are taking on a reader/grader role
5 in which they assist a professor running a large lecture course
6 with grading of seminar papers, assignments, mid-term and final
7 exams. Sometimes, they take students to a museum and to some
8 museum excursion with those students, but it depends very much
9 on the class. Some professors do not require any museum
10 visits. So we try to restrict the responsibilities in that
11 second year to the tasks in which PhD students assist
12 professors in the running of large lecture course for
13 undergraduates.

14 Q In that second year, do the students also continue to take
15 courses?

16 A Yes, of course. They always do course work for the first
17 three years until the moment when in the spring semester of
18 their third year, they are taking the M.Phil. examination,
19 which is the comprehensive exam that allows them to do
20 dissertation research.

21 Q And so that's typically taken in the spring semester?

22 A Of the third year.

23 Q Of the third year.

24 A So year two and three are usually years in which students
25 take courses and are assigned to TAships, to teaching

1 assistantships. As I said, in the first year of their
2 teaching, which is the second year in the program, they
3 typically serve as reader/graders.

4 In the third year, they take on slightly larger
5 responsibilities and serving as what we call section leaders,
6 which means that in a large lecture course, that the professor
7 identifies, is run with sections, discussion sections typically
8 for undergraduate students. These graduate students take on
9 the role of a moderator of discussions in those discussion
10 sections.

11 So they run the discussion sections in addition to sitting
12 in on those classes, accompanying the professor and the
13 classes. And usually they do not take on reader/grader
14 assignments, but that is also possible during that time when
15 they do the section leading. It is a staggered process in
16 which, in the second year, the PhD student would serve as a
17 reader/grader.

18 In the third year, typically, as a section leader, which
19 is slightly more involved because they are facing a group of a
20 maximum of 15 students who are asking questions about the
21 lecture that they heard earlier in the week, in which they have
22 their own monuments, or paintings, or sculptures that they
23 bring in as slides into the class and exemplify certain aspects
24 the professor has asked them to discuss in more detail with
25 their students. So it's essentially an advanced discussion

1 workshop.

2 Q Before we move onto the fourth year, I'd like to ask you a
3 couple of questions about the first few years. First of all,
4 is teaching a requirement of receiving a PhD degree in art
5 history?

6 A It is. It's a graduate student requirement. The graduate
7 student (sic) requires all students to teach for two years in
8 the program and that is a requirement because as an institution
9 and as a department that trains academics, teaching and
10 research are the two components that these students will be
11 asked to perform when they get a job in the outside world with
12 the highest degree in their field. So the teaching is a
13 requirement for anybody who is entering the job market with the
14 highest degree in art history.

15 Q What kind of time commitment is involved during the second
16 year?

17 A It depends very much on the students. There is no time
18 commitment that we, as a department, set if there are now some
19 students in the back, so that's very good to know. So the time
20 commitment is not set. It depends very much on the student him
21 or herself how much time is involved. It also depends on the
22 course. Reader/grader responsibilities are usually more
23 involved at times of exams, mid-term and final exams, when
24 those are graded. The students have to, of course, take on the
25 task of grading those exams after the exam period is over and

1 have them back ideally in two weeks' time.

2 Q What about in the third year, what does the time
3 commitment involve?

4 A It's the same, because we do not necessarily distinguish
5 between reader/grader tasks and section leader tasks. The
6 TAships is essentially the same for the second and third year.
7 Again, there is no explicit time commitment. The students, of
8 course, have to sit in those lecture classes that they are
9 TAing for, which means that these are classes that they visit
10 as students. Often and most commonly it is classes in their
11 fields, but we also make sure that they are taking a TAship in
12 classes outside of their field, because that will enrich their
13 experience and their expertise in other fields of art history
14 that are not their own.

15 Q So you've talked about the importance of having teaching
16 and research skills at post-graduation and in the job market.
17 How do you describe the relationship between teaching
18 responsibilities and the student's career or coming career as a
19 professional art historian?

20 A It depends. As in art history, broadly speaking, we are
21 preparing, as I said at the beginning, students for different
22 types of jobs. The most typical job that we prepare students
23 for is that of an academic art historian, meaning that they
24 need to be prepared for teaching and research at their future
25 job, at a liberal arts college or the university of any level.

1 There is also a segment of students who are coming to our
2 department to pursue careers as curators in major art museums
3 or smaller art museums. And for those career opportunities,
4 teaching is not necessarily required, but it is often
5 impossible to tell whether somebody is taking a job as a
6 curator or somebody is taking a job as a professor.

7 In my own case, I served as a professor for four years.
8 And then I got a call from a museum and I became a curator for
9 four years before I returned to the university and became a
10 professor again. So those aspects are impossible to predict.
11 But typically for all institutions of our caliber, I would say
12 PhD programs train students to be both, to be versatile in
13 research, to be versatile in teaching, and to be versatile in
14 talking and speaking about, working with objects if they should
15 pursue a museum career. So these are the trajectories.

16 Q You said that some of the teaching is outside of -- the
17 teaching assistant responsibility is outside of the student's
18 particular area of expertise. Does that kind of teaching play
19 a role in the student's development as a professional, either
20 as a curator or an art historian?

21 A I would say definitely. What we are trying to aim at is
22 to have a very broad education for everybody who is coming into
23 the program. So this looking broadly rather than into one
24 specific discipline, we could qualify those individual focus
25 areas as M.Phil. subfields because these are areas that are

1 specific focus for a self-discipline of art history, so
2 somebody would study ancient art and they will, of course,
3 focus on Greek, Roman, and Eastern (ph.) art, or other ancient
4 art of the Mediterranean basis. Egyptology is not possible to
5 study with us; but, other than that, the students would get a
6 very broad education in that area.

7 But we very much want to educate art historians broadly
8 speaking so even somebody who has a focus area of ancient art
9 should go away and get out of the PhD program with having a
10 general knowledge of the broader history of western art, as
11 well as of art broadly speaking in a non-western discipline.
12 So we have one non-western course that is required of all PhD
13 students and, likewise, we have courses in western art that
14 everybody has to study or at least take one course for credit
15 in an area of western art if they are of a non-western subfield
16 like African art, or Indian art, or Chinese art, for example.

17 Q How does the teaching requirement in particular relate to
18 that goal of training broadly based art historians?

19 A It depends. You might have a student who is specializing
20 in medieval art and we make that student or we assign that
21 student to a class that is a survey in Roman art or in
22 renaissance art, or in African art for that matter. The
23 expectation among the faculty is very much that a student who
24 is able to teach art history needs to be able to teach art
25 history even outside of their specialty area, outside of their

1 area of focus. So whether you're talking about a sculpture or
2 about architecture, you are developing skills that will allow
3 you to talk about Mesopotamian architecture, even if you're a
4 modernist who is focusing on 20th century New York
5 architecture. So, for example, that's one area.

6 Q Before we move onto the fourth year, you talked earlier
7 about the comprehensive examination and the M.Phil. degree.
8 Could you describe the comprehensive examination for us?

9 A Comprehensive examination is usually an examination that
10 requires the student to prepare major and two minor fields or a
11 larger major and one minor field. It's very much a preparation
12 for being fully formed teachers later on. What we want with
13 this distinction between major and minor fields in the
14 comprehensive exam is to identify for any future employer and
15 to give the student an opportunity to display expertise in more
16 than one subject area.

17 So, for example, a student in renaissance or medieval art
18 might take a minor in a field that is outside of that field of
19 renaissance art, so it could be Islamic art, for example. The
20 job market in recent years has very much depended on people who
21 were able to teach their subject area in renaissance, or
22 medieval, or any other baroque art, and also teach courses,
23 especially at liberal arts colleges, that are outside of that
24 more classic field of specialization.

25 So the minor field allows a student to go in the job

1 market and actually have an expertise in one additional set of
2 art history. And you will find that reflected in
3 advertisements for jobs, as well, where an assistant professor
4 in European art is sought, but where a secondary field
5 specialization in another area is required or at least greatly
6 appreciated.

7 Q After they take the comprehensive exam, do the students
8 begin to focus on their own dissertation?

9 A Yeah. A successful defense or a successful passing of the
10 orals examination is coming with the permission that the
11 student is developing a dissertation proposal and that the
12 student is going onto dissertation research. And at that
13 point, they can apply for dissertation fellowship in the
14 department and outside of the department broadly speaking.

15 Q Now in their fourth year, do the PhD students hold
16 instructional appointments?

17 A They do sometimes. And I would say most often they do
18 because the dissertation projects are not fully formed at the
19 time when they enter in their fourth year. So you have to
20 imagine that a student spends most of the third year or at
21 least half of the third year in preparing for those
22 comprehensive M.Phil. examinations at the end of the spring
23 semester. Right now or in April/May, early May is high season
24 for those examinations. And then the students go into the
25 summer. And often by the fall of the fourth year, the first

1 part of the fourth year, the students have not defended their
2 dissertation prospectus, which is essentially the comprehensive
3 description of what the dissertation project will be like.
4 Typically, that defense of the dissertation prospectus happens
5 in the fall of the fourth year, sometimes as late as the early
6 spring of the fourth year.

7 Q When students do have instructional appointments in the
8 fourth year, at what appointment would they have? What do they
9 teach?

10 A Typically, those students are no longer TAs for a specific
11 professor, although that also happens. But most typically they
12 are teaching a course that is part of our core curriculum.
13 It's called art humanities. It's a course that our department,
14 the Department of Art History and Archeology, fully staffs with
15 its own faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate
16 students. So there is a range of instructors who teach those
17 classes for our 700 plus undergraduates who take that course
18 every semester.

19 So since it's a requirement for the college, every
20 undergraduate has to take art humanities, typically, they are
21 taking it in their junior year and we are running as a
22 department about 40 sections of that single course. So these
23 40 sections are taught by faculty, I would say it's about 2 to
24 5 faculty members on average; graduate students, as many as are
25 available during that particular year, typically, about 8 to

1 12, I would say; post-doctoral fellows, which can be as many as
2 12 or 13 a year; and adjuncts, a small pool of adjunct faculty
3 who we hire specifically to teach that course. All of them,
4 apart from the graduate students, are essentially instructional
5 faculty with a mandate to teach that particular course.

6 Q How would you describe the content of the art humanities
7 course?

8 A So art humanities is a course that is a masterpiece course
9 of western art. It was founded in 1947, so we have been
10 teaching that for quite a while at Columbia. And this is a
11 course that is essentially a school of visual literacy, I would
12 call it. It's a course that teaches undergraduates from all
13 walks of life and whether they have art experience or art
14 history experience or not, the basic tools for visual literacy.

15 We are having a set syllabus for that course, so every
16 section of those 40 sections taught to the 700 plus
17 undergraduates has the same master syllabus. And it starts
18 with Ancient Greece and the Parthenon as an architectural
19 monument. It goes to Amiens Cathedral as a medieval monument.
20 It goes to Raphael, as a painter. From Raphael, it goes to
21 Michelangelo, usually as a sculptor. We go onto Bernini, to
22 Bruegel, as a painter in the renaissance period in the north.
23 It goes then further to cover people like Goya, Pablo Picasso,
24 Frank Lloyd Wright, Jackson Pollock, l'Ecole Bussiere (ph.),
25 and somebody I forgot, perhaps the students in the back can

1 help me. It's a wonderful survey of architecture, painting,
2 and sculpture from antiquity to contemporary New York,
3 essentially.

4 Q Is this the type of course that's taught by many other
5 universities and liberal arts colleges under art appreciation
6 or history in western art?

7 A No. It's unique to Columbia in the sense that it forms
8 part of a core curriculum. And it's a course that in the same
9 kind of trajectory exists at some schools, I've heard, but they
10 are copying what Columbia is doing with this sort of
11 masterpiece survey.

12 Sometimes, we have students who are coming from high
13 schools where, Horace Mann, for example, where high schools
14 have adopted a similar approach to the teaching of art history,
15 that is a monument and artist-based approach, to the great
16 monument and artists, in this case of western art, of
17 masterpieces of the western tradition.

18 Q But whether another college or university treats it as
19 part of the course core curriculum, would teaching this course
20 prepare one to teach an art appreciation course?

21 A Oh, yes, most definitely. I mean because it has a broad
22 scope and it is a large geographical and chronological scale,
23 this is a course that is taught and this is the difference
24 between this course and other artistry appreciation courses or
25 surveys. It is a seminar style class, taught in the Socratic

1 Method. It is a small student body of about usually 17 to 21
2 students. There is a cap of 21 for each of those classes, so
3 these are not large lecture courses.

4 What is most typically taught at other universities and
5 colleges is a survey of art history, which is a lecture course.
6 And we have that at Columbia, too. At Barnard College, there
7 is a survey course, a proper 101 art history from Stone Age
8 painting to the present that is taught over an entire year, an
9 entire academic year, and in which our students also serve as
10 TAs, as proper TAs, just like in any large lecture course.

11 Q So does the Department of Art History provide any
12 orientation or training for the teaching fellows to prepare
13 them for this experience?

14 A Yeah. I mean we are actually very proud of our teacher
15 training program and it ties into the things that I have
16 described earlier about our approach in scaling up and giving
17 students teaching experiences that prepare them from a
18 reader/grader to a section leader, to a single course
19 instructor.

20 So this is, I would say, an approach that takes the
21 students from learning to grade in the first year and sometimes
22 in the second year, to teaching their own section, a weekly
23 discussion section usually in the third year, to taking on
24 their own course within the framework of a master syllabus. So
25 they are not deciding to change the syllabus to add, let's say,

1 money to the syllabus, necessarily, but they are teaching a
2 master syllabus and they are and they are receiving, as part of
3 their training to teach this course, weekly briefings,
4 briefings that are given by faculty members in the various
5 subject areas.

6 So, typically, for the Parthenon, this is one of the early
7 briefings. All of the first-time students teaching art
8 humanities would get a two-hour lecture and discussion with a
9 specialist on Greek art, who would tell them not only what they
10 need to know about Greek art, if they are modernists, but also
11 how to teach that course and what pedagogical tools they can
12 employ to teach those undergraduates the section on Greek
13 architecture of the 5th Century B.C.

14 And this is true for the entire first semester that they
15 are teaching this course. Every week, there is a different
16 faculty member giving introductory lectures, introductory
17 discussions, how to teach that particular section.

18 Our sort of pedagogical approach extends beyond that first
19 semester, usually, because in the second semester, the director
20 of art humanities, who is the faculty member in charge of those
21 briefings, those pedagogical sessions, in the second semester,
22 in the spring, the more specific subject-based training
23 sessions are followed up by didactical thematic discussion
24 sections with students.

25 So when I was director of art humanities, for example, I

1 would do a session on bronze casting, because one of the
2 artists we are focusing on is Bernini, and if you are looking
3 at the big bronze, a c-cast (ph.), of St. Peters (ph.), for
4 example, the students need to understand how bronze casting
5 actually works to teach that particular section to the
6 undergraduate students. But it would also involve looking at
7 the nude (ph.), for example, in western art, and looking at a
8 broad scale of how the nude in western art appears in various
9 regions and various locales at specific times.

10 So one would start with Ancient Greece and look at the
11 nude in ancient Greek sculpture. One would go all the way to
12 the renaissance and the baroque period to look at that theme
13 reoccurring, because what we very much want to emphasize to all
14 the students is that there are certain red threads that can be
15 taken throughout the course that lead all the way from
16 classical Greece to the modern and contemporary period.

17 So that's the kind of sessions that would happen typically
18 in the spring semester where students also report back after
19 teaching the course for the first time what worked and what
20 didn't work. So students who have taught art humanities in the
21 fall semester would be asked to contribute to those sessions in
22 the spring semester, and would give feedback. And we invite
23 other people, as well, to come chime in. We use veteran art
24 humanities instructors to come back to us and give pedagogical
25 sessions as part of that training.

1 Q How often do the teaching fellows attend these kinds of
2 seminars in the second semester that they are teaching art
3 humanities?

4 A It's usually a biweekly arrangement. So the first
5 semester, they have to come to the briefings every week for a
6 two-hour period. And in the second semester, it usually
7 switches to a biweekly schedule, where those thematic or
8 pedagogical sessions are happening on a less rigorous scale.

9 Q When the students, the graduate students are teaching art
10 humanities, do they have any flexibility in terms of how they
11 handle their sections?

12 A Yeah, very much.

13 Q Will you describe that?

14 A Every student, depending on their background, will
15 tailor-make their syllabus. So they might spend two weeks or a
16 week and a half on the Parthenon, and only one week or one
17 session on Pablo Picasso. So depending on their own interests,
18 they are able to manipulate the master syllabus in a way that
19 they put more emphasis on the periods that is their period of
20 specialization.

21 But they are required to teach the first four sessions of
22 the syllabus as they stand and then they make choices. They
23 can take Frank Lloyd Wright and leave l'Ecole Bussiere out, for
24 example. They can devote more or less time to one artist over
25 another. And they are in charge of the syllabus in the sense

1 that they choose the works that they are teaching. So, of
2 course, out of the period of Raphael or Michelangelo, you can
3 only do so much in a one or two-week period of time, so whether
4 you are teaching the Sistine Ceiling from Michelangelo, or
5 whether you are looking at his slaves, or whether you are
6 looking at any other portion of his work, it is essentially up
7 to the student instructor to decide.

8 That's why I said this is a staggered approach from being
9 the assistant to a professor teaching a lecture course in the
10 second year of their PhD curriculum, to being in charge of a
11 section, as a section leader in the third year, to being in
12 charge of your own course and making those choices. It's an
13 approach that is essentially letting them more and more be in
14 charge of their own class.

15 Q I want to give you another document.

16 MR. PLUM: I've lost track of the number.

17 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: 104.

18 MR. PLUM: So this would be 104.

19 (Employer's E-104 identified.)

20 BY MR. PLUM:

21 Q Okay. So have you seen 103 -- 104, have you seen the
22 document that's been marked as Exhibit 104 before?

23 A Yes, of course. I helped to write it and I edit it every
24 year for the next academic year. It's the department handbook
25 for PhD students.

1 Q So that's what it is, it's the department handbook for PhD
2 students.

3 A Yes.

4 MR. PLUM: I'd like to have 104 admitted into evidence.

5 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

6 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Admitted.

7 (Employer's E-104 received into evidence.)

8 BY MR. PLUM:

9 Q Can you take a look at Page 44? The very last sentence of
10 the last full paragraph on that page is a description of some
11 -- description of the art humanities course. And in that
12 sentence, the art humanities course is described as the
13 capstone in teaching experience for doctoral students. Can you
14 explain that?

15 A Yeah. I mean I've already alluded to the fact that this
16 is really the time when a student becomes a teacher in the
17 sense that they are prepared to take on different duties.
18 That's a part of the job that they perform as teachers later on
19 in their careers. The reading and grading of exams is one.
20 The leading of discussions in a class is another. And
21 ultimately the art humanities teaching fellowship, if you want,
22 is the capstone experience in which the student the is teaching
23 his or her own class, taking on all those responsibilities from
24 leading the discussion in the classroom to grading exams, to
25 grading papers, to go into museums with students, to going

1 through the city with students, and to manipulate the master
2 syllabus in a way that gives their own stamp on that syllabus.

3 So that's why we call it a capstone experience for the
4 teaching of -- or the teaching curriculum that the students go
5 through in our department.

6 Q How does the experience of teaching art humanities relate
7 to the graduate student's own work?

8 A It relates in some way to it because, well, I would say to
9 80 percent of the students who are in our department, the
10 largest majority of students comes to study the history of
11 western art in one or the other field. So whether this is
12 ancient art, whether this is a telling renaissance art, or
13 western gothic art, or whatever the specialization and
14 specification is.

15 Of course, nobody is a specialist on anything between
16 classical Greece and 20th century painting. So every student
17 experiences a sense of loss at some of the sections, I would
18 say, that they are not familiar with. Students generally come
19 to Columbia from the undergraduate experience with a general
20 vision of what the history of art is like. But nobody
21 necessarily has taken classes on Greek architecture, medieval
22 architecture, renaissance painting, and 20th century painting
23 or sculpture.

24 So the student will have a specialization and they will
25 have an area within that large course that they feel at home

1 in. But most of the syllabus is probably strange to them in
2 the sense that they are not prepared by previous training to
3 teach those sections. And so teaching a course like this is,
4 in fact, in the eyes of the faculty of the Department of Art
5 History, training to be an art historian, broadly speaking, and
6 preparing them for that experience to be at a small liberal
7 arts college where perhaps there are one or two more colleagues
8 in other disciplines, in other subfields of art history, but
9 where they might well be asked to teach a course on Greek art
10 if they are medievalists, or on 19th century art or renaissance
11 art when they are 20th century specialists.

12 So that's the kind of though trajectory of that course
13 that will make an all-around art historian and give a broader
14 view as teacher, as well as a scholar to this area of art
15 history.

16 Q Let's turn now to the fifth year. Do the students
17 typically hold instructional appointments?

18 A Not typically. Out of the five-year funding package, I
19 said at the beginning that the first year comes with no
20 teaching responsibilities and the same is usually true for the
21 fifth year. When a student has a dissertation prospectus
22 defended, they usually go on a year of dissertation research
23 that is either field research that takes them to Europe or
24 other parts of the world where they do intensive work on the
25 dissertation, or they stay in a library if they are working on

1 topics that involve no travel.

2 But there is usually the first year that is a year without
3 any additional responsibilities other than taking classes. And
4 there is one year and it can be Year 4 or Year 5 in which the
5 student is doing purely research, no teaching responsibilities,
6 no other departmental responsibilities.

7 Q Let's focus for a few moments on the standalone MA degree.
8 How long is the student typically in a standalone MA degree
9 program?

10 A At Columbia and at many -- most other places, I would say,
11 the MA standalone degree is a two-year degree program. Some
12 programs where it is only a one-year degree program, but that's
13 more typical for European institutions.

14 Q Are the students in the standalone MA program funded by
15 Columbia?

16 A Not at all. All of these MA programs, two in our
17 department, the MA in art history and the MA in modern art and
18 critical studies is a tuition driven program, so students come
19 to us and they pay their own way.

20 Q Do these master students ever serve in instructional
21 positions of any kind?

22 A Not typically and not in their first year by policy.
23 There are very few exceptions in which some students who want
24 to teach, who want to serve as reader/graders can be allowed to
25 do so, but it's a merit-based selection of perhaps only the

1 best one or two students in the MA program of any year who is
2 allowed to do that. It's the graduate school who allows them
3 to serve as reader/graders in their second year, if they are
4 nominated by the department. But, typically, no, they are not
5 fulfilling any teaching functions in the sense that a PhD
6 student would.

7 Q And the functions they fulfill, if they fulfill them, are
8 reader/grader?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do they typically do it for one semester in the second
11 year or two semesters?

12 A It varies. I can be one semester or it can be two
13 semesters.

14 Q Do they get financial aid or some sort of stipend as a
15 result of holding that position?

16 A They are compensated for their services as reader/graders.
17 They do not get a stipend that goes along with it. So it's a
18 very different situation from the PhD students.

19 Q Are they paid by the hour or do they receive a set amount?

20 A They receive, as far as I know, a set amount that is an
21 additional compensation. I believe it is \$5,000, but I'm not
22 entirely sure.

23 MR. PLUM: All right. We're going to take a moment.

24 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Okay, off the record.

25 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

1 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: On the record.

2 Mr. Plum?

3 MR. PLUM: Yeah, I just have a couple of questions. Oh,
4 by the way, did I move the other one into evidence, 104?

5 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: I believe so, but if not,
6 there was no objection, right?

7 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: There wasn't, that was correct.

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: So it's admitted, 104.

9 MR. PLUM: Can we mark this as 105, please?

10 (Employer's E-105 identified.)

11 BY MR. PLUM:

12 Q Dr. Klein, have you seen 105, Exhibit 105 before?

13 A Yeah. This is essentially an excerpt from our graduate
14 student handbook or a version of that from the Columbia
15 website, on the art history website.

16 MR. PLUM: I'd like to have Exhibit 105 into evidence,
17 please.

18 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: No objection.

19 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Admitted.

20 (Employer's E-105 received.)

21 MR. PLUM: I have nothing further. Thank you.

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. MEIKLEJOHN:

24 Q Good afternoon, Professor Klein. I'm going to ask you a
25 few questions. I think I'll be brief because I'm losing my

1 voice. So you testified that the typical funding package
2 that's awarded to an incoming PhD student is a five-year
3 package.

4 A That's correct.

5 Q And that it typically takes six or seven years to complete
6 the program --

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Wait till I finish. I'm glad to know you agree with what
9 I'm saying, but wait till I finish saying it, if you can. It
10 makes it easier for the court reporter. Looking at Employer
11 Exhibit 105, I see that it refers to the -- under the sixth
12 year, on the third page, it makes reference to C.U. or external
13 dissertation funding. What does C.U. stand for?

14 A Columbia University.

15 Q Okay. And this would be an external dissertation funding,
16 either of those would be some kind of awards that do not have
17 any service requirements?

18 A That's correct. An external dissertation fellowship would
19 be a fellowship that is given out by either museum or funding
20 agency that is a federal funding agency or a private entity.
21 So, typically, for example, there are multi-year and single
22 year fellowships that are given out by the Center for Advanced
23 Studies in the Visual Arts, in Washington, DC, a research
24 institution that is associated with the National Gallery. So a
25 student can apply for those outside awards, what we qualify as

1 outside awards, and they spend the time researching their
2 dissertation on those fellowship awards.

3 Q So essentially it's no strings attached funding?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q And a teaching fellowship would require the individual to
6 provide teaching services in order to get the funding?

7 A That is correct. Those would be internal.

8 Q Right, okay. It says this may be awarded -- there are two
9 conditions, if positions and funding are available. With
10 respect to positions, that means if there is a need for the
11 teaching college to teach classes?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q And the same thing in the seventh year, I take it. The
14 same principles apply in the seventh year, correct?

15 A The same principles apply in the seventh year, yes.

16 Q Now you described the duties of the reader/grader as
17 essentially, as the title implies I guess, reading the
18 students' written work and awarding grades, correct?

19 A Can you repeat that question?

20 Q The duties of a reader/grader are to read the written work
21 of undergraduate students and to designate grades for that
22 work, correct?

23 A Yes, depending on what it is. I can be an exam. It can
24 be a paper. It can be an assignment of any other type.

25 Q And this is supposed to be done under the direction of the

1 faculty member who is -- or individual teaching the class?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And if the reader -- if you did not hire readers and
4 graders to do this work, then who would read the papers and
5 award the grades?

6 A The professor of the class.

7 Q I think that this is implied in many of your answers, but
8 the core curriculum, in general, in the art humanities course
9 in particular is -- you regard this as one of the most valuable
10 offerings by the university to its undergraduate students?

11 A In terms of the type of teaching they are doing for the
12 undergraduates?

13 Q Yes.

14 A It's valuable as a capstone seminar for the graduate
15 students to teach?

16 Q No, I'm sorry. For the undergraduates who are taking the
17 class.

18 A For the undergraduates, it is a requirement. It's a
19 university requirement by the college that is part of a set of
20 courses that all students have to take. It's a core
21 curriculum, so consists of literature humanities, which is a
22 general literature class, a course that is called contemporary
23 civilization. There is a course that is called frontiers of
24 sciences. Art humanities and music humanities are all courses
25 that form part of that core curriculum.

1 Q Isn't it true that in many instances, particularly looking
2 around the room at the students who are here, that PhD students
3 begin teaching classes as section leaders as early as their
4 second year?

5 A It can happen, indeed.

6 Q Under what circumstances does that happen?

7 A It happens if the student is in the second semester of the
8 second year, or, in some cases, it even happens in the first
9 semester of the second year, depending on the course offerings
10 at that time. So professors have the freedom to say I want to
11 offer a lecture course that requires only reader/graders. Or a
12 professor can say I want to offer a lecture course in which I
13 want the undergraduates to have the opportunity to also have a
14 section, a discussion section, and that would require a section
15 leader.

16 So it is the choice of the professor. And depending on
17 what the professor or faculty decides to do in any given year,
18 we have more section leading positions or more reader/grader
19 positions to fill. And so it is depending on what the course
20 offerings are in any given year, how many reader/grader
21 positions we can assign or how many section leader positions we
22 can assign.

23 Q So it's based upon what the faculty member thinks is best
24 for the course offerings they want to make to the
25 undergraduates.

1 A Exactly, at any given semester.

2 Q But not everybody -- the students don't always get to go
3 through all the levels -- strike that. The PhD students don't
4 always get to go through all the levels of progression that you
5 described?

6 A Typically, they do. But in some case, you might have a
7 student start to be a section leader. We would typically make
8 a selection based on the student's field. Ideally, we like to
9 assign students first to their areas of specialization. And
10 what I described earlier that a student is taking on teaching
11 responsibility in a course that is outside of their field is
12 something that we would typically do later in their teaching
13 offerings.

14 Also, in the second year, as you say, we would typically
15 try to slot students into lecture courses in their fields. And
16 we would also typically try to slot them into reader/grader
17 positions first, if those positions are an offer in that
18 particular semester or year.

19 Sometimes, that is not the case, so we might not have a
20 renaissance class where a renaissance student can serve as a
21 reader/grader in any particular semester.

22 Q Now you testified that the art humanities classes can be
23 taught by a faculty member, or a post-doc, or a lecturer, I
24 think was the --

25 A Yes.

1 Q Or an adjunct, or a graduate student, the PhD student. I
2 know that there are of course going to be individual variations
3 in these classes depending upon the individual teaching them.
4 But as a class across the board, are there distinctions between
5 the classes taught by full faculty, classes taught by grad
6 students, classes taught by adjuncts.

7 A Distinctions in the sense that they are still the same
8 class and the students get the same credit at the end of the
9 semester, there is no distinction.

10 Q Is there a distinction in the quality of the education
11 that they get?

12 A There is no difference in the quality of education that
13 they get. By the time a student would be a teacher in art
14 humanities, we expect that student to give an as successful art
15 humanities class as any adjunct, as any post-doc, as any
16 faculty member.

17 Q We probably haven't covered this enough, but when a PhD
18 student is in their first fellowship year, all of the services
19 that they -- or all of the funding that they receive is paid to
20 them in the form of a stipend, correct?

21 A That is correct, tuition, stipend, and fees.

22 Q Okay, right, yes. The money that goes in their bank
23 accounts comes in the form of a stipend, correct?

24 A Um-hum.

25 Q You have to --

1 A Yes, that's correct.

2 Q And the years in which they are teaching, a portion of
3 their payment is received in the form of a salary with --

4 A That's correct.

5 Q -- with payroll deductions.

6 A That's correct. There is a salary component to anybody
7 who is teaching in the art humanities program, for example.

8 Q You testified that on occasion, master students may be
9 selected to serve as teaching assistants generally in the
10 reader/grader capacity based upon merit?

11 A Yes.

12 Q In determining the merit of a master's student who may or
13 may not be selected to teach, do you consider whether they have
14 the knowledge and, well, whether they have the knowledge
15 necessary to be an effective reader/grader?

16 A Yes.

17 Q You're trying to determine if they're qualified for the
18 job?

19 A We're trying to determine whether they are qualified for
20 the job based on their scholarly credentials, because there is
21 nothing else that we can go on.

22 Q Some master students do go on and pursue a PhD after
23 completing their master's, correct?

24 A Yes, that's correct.

25 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Nothing further.

1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. PLUM:

3 Q Dr. Klein, how many MA students are there? How many MA
4 only students are there?

5 A It's difficult to say across the board, but our two
6 programs have typically between 12 and 15 MA students per year.

7 Q The two programs have 12 and 15 final degree MA per year.

8 A Correct.

9 Q How many of those serve as reader/graders each year?

10 A I would say it's one or two in every year, but it's not
11 consistent; a maximum of two, in my experience, over the last
12 five years.

13 MR. PLUM: I have nothing further, thank you.

14 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Mr. Meiklejohn, anything
15 further?

16 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Well, it certainly wouldn't be considered
17 recross. I'm bad. I forgot to look at Exhibit 53. No, I
18 don't have anything.

19 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Thank you, Dr. Klein.

20 THE WITNESS: You're very welcome.

21 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: You're excused.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

23 (Witness excused.)

24 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Are there any other further
25 witnesses for today?

1 MR. PLUM: We don't have any.

2 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Are there any other businesses
3 for today?

4 MR. PLUM: I don't think so.

5 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Oh, well, we sent -- yeah, there were
6 some other documents that we sent last night that I wanted to
7 introduce. Oh, the financial documents, I think that was it.

8 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Let's go off the record for a
9 minute.

10 (Discussion off the record.)

11 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Back on the record.

12 MR. PLUM: Are you going to offer it on the record?

13 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Yes.

14 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: He's waiting for it to be
15 marked. Are we on the record? Okay, go ahead.

16 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Oh, can I go ahead? During an off the
17 record discussion, I requested and had marked as Petitioner's
18 Exhibit 51, excerpts from consolidated financial statements of
19 the Employer that were produced by the Employer in response to
20 subpoena.

21 (Petitioner's P-51 identified.)

22 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: We're offering it in particular to show
23 the main sources of revenue for Columbia University. In
24 particular, the things are tuition received from tuition-pay
25 students, and government grants and contracts. We're

1 contending that, along with other people, the employees that
2 we're seeking to represent perform services that help the
3 university to generate this income. They perform services for
4 the undergraduates resulting in the education to the
5 undergraduates that they're paying tuition for. And they also
6 perform services on these grants that generate grant income to
7 the university. So, therefore, I move the introduction of
8 Petitioner's Exhibit 51.

9 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Mr. Paul?

10 MR. PLUM: We object. First of all, there is no relevance
11 in this document. The fact that we get grant income has
12 nothing to do with the graduate students. The fact that we get
13 grant funding comes from the principle investigators who
14 convince a government or a private agency to give them grants.
15 The fact that some of that grant money is used to fund graduate
16 education is, first of all, irrelevant, and, second of all, you
17 can't even tell from this how much of that money is used to pay
18 for graduate education.

19 The idea that this also reflects our tuition is totally
20 irrelevant. The graduate students don't pay tuition. We don't
21 get tuition because of them. There's no showing that we
22 wouldn't get the tuition without them. So there's just -- I
23 can't conceive of how this is relevant other than to make some
24 inflammatory spectacular argument in the brief that we get
25 X hundreds of millions and somehow that's tied to graduate

1 students, which there is no evidence in the record that it is,
2 despite all the questions about, well, doesn't this help with
3 this or help with that. So we think it's totally irrelevant
4 and inappropriate.

5 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Your objection is noted. As I
6 indicated, I'm going to allow this to come in as
7 Petitioner's 15 -- 51, into evidence.

8 (Petitioner's 51 received.)

9 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Anything else?

10 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Not today, no.

11 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: Seeing that there is no
12 further business, I believe we're adjourned till May 21st,
13 9:30. And I just want to remind you that the new hearing
14 officer will be Greg Davis.

15 MR. MEIKLEJOHN: Is that final now?

16 HEARING OFFICER EVEILLARD: It's final. And thank you.
17 We're adjourned for today. Off the record.

18 (Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the above-entitled matter was
19 adjourned, to reconvene on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at
20 9:30 a.m.)

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