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Scholar Activism A Primer

"rights today, gone tomorrow."

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*Disclaimers



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- If we acknowledge the existence of ableism the we also assume we perpetuate ableism.
- We must recognize that our scholarship, our teaching, our service is not neutral.
- Empowerment can not happen if we refuse to be vulnerable while asking others to take risk.
- Co-conspiracy is preferable to ally-ship.
- We must move beyond prescriptive and corrective assumptions of movement.

The current US administration is anti-education, anti-inclusivity, & anti-accessibility.



Scholar

a person who studies a subject in great detail

Activist **

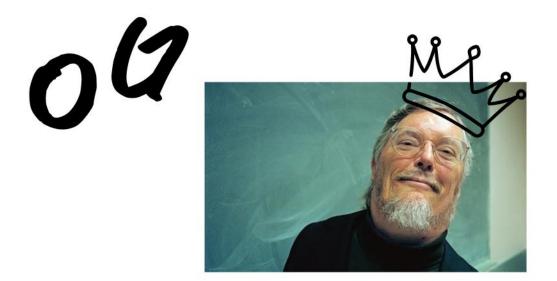
a person who takes action on behalf of a cause



A conceptual Framework (Ramasubramanian & Sousa, 2921)

- Communitydriven
- Social justiceoriented
- · Action-oriented
- Grounded in the co-creation of knowledge
- · Interdisciplinary

- Requires long Term involvement
- Challenges the
 Status quo
- Driven by intrinsic motivation
- Blurs the boundaries of scholarship

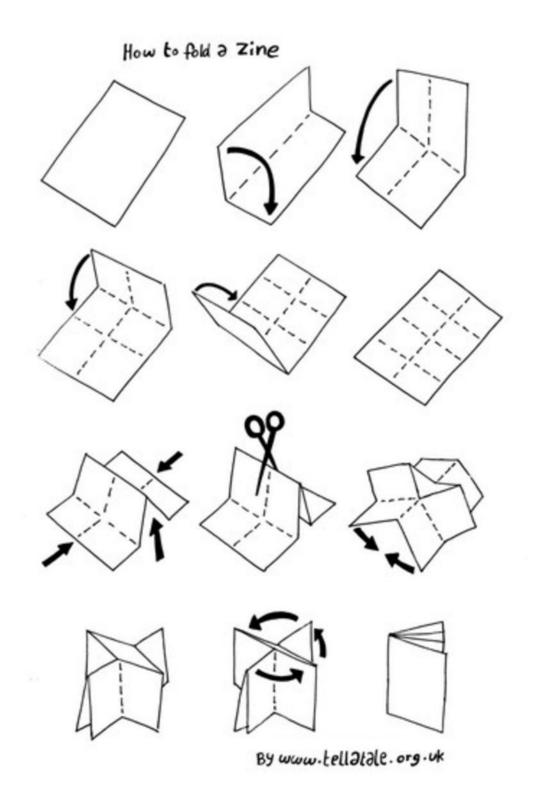


Paul K. Longmore (1946-2010) was professor of History at San Francisco State University Since 1992 and became director of the Institute on Disability in 1996.

Longmore's career also exemplified constraints that he constantly turned into "teachable moments." As someone who lived with pronounced physical limitations that resulted from childhood polio, he struggled against prejudice, and low expectations, not only in daily life, but also in academia where people with disabilities have been marginalized.

Practices What does scholar-activism look like?

- Direct engagement with practical problems and efforts to improve the world
- Putting new issues on the research agenda as well as the public agenda
- Speaking truth to power and Speaking truth directly to the people
- · Confronting and making difficult choices
- Acting with accountability to the publics you study, and reciprocating



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