

PURELY ACADEMIC

The UC San Diego Research Ethics Program and the
Earl Warren College Office of the Provost
present an interactive theatrical event:

Staged readings of David Abramson's tragicomic play *Purely Academic*



DeAnna Driscoll
Professor Holywell



Mike Sears
Professor Martin Godson



Natalie Griffith Robichaux
Professor Mary Long



David Price
Charles Mittleman

Purely Academic dramatizes the darker side of academia, including both personal and professional clashes. It invites an honest discussion about professional ethics and practices today. What "persona" is cultivated by today's academic regime? What does it mean to be an academic today? Is it possible to be both ethical and successful in 21st century academia?

PLOT- Charles Mittleman (played by David Price) sets out to pursue a successful academic career. He knows exactly where he wants to be, and he aims to get there as quickly as possible. He gets a PhD and rises rapidly through the academic ranks, trampling anyone and anything that stands in his way—including his well-intentioned mentor, Professor Holywell (Deanna Driscoll). Invincible, he reaches the pinnacle of his career and a bright future awaits, only for his past to return and challenge him.

Dr. David Abramson is a professor of computer science at the University of Queensland in Australia (UQ). In addition to a staged reading at UQ, *Purely Academic* has been performed at Oxford University (2013) and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (2017). The UC San Diego staged readings will be the play's US premiere.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 12, 2018

5-7 pm (Refreshments at 4:30 pm)
Room 107, Leichtag
Biomedical Research Building

Friday, April 13, 2018

4-6 pm (Refreshments at 3:30 pm)
Garren Auditorium
Biomedical Science Building

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