



SETTING THE STANDARD: LEADING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

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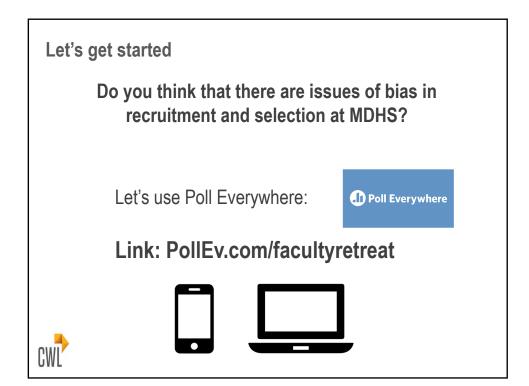
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Session Outline

Setting the Standard: Leading Diversity and Inclusion

- 1. What is Diversity?
- 2. Not all forms of diversity are born equal
- 3. Strategic Diversity Management
- 4. An exercise: Biases in Recruitment and Selection
- 5. Wrap-up







Defining Diversity

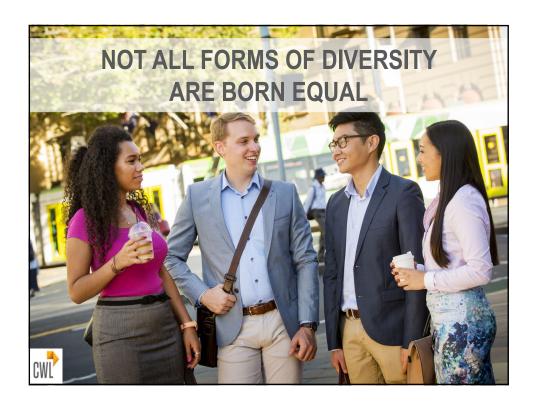
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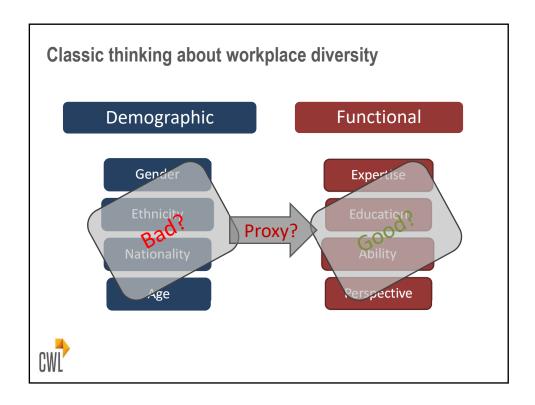
What is diversity?

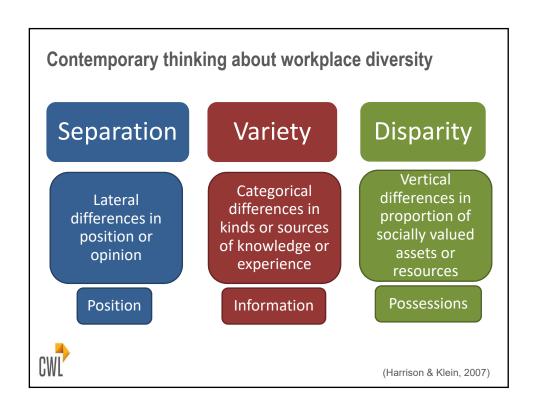
"A characteristic of a social grouping (i.e., group, organization, society) that reflects the degree to which there are objective or subjective differences between people within the group"

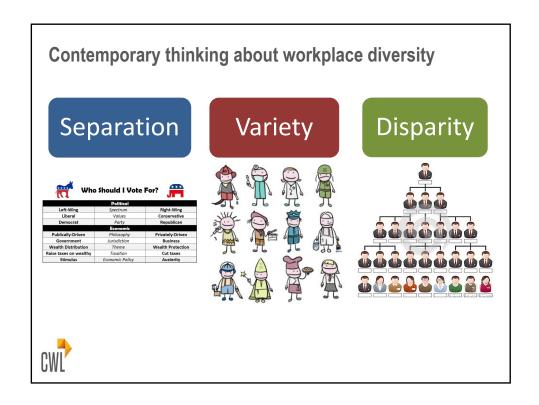
"The distribution of differences among the members of a unit with respect to a specific attribute"

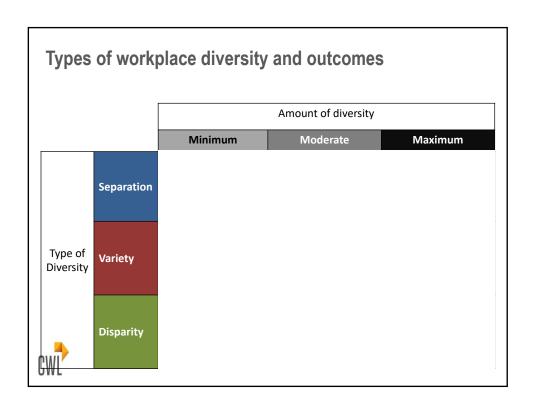
(Harrison & Klein, 2007)

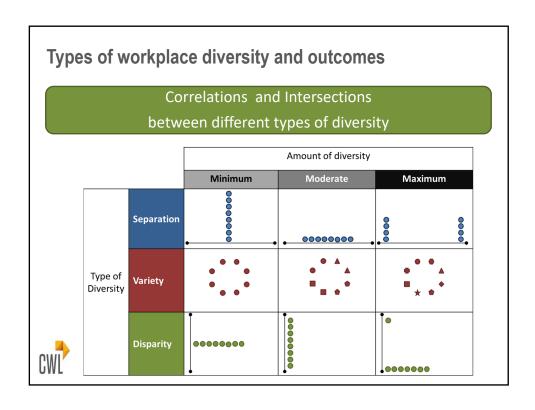








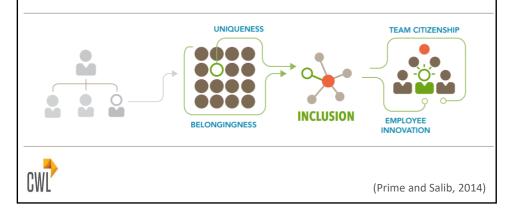


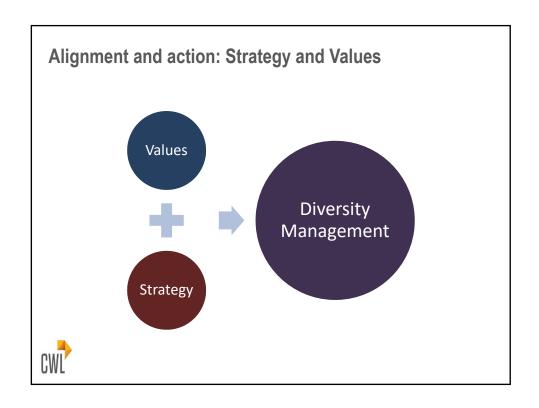


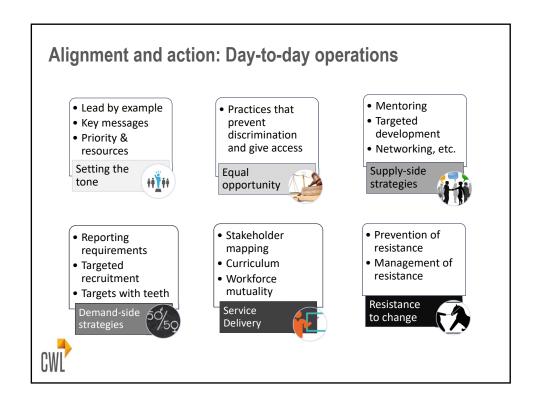


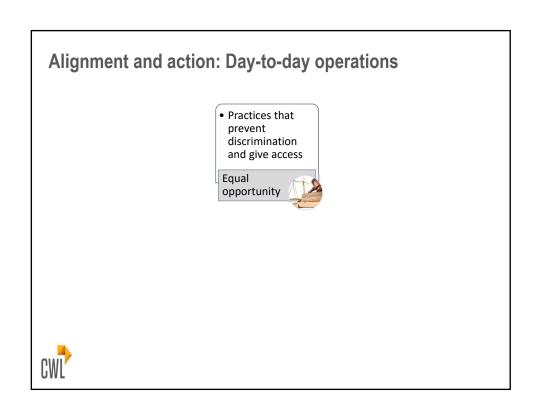
Alignment and action: Leadership

 The best leaders achieve great results by including diverse voices and creating a workplace culture that balances the sense of uniqueness and sense of belonging for all team members











Comparing Unconscious Knowledge and Bias

UNCONSCIOUS KNOWLEDGE

 Implicit associations and automatic evaluations stored in long-term memory

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

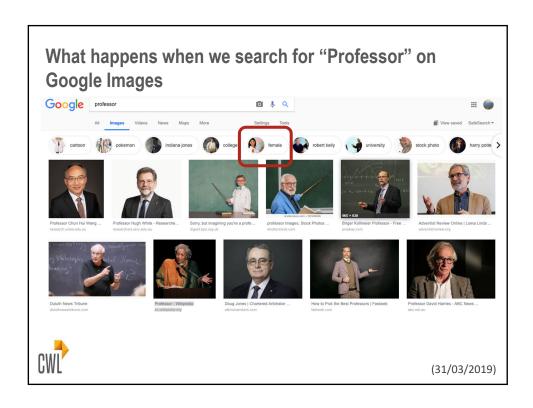
 Manifestation of unconscious knowledge, poor information or poor processing in explicit action

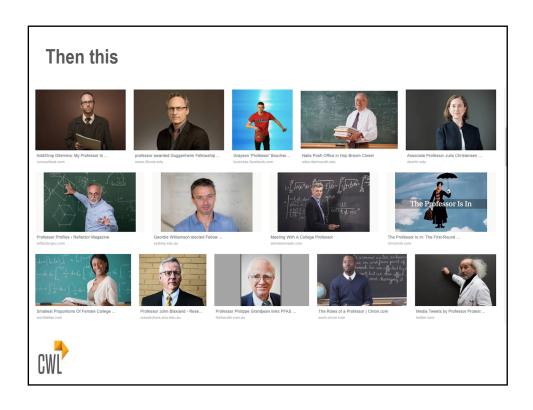


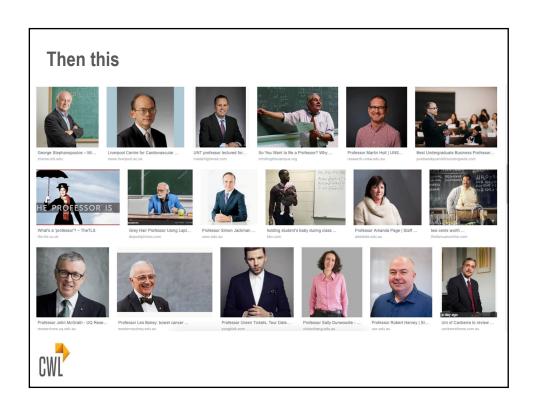


What happens when we search for "Professor" on Google Images









What are the potential consequences of these implicit associations?





Types of Biases

- Affective heuristic
- Ambiguity aversion
- Anchoring bias
- Availability bias
- Bandwagon effect
- Commission bias
- Confirmation bias
- Default bias or status quo bias
- Frequency/percentage framing effect
- Hindsight bias

- Impact bias
- Loss/gain framing bias or loss aversion bias
- Omission bias
- Optimism bias or optimistic overconfidence
- Order effects: primacy/recency
- Outcome bias
- Representativeness heuristic
- Sunk-cost effect



Activity 1: Biases in Recruitment and Selection

Let's think about the steps followed in the recruitment and selection of academics in your Faculty. Which of these biases may be creeping in:

Individually:

1. Read the forms of biases defined in your workbook.

With your team:

- 1. Identify which bias/es) is(are) more likely to appear in the process.
- 2. Provide at least one example or description of how that form of bias manifests.







Activity 1: Biases in Recruitment and Selection

Let's use Poll Everywhere:



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- Enter your response for Activity 1, in a single paragraph, in this order: Selected process.
 Biases identified. Description of how the biases manifest.
- Wait for all the teams to finish, read the answers the other teams provided, and vote up for the response all members of your team think requires more attention (a response that exemplifies a core issue of bias in recruitment and selection in your faculty).









Reducing Bias in Recruitment and Selection

Try to engage in Type 2 Processes:

- Analyse the language and emphasis in job ads.
- Standardise the process
- Provide clear evaluation criteria with examples to anchor people
- Cross validate, triangulate (multiple evaluators, multiple samples)
- Use a diverse range of evaluators
- Calibration of assessors beforehand
- Make assessors accountable
- Use bias mitigation prompts before, during, after
- Language matters: think about how you describe the role and other people, and how other people are being described.



Run audits of the whole evaluation process

Activity 2: Reducing Biases in Recruitment and Selection

Let's go back to the biases you identified in Activity 1.

Considering all we have discussed so far, how would you change that specific step in the process to prevent bias from creeping in?

What personal changes (as a leader) and policy / practical changes would you implement to reduce bias?











Activity 2: Reducing Biases in Recruitment and Selection

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- 1. Enter your response for Activity 2, in a single paragraph: **Description of how to modify** the process to mitigate bias.
- Wait for all the teams to finish, read the answers the other teams provided, and vote up for the response all members of your team think is most helpful (a response that displays strategic imagination and consideration for what is possible).







Let's wrap-up

Do you think that there are issues of bias in recruitment and selection at MDHS?

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Take home messages

Organisations and Nations are becoming more diverse.

Diversity needs to be managed to make the most out of people's capabilities and to reduce negative consequences.

Diversity management efforts need to be well-aligned with organisational values and strategy.

Your behaviour as a leader will be a key determinant of how successful your diversity management efforts are.







Thank you for participating

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