

# Advanced Investigations Workshop

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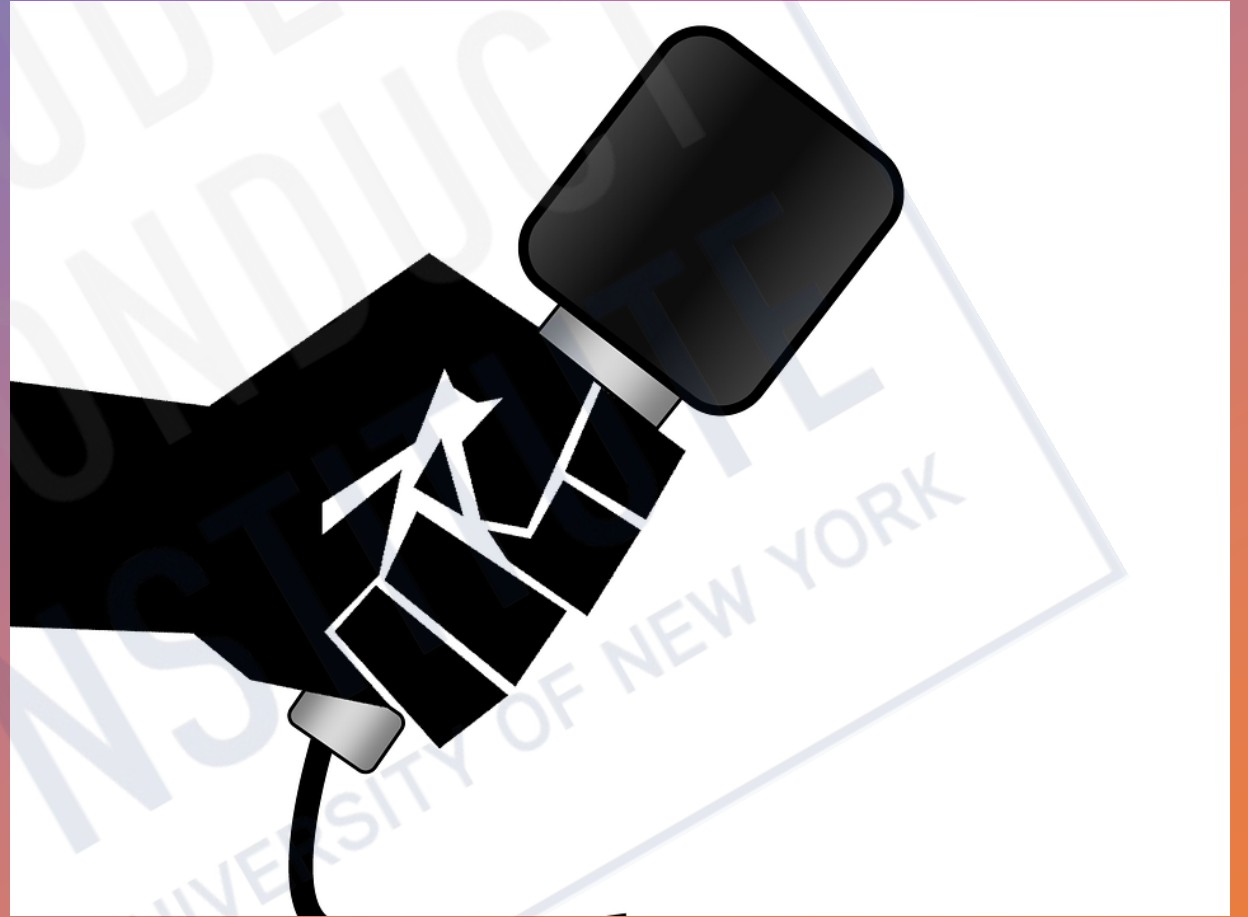


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Conducting  
thorough party  
interviews:

Follow-up  
questions



# Transitioning to follow-up questions

- You said you walked to Cal's dorm. Tell me all about walking to Cal's dorm.
- Help me understand what was going on while you and Skylar were walking to your dorm.
- What were your thoughts and feelings when you first arrived at Cal's room?
- You said you felt trapped. I want to make sure I understand what you mean by feeling trapped.
- I don't want to make any assumptions, so can you explain what you mean when you said that you and Skylar had been "talking" in the two weeks prior to this encounter?
- I am going to ask about what happened once you were on the bed. It's important that I gather as much information as possible about that part of the encounter because the decision-make will need that information in evaluating the issues in this matter.
- I am going to shift gears now to the morning following your interaction with Skylar.
- What were you hearing while Cal was removing your clothes?
- How did you know Skylar wanted to engage in kissing?





# Breakout Activity

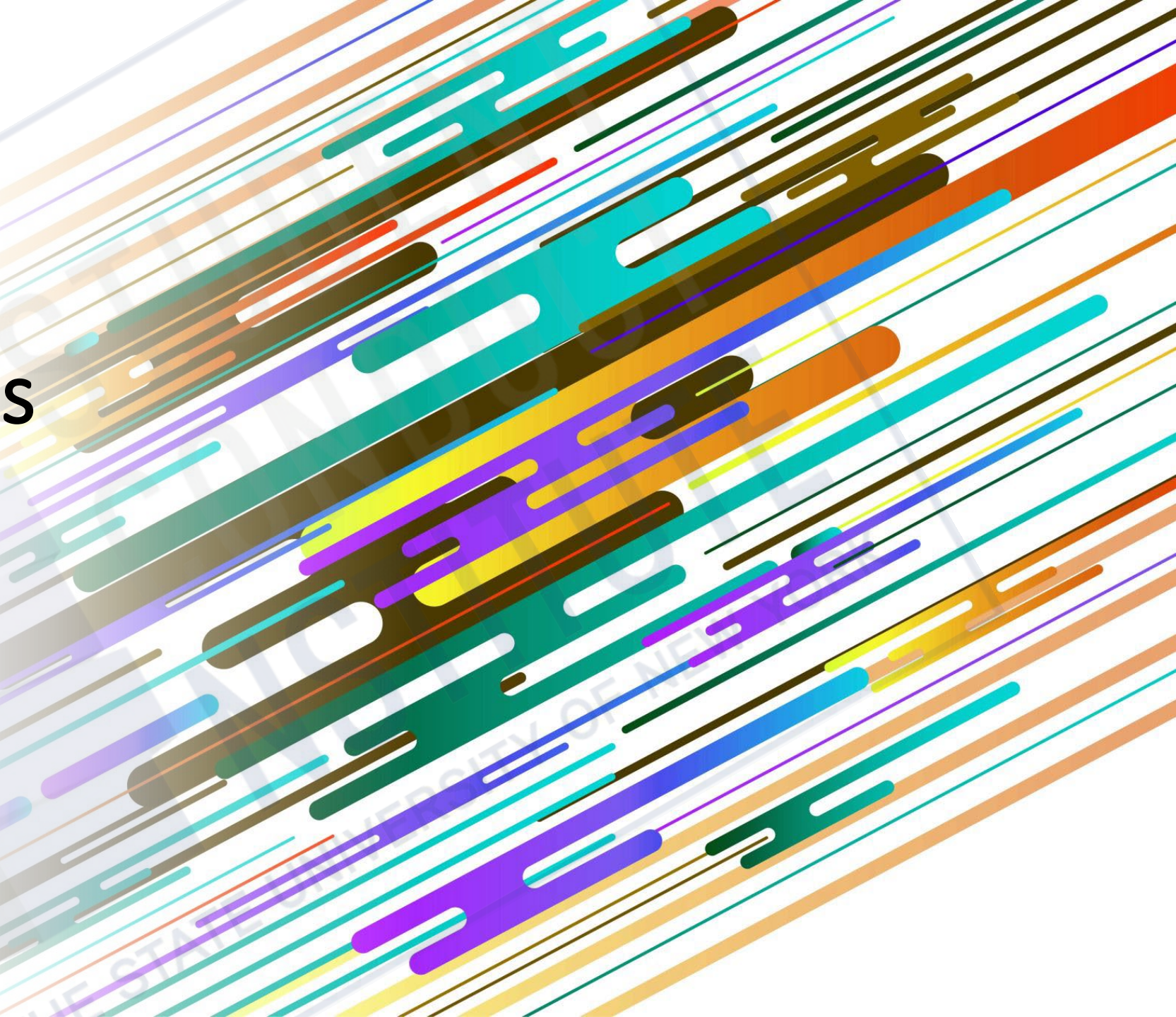
**Asking the Complainant follow-up questions**



Discussion:

Follow-up topics

Follow-up  
questions



# Summarizing interviews

Goal is to fairly and accurately reflect the relevant information collected during the interview





# Breakout Activity

**Summarizing the Respondent's interview**





Discussion:

Summarizing the  
Respondent's  
interview



# Addressing party responses to evidence review

- Note in report? If so, how?
- Do additional investigation?
- Redact or leave in?
- Conduct follow-up interviews?
- Other ways to address it?



# Breakout Activity

**Addressing party responses to evidence review**





Discussion:

Addressing party  
responses to  
evidence review

# Thank you!

I welcome your feedback.



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