

Mansbridge Clip 4

[These facilitator notes provide commentary and ideas that might be helpful as you use these raw video clips with other educators.]

In this clip, Mansbridge uses her own lived experience to help explain a complicated concept. Our read is that she seems to do this off the cuff, responding to the class' laughter by wanting to show the seriousness of this point. Either way, Mansbridge is very vulnerable in sharing about her depression, especially while being filmed. Do you ever make vulnerable, personal disclosures in class? If not, what might be some reasons to push yourself in this capacity, and some reasons to avoid doing so? We also note that Mansbridge brings in an opposing viewpoint from a student in a way that is enriching for the discussion and affirming of the student. This seems like a move that you are more likely to do if you feel confident in your authority.