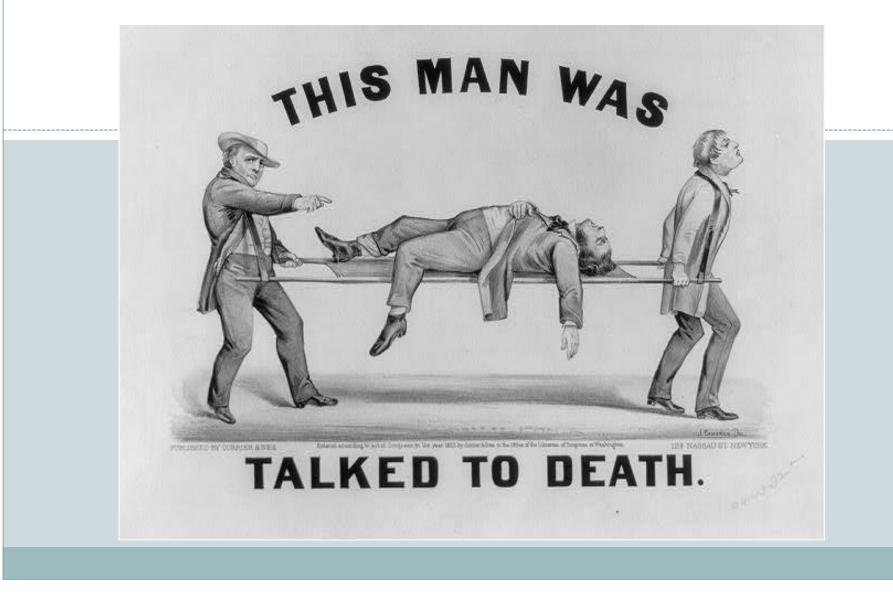
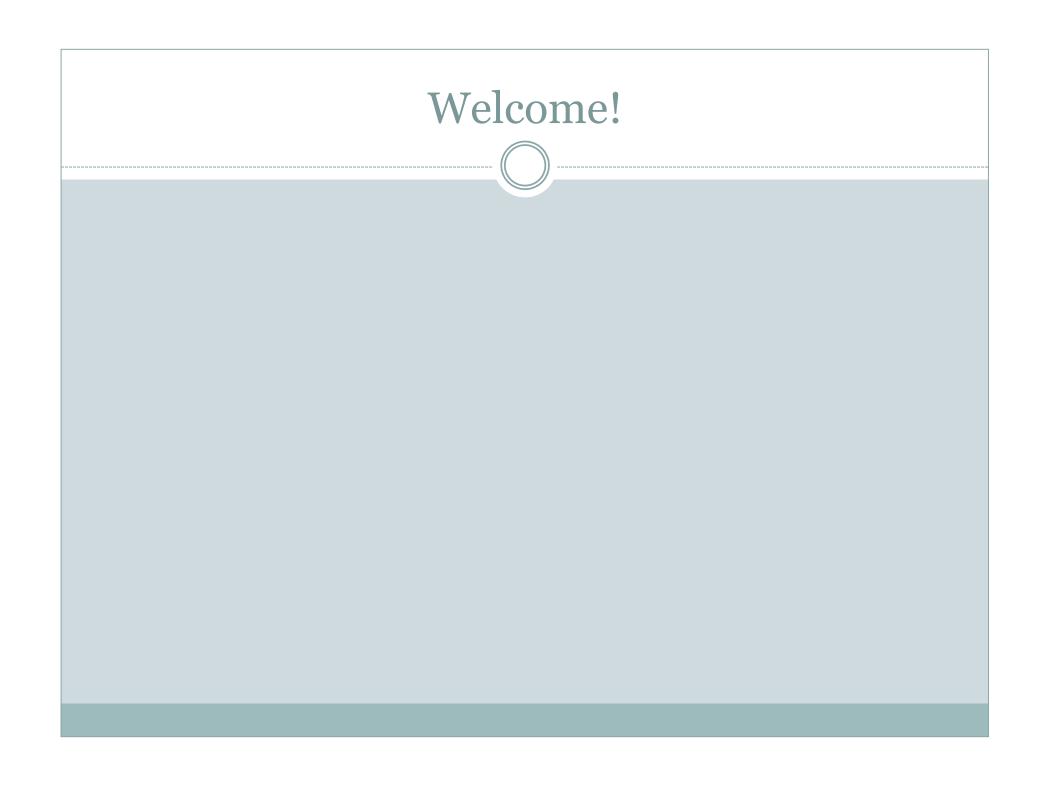


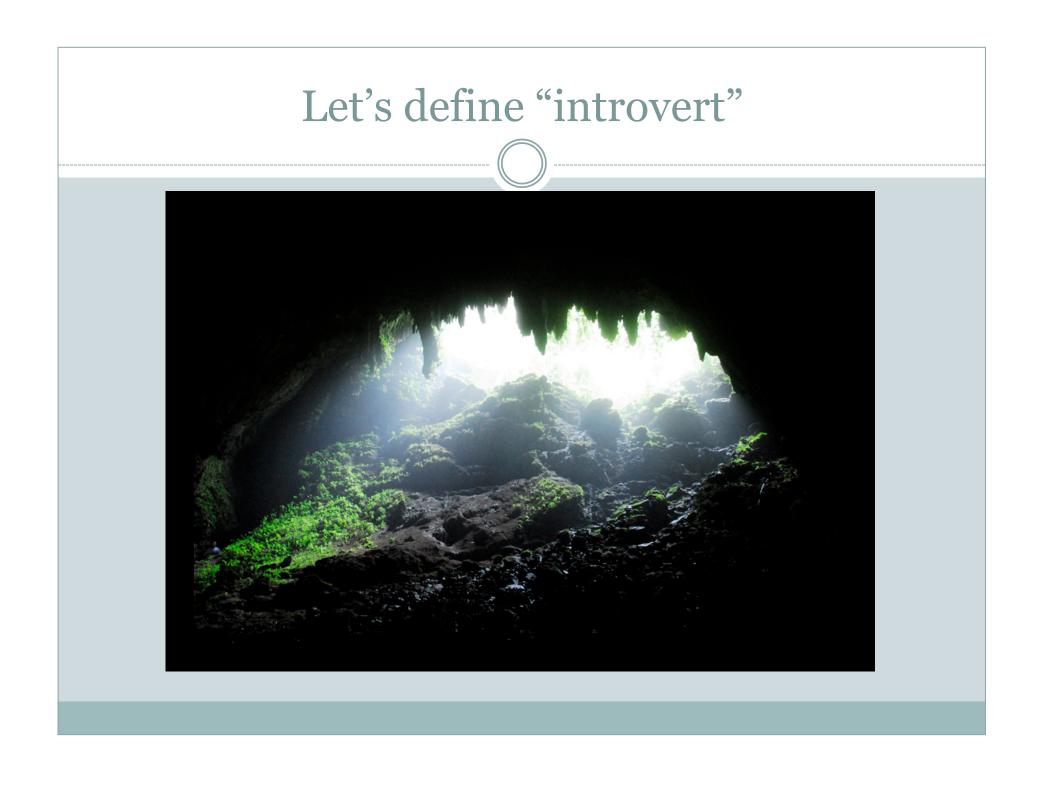
Collaboration for Introverts

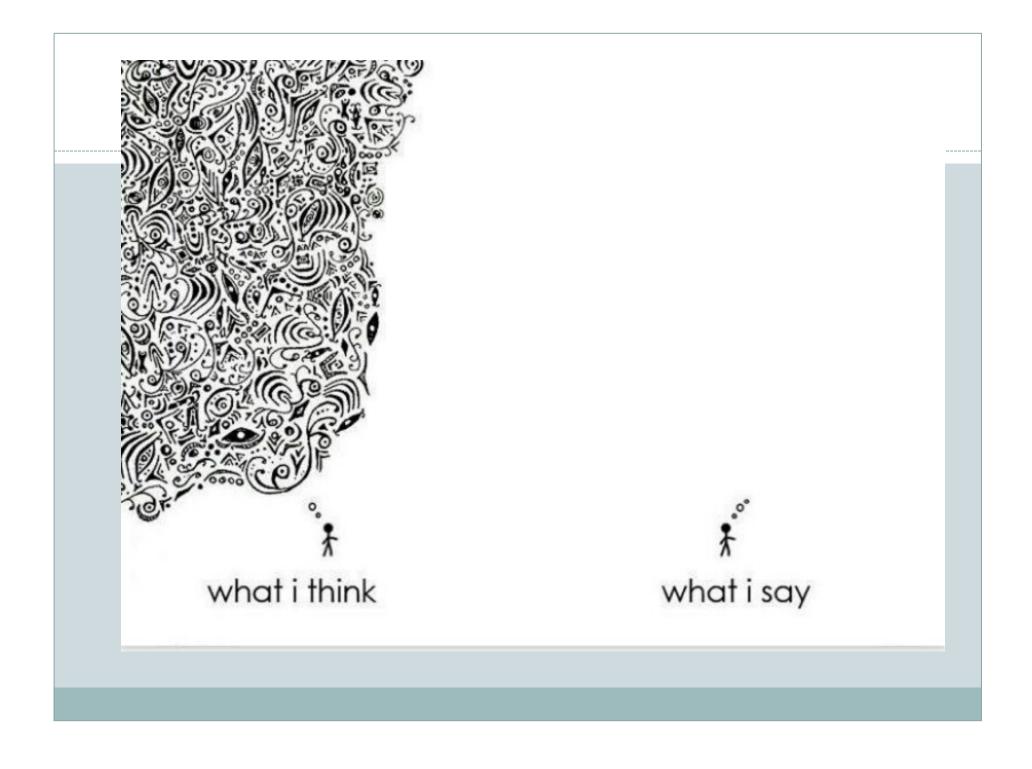


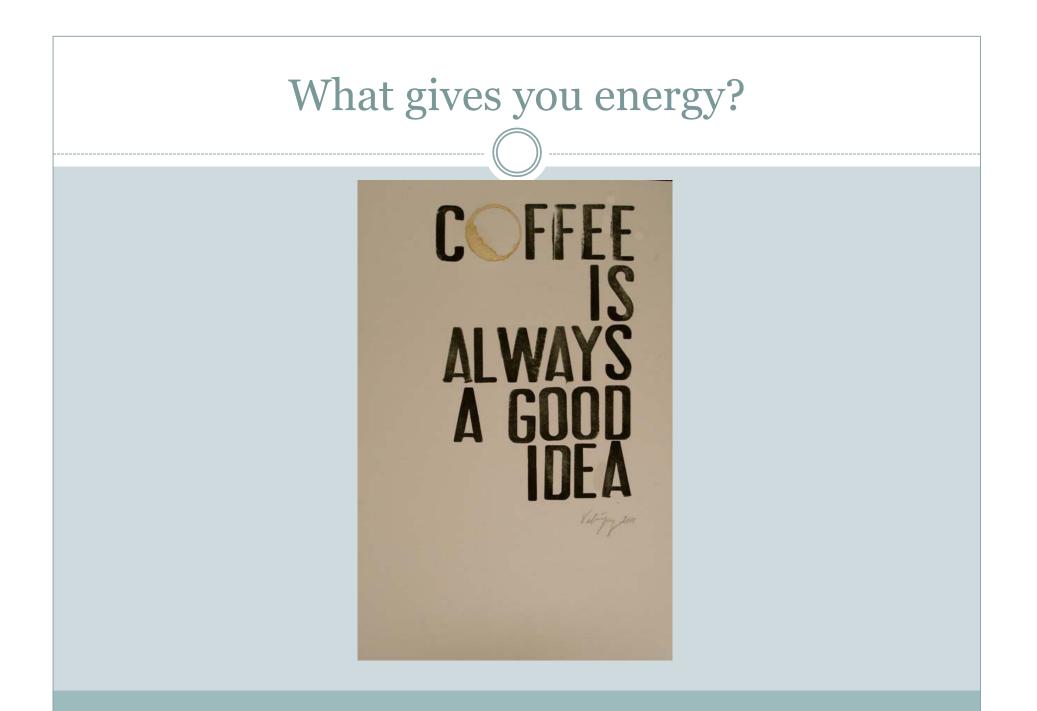


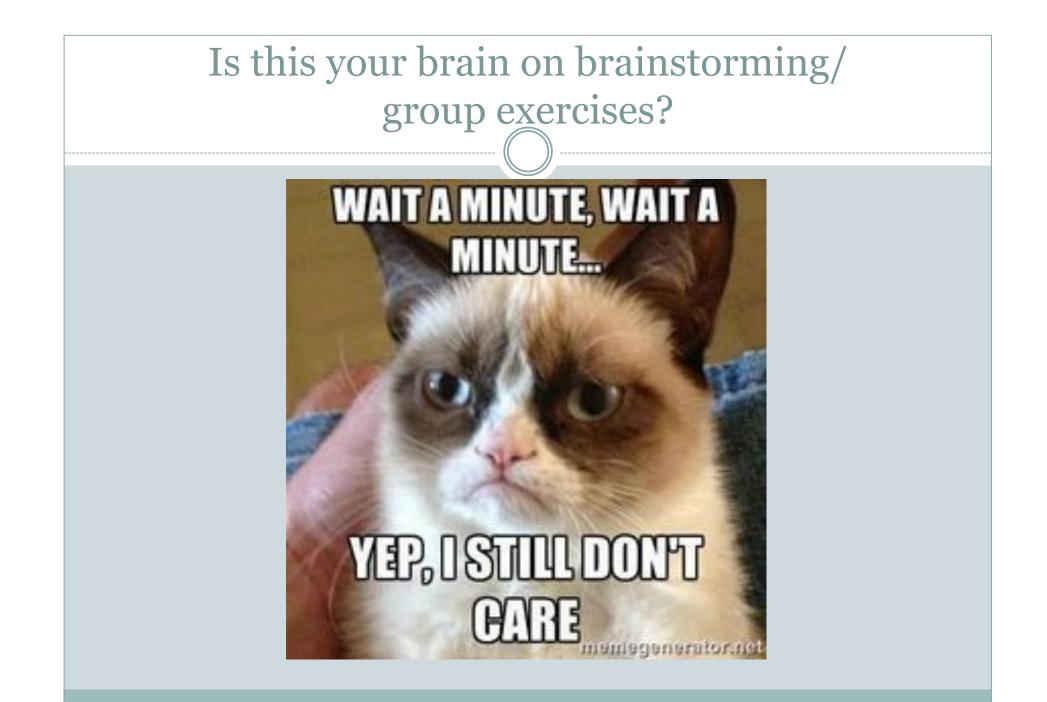
Today's Objectives

- Develop a research-based awareness of introversion's challenges in the work or school environment
- Consider the ways introverts are challenged by national educational trends and practices
- Build a toolkit of best practices for fostering supportive relationships with introverted students and coworkers









Introverts and brainstorming

- Dunnette experiment (1963) solitary vs group brainstorming
- 23 out of 24 groups produced more ideas working independently than in group
- 40 years of studies have yielded same conclusion
- Performance gets worse as group size increases

Collaboration 2.0

- Online collaborations Linux, Wikipedia
- How do you (or how can you encourage students to) collaborate online?



Let's test a theory...

• <u>www.dailyanagram.com</u>

• Social pressure (not only an introverted trait, to be sure)

So, how do we thrive? - Workplace

• Talk to your supervisor and team:

- × Discuss preferences
- × Ask to have agenda/discussion topics in advance



So, how to we thrive? - Workplace

• Extroverts: don't assume someone isn't busy just because they aren't with another person!



So, how to we thrive? - Students

• In the classroom:

• Group projects – find a role you enjoy/excel at and volunteer

 Class participation – set a participation goal (once per class); make notes of questions or thoughts to share when preparing for the class



So, how do we thrive? - Students

- Residential students:
 - Roommates: Roommate agreement settle on quiet hours and other ground rules
 - Studying: Identify quiet places to study if dorms are too busy look for quiet parts of campus buildings

Involvement



Engagement

• What does engagement look like for an introverted student? Does it look different at all?

• Build relationships in your own way:

- Thank you notes/letters
- Connect over things that *matter* to you

• In a heavily collaborative day, build in some quiet.



- Other questions or considerations?
- Gallery walk exercise



Questions later? Contact me! rmadar@gmu.edu @MasonLAPD