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- The principles of mentoring and the philosophy of dialogue
- Asking questions
- Curriculum as collaborative planning and learning
- The personal and the academic: dialogue as cognitive love
- The mentor as learner: habits of work
- Access to and within the academy

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