

Why Dr. Theobald?

I'm unsure how often professors here at Cal Poly choose to use their academic titles, so I thought I'd write a few words to explain why I've decided to ask people to use mine. Mostly this comes down to two things:

1. Academia has a long history of marginalizing scholars -- professors, librarians, students, researchers, etc. -- who do not present as the Hollywood image of a scholar (i.e., an older white man). So, for instance, women scholars, or scholars of color, often have their credentials questioned or their titles [dropped without discussion](#).
2. I worked hard to earn those two letters. :)

