An ABET requirement

- Teaching professional responsibility – appropriate professional conduct – is an accreditation requirement for our program
- It begins in the classroom, and much of it is common sense – such as the red italicized sentence in CSE’s “Academic Misconduct Policy”

As your instructor, I have professional responsibilities too
- for example, I must maintain an appropriate learning environment
- And you have some complementary responsibilities
- for example, if you feel that I’m treating a student disrespectfully, you need to raise this with me, or with the undergraduate advisors, or with the department chair
  - because if you don’t, then the next time, it might be you!

A mix of non-technical and technical

- Every professional code of conduct with which I’m familiar includes a mix of non-technical and technical elements
- E.g., the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
  - 1.4 Be fair and take action not to discriminate
  - 2.5 Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks
Discrimination

- Discrimination is wrong
- Failure to take a firm public stand against discrimination is wrong
- No amount of tap-dancing will change this
- *The next time, it might be you!*

Microsoft Comes Under Fire for Reversal on Gay Rights Bill

Seattle, April 24 - The Microsoft Corporation, of the
 seeded of corporate gay rights for decades, is now making
 more from gay rights groups prevalent and its own employees for
 withholding its support of a state bill that would have banned
 discrimination in matters of sexual orientation.

They are the same groups that the company has been
 known to support in the past, including the National Capital
 Gay and Lesbian Christian Church.