

# CEM 599

# Graduate Seminar

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# Research-At What Price?

A story about an engineer who asks three brick layers about their work shows how three men may perform the same task with different visions. In answer to the engineer's question "What are you doing," the first man said "Laying bricks, of course." The second brick layer answered, "Building a wall," but the third man replied with emotion, "I am building a cathedral."

When I've asked researchers what they are trying to achieve, I see a parallel. One researcher answered: "I am solving a problem" Another said, "I am processing graduate students." I have yet to hear a researcher respond, "I am building a Nation."

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